

New Director Identification Number (director ID) Requirements

A Director ID is a unique, 15 digit identifier that a company director, new and current, applies for once and will be used to identify them permanently, even if they cease being a director in the future.

Part of the Federal Government's Modernising Business Registers (MBR) program, the Director ID requirement is to be administered by the newly established Australian Business Registry Services (ABRS) and managed by the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

Who needs a Director ID?

All directors or Alternate Directors of a:

- Company;
- Registered Australian Body;
- Registered Foreign Company; or
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation

When do I need to apply for a Director ID?

All directors can begin applying from November 2021. You will need to apply on your own behalf, as you will need to provide proof of identity. We cannot apply for you.

If you were a director before 1 November 2021, you will need to apply before 30 November 2022.

If you become a director between 1 November 2021 and 4 April 2022, you will need to apply within 28 days of your appointment.

From 5 April 2022, if you become a director you will need to apply before appointment.

How do directors apply for an ID?

The fastest way to apply is online - [Australian Business Registry Services](#). You will need a myGovID and verify the information held on your ATO records, such as a Notice of Assessment. The online application is intuitive and takes less than 5 minutes. You will get your Director ID instantly.

Once received, please advise your Accountant and ASIC Agent of your Director ID.

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