

# What you need to know: Director IDs

## At a Glance

Director IDs are being implemented as part of the establishment of the Commonwealth Business Registry Service to verify and track an individual director's corporate history.

Essentially, the government is looking to stop illegal phoenix activity – a company director transferring assets to new companies in order to continue operating a business and leaving the previous company in debt.

## Timelines

Applications are now open.

<b>Existing Directors</b>	<b>Appointed on or before 31 October 2021</b>	You will be required to apply for a Director ID before 30 November 2022
<b>New Directors</b>	<b>Appointed between 1 November 2021 &amp; 4 April 2022</b>	You have 28 days to apply for a Director ID
	<b>Appointed from 5 April 2022</b>	A Director ID is required before a company is registered

## What You Need to Do

Existing company directors are encouraged to setup their myGovID now and apply for their Director ID ahead of the relevant deadline.

Director IDs are applied for through myGovID. Detailed instructions and an application can be completed [here](#). Alternatively, go to [www.abrs.gov.au/director-identification-number](http://www.abrs.gov.au/director-identification-number).

**Please note:** Directors must complete their own application.  
*myGovID* is different from *myGov*.