

PRACTISING CERTIFICATE RENEWALS 2015-16 RENEWALS UPDATE #2

29 April 2015

All New South Wales barristers' practising certificates expire on 30 June 2015. A new practising certificate has to have been ISSUED before a barrister may practise on and from 1 July 2015.

All practising certificate renewal forms were sent out last week. If you have not received your forms, or have any questions regarding its completion, please contact the Certification Officer Barrie Anthony on 9232 4055, or e-mail certification@nswbar.asn.au.

BECAUSE THE STATUTORY RENEWAL PERIOD OF 7 JUNE IS A SUNDAY THIS YEAR, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU SEND IN YOUR RENEWAL DOCUMENTATION AND PAYMENT BY 5pm FRIDAY 5 JUNE OTHERWISE A LATE FEE APPLIES.

If you have not secured insurance by the due date, do not delay returning your completed renewal form and payment by 5 June. Preliminary processing of your practising certificate can begin whilst you are waiting for confirmation of insurance. However, your practising certificate cannot be issued until proof of insurance coverage has been received.

PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE

Four policies have been approved by the Attorney General pursuant to s.403(2) of the *Legal Profession Act 2004*. These policies are being offered by Aon Risk Services, Marsh Pty Ltd, Suncorp Metway Insurance Limited and Willis Australia Limited.

Copies of the approved policies are on the Association's website www.nswbar.asn.au. A table comparing the policies is also on the website. Please note that there are differences between the policy wordings. The excesses also vary. It is the responsibility of each barrister to satisfy himself or herself as to the content of the policies on offer, the terms and conditions, and the premium applicable to them.

All inquiries about the policies, including premium information, should be addressed direct to the brokers/insurers. The Bar Association is unable to provide any advice as to the merits of the policies or an individual's premium

Not intending to renew your practising certificate?

If you have decided not to renew your practising certificate this year, would you please advise us in writing that this is your intention so we can note our records.