



NEW SOUTH WALES  
BAR ASSOCIATION

## PRACTISING CERTIFICATE RENEWALS 2014-15 RENEWALS UPDATE #1

29 April 2014

All New South Wales barristers' practising certificates expire on 30 June 2014. A new practising certificate has to have been **ISSUED** before a barrister may practise on and from 1 July 2014.

All practising certificate renewal forms were sent in the post today along with the Bar Survey. If you have not received your forms by next Wednesday 7 May, or have any questions regarding its completion, please contact the Certification Officer Barrie Anthony on 9232 4055, or e-mail [certification@nswbar.asn.au](mailto:certification@nswbar.asn.au).

**BECAUSE THE STATUTORY DUE DATE OF 7 JUNE IS A SATURDAY THIS YEAR, PLEASE ENSURE TO SEND IN YOUR RENEWAL DOCUMENTATION AND PAYMENT BY 5pm FRIDAY 6 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 6 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 (CGU), Marsh Pty Ltd (Resource), Suncorp Metway Insurance Limited and Willis Australia Limited (Allianz).

Copies of the approved policies are on the Association's website [www.nswbar.asn.au](http://www.nswbar.asn.au). A table comparing the policies is also on the website. Please note that there are differences between the policy wordings offered by each of the brokers. 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.

**BAR SURVEY**

Included with your renewal papers is a survey which seeks information from members concerning aspects of their practice and life at the Bar. This survey is anonymous. All barristers are encouraged to fill out the survey and return it in the separate return addressed envelope. The survey is intended to obtain data which can be used to develop, support and justify initiatives by the Association for its members. Unless otherwise stated, the questions relate to the conduct of your practice at the NSW Bar over the last twelve months.

Similar surveys will be conducted from time to time to ensure that the Association is aware of the changing circumstances and needs of its members. The survey has been designed so it can be completed in five minutes.