

FACTSHEET

Director ID for CATSI Act Directors



What is a director ID?

A director ID is a unique 15-digit number given to a director (or someone who intends to become a director) who has verified their identity with Australian Business Registry Services (ABRS).

All directors of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation or a company registered under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) need a director ID.

Directors will only ever have one director ID. They'll keep it forever even if they change corporations or companies, stop being a director, change their name, move interstate or overseas.

The government announced the introduction of director ID as part of a package of reforms to address illegal phoenix activity. This will be delivered by the Australian Taxation Office as part of the Modernising Business Registers (MBR) program.

Who needs to have a director ID?

You need a director ID if you're:

- a director
- an alternate director who is acting in as a director.

You only ever need one director ID. You don't have to apply for another one if you are a director of other companies registered under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) or other corporations.

When do CATSI Act directors need to apply?

Directors under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act) Act 2006* (Cth) (CATSI Act) have a different timeframe to apply for director ID than directors under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

You can apply for a director ID now.

When you must apply depends on the date you become a director.

Date you become a director	Date you must apply
On or before 31 October 2022	By 30 November 2023
From 1 November 2022	Before appointment

Ways to apply:

For step by step instructions and a list of documentation required for your application, visit the ORIC website on:

<https://www.oric.gov.au/run-corporation/director-id-catsi-act-directors#ways-to-apply>.



online

Applying online via the myGovID app on your smart phone is the fastest way to get a director ID. NB: myGovID is different to myGov. myGovID is an app you download onto your smart device.



by phone

If you can't obtain a myGovID using your own smart device, call ABRIS on **13 62 50** to apply over the phone. ABRIS opening hours are between 8:00am and 6:00pm AEST Monday to Friday.



by paper form

To apply via paper form you will need to phone the ABRIS on **13 62 50** to obtain an application form.

What to do with your director ID

When you receive your director ID, pass it on to your corporation record-holder. This could be your corporation secretary (if your corporation size is large), your board or an authorised agent of the corporation (someone the board has delegated their authority to lodge information about the corporation with ORIC).

If you are appointed as a director of any other companies or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations, in the future, you also need to give your director ID to the people responsible for maintaining the records of those organisations.

Offences and penalties related to director ID

There are offences related to director ID under the CATSI Act. The offences apply to both the primary offender and any persons involved in the offending.

Offence	Section of the CATSI Act	Maximum penalties
If you're a person who is required to have a director ID and you don't have one	s 308–20	25 penalty units (\$5550); \$200,000 (civil)
If the registrar of the ABRIS directs you to apply for a director ID and you don't do it	s 308–25	25 penalty units (\$5550); \$200,000 (civil)
If you apply for a director ID when you know you already have one	s 308–40	100 penalty units (\$22,200) or imprisonment for 12 months or both; \$200,000 (civil)
If you give a corporation a director ID number that is not yours	s 308–45	100 penalty units (\$22,200) or imprisonment for 12 months or both; \$200,000 (civil)

The value of a penalty unit is prescribed by the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth) and is currently \$222 for offences committed on or after 1 July 2020. On 1 July 2023 the value of one penalty unit will be indexed based on the formula in section 4AA of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth).

Want to talk to someone?

If you have any issues applying for your director ID or have any questions, do not hesitate to contact NQLC's PBC Support Unit on pbcsupport@nqlc.com.au or free call 1800 814 779.