

Extensions for Revalidation

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What we can offer you

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We can extend the time you have to complete your revalidation application in certain circumstances (for example, a sudden serious illness or recent bereavement). In these circumstances, we'll grant an extension of up to a maximum of eight weeks from your revalidation application due date.

It's important to note we can't offer extensions of more than eight weeks. You should only request an extension if you believe this additional time will help you to meet the revalidation requirements.

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If you believe a short extension would help you to meet the revalidation requirements, you can request an eight week extension through [your NMC Online account](#). Once logged in, click on the 'extension' button.

We'll ask you to:

- tell us what revalidation requirements are outstanding
- tell us why you have been unable to meet these requirements
- confirm that you wish to receive an eight week extension.

We'll review your request within five working days. Once granted, you will receive a confirmation email from us providing you with information on your new revalidation extension deadline.

You must submit your request for an extension as soon as possible once your revalidation opens and before your revalidation application due date in order for us to consider it. We can't guarantee we'll be able to consider requests made after your revalidation date, and you may put your registration at risk if you submit a request after this date.

If you have problems requesting your extension online, please email revalidation.escalation@nmc-uk.org, using the subject line 'Extension request'.

Please include the following information in your email:

- your name
- your NMC Pin
- a contact phone number
- your revalidation application date
- whether you have an NMC Online account
- details and evidence of your circumstances.

If you're unable to email us, you can write to us with the information above, including your supporting evidence, at:

Revalidation team, NMC, 23 Portland Place, London W1B 1PZ.

Alternatively, you can call the Registration Centre on 020 7333 9333.

A request for an extension must come from you. We'll only accept a request for an extension from your employer or your confirmer in exceptional circumstances. When requesting an extension to your revalidation application date you must explain the reasons you need an extension. You should provide as much information as you are able, explaining your situation.

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When granting an extension, we'll take into account:

- whether you have contacted the NMC in advance of your revalidation application due date
- the reason why you can't submit your revalidation application by the specified date
- whether you are capable of completing the outstanding revalidation requirements and submitting your application within the additional period of time
- whether there are any concerns about your fitness to practise, and
- whether your annual registration fee has been or will be paid by the required date.

If we grant you an extension to your application due date:

- you must still pay your annual registration fee by your original revalidation application date or have a direct debit in place to collect your fee
- you should inform your employer (if relevant) of the new date by which you are due to submit your revalidation application, so that they are aware that you can continue to practise during the period of your extension as your renewal date will remain the same on the employers' register.

If we decide we can't grant an extension, we'll notify you by email.