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Cyber incident update 17 June 2025

The Legal Practice Board is continuing to investigate the recent cyber incident and potential information access.

We are aware that the unauthorised third party who disclosed a small amount of Board data last month also threatened to disclose more data on 15 June 2025.

At this time, on 17 June, we have not identified any further disclosure of any other information. With the support of external experts, we have sophisticated monitoring in place to detect any dark web activity.

Additionally, we can also confirm that the small amount of data that was previously disclosed has been removed following takedown efforts. We also have an injunction in place to prevent any access, dissemination or sharing of data impacted by this incident.

Operational update

As you will be aware from previous updates, we are working to restore our online services as soon as possible.

While our online service portal is unavailable, we are asking practitioners who have not yet submitted their practising certificate renewal application to directly email it to the Board.

Please:

- download and complete our Australian practising certificate application form from our website;
- the form can be found on the cyber incident webpage on our website: <https://www.lpbwa.org.au/Cyber-Incident>; and
- return it to us by email on enquiries@lpbwa.com as soon as possible.

Application Fees

We understand that the manual workarounds that have been in place since the recent cyber incident have caused inconvenience for some practitioners, and we apologise for the disruption this has caused.

In light of this, the Board has opted to waive the usual late fees that apply for lodging a renewal application in June. Late fees will resume as usual on Tuesday 1 July 2025.

We encourage practitioners who have not yet submitted their practising certificate renewal application to do so by 30 June 2025 to avoid late fees.

Practising certificates

It is likely we will not be able to issue practising certificates before 1 July 2025. If we have received your application to renew your practising certificate before 30 June 2025, and by that time we have not been able to issue your practising certificate effective 1 July 2025, your current practising certificate expiring on 30 June 2025 will remain in force until your renewal application is finally determined.

Application payments

The Board is unfortunately not able to provide an invoice for payment of practising certificate applications at this time.

The fee for each practising certificate renewal application is \$1,250 until 30 June 2025, after which fees increase. Practitioners who submitted a manual application and requested to be contacted for payment arrangements are strongly encouraged to make payments via EFT. This will help expedite the processing and approval of applications.

Link to the EFT form is here https://www.lpbwa.org.au/getmedia/567910ae-5e40-4a3a-9dd8-ed2e6bc1aa13/lpbwa_payment_form.pdf.

Further questions

We have a dedicated response team available to answer any other questions about the incident who can be contacted on our helpline on **08 7070 2413** or by emailing incident@lpbwa.com. Any questions about your practising certificate should be directed to enquiries@lpbwa.com. You can also review our FAQs on the website that you may find helpful.

The Board will continue to provide further updates as our investigation progresses – thank you for your continued understanding and patience as we work through this.

Yours sincerely,
Legal Practice Board