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When is the Annual Retention period for Dentists.

The Annual Retention period for Dentist and Dental Specialists runs from 1st of February each year. To maintain your name in the Register of Dentists or Register of Dental Specialists, make sure to pay your Annual Retention Fee by the 31st of January.

How much is my retention fee.

The fee breakdown for Dentists in 2026:

- Dentists €450.00
- Dental Specialist €380.00

How can I pay the Annual Retention Fee.

You can pay the fee using the **Payzone**, a secure service provided by a third-party vendor. For more details on how to use this service, check out the following guideline: [Payzone Payment Guideline](#)



I am on the Specialists Register. What fees am I required to pay.

If you are registered on the Specialists Register you are required to pay: the Dentist Retention Fee and the Dental Specialist Retention Fee. You must be registered in the Register of Dentists to maintain your name on the Register of Dental Specialists.

I've changed my address, what should I do.

To update your address on the respective Register, please send an email to info@dentalcouncil.ie with your details. The Registration Department will confirm once your address is updated on the respective register. Please note that if you don't receive a response within 5 working days, you should follow up to ensure that your email has been received.

I have changed my name, what should I do.

You cannot change your details on the Register using the online payment account. Any changes you wish to make to the Register regarding your name, marital status, address, etc must be submitted in writing or emailed to info@dentalcouncil.ie. A member of the registration department will respond within 5 working days.

I have paid my Annual Retention Fee, what's next.

Your updated Annual Registration Certificate will be posted to your registered address. If you need an additional certificate of registration to be issued, this can be requested through our website: [Fees and Online Payments – Dental Council of Ireland](#).

When will I receive my 2026 Certificate of Registration.

Your current practising certificate is valid until the 31st of January 2026. Certificates of Registration for the period 2026-2027 are posted in bulk and will be issued before the 31 of January 2026 to your registered address

I've paid the wrong fee/I've paid twice by accident. What can I do.

You should email your receipt to the Accounts Department: info@dentalcouncil.ie and a member of the accounts team will get back to you within 5 working days.

What happens if I don't to pay the Annual Retention Fee.

Under the provisions of Section 39 (1)(b) of the Dentists Act 1985 the Council will erase your name from the Register of Dentists because of failure to pay a retention fee for the year. It is illegal for a person who is not registered in the Register of Dentists to practise dentistry, or to represent or hold themselves out, whether directly or by implication, as practising, or being willing and ready to practise dentistry.

How do I restore my name to the Register if my registration has been erased.

Details of the restoration process can be found on our website: [Restoring your Registration – Dental Council of Ireland](#).

What happens if I am no longer practicing my profession in Ireland.

If you are no longer practising as a Dentist in the Republic of Ireland, and do not wish to maintain your name in the Register, you should submit a letter/email of resignation. A member of the Registration Department will respond within 5 working days.

How can I resign from the Register.

If you are no longer practising as a dentist in Ireland, and do not wish to maintain your name in the Register, you should submit a letter/email of resignation info@dentalcouncil.ie a member of the registration department will respond within 5 working days.