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Public Works Contractors: Renew Registration Starting May 1

Contractors can now register for up to three fiscal years

The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) is informing public works contractors that registrations can be renewed starting on May 1. Public works contractor registrations expire each year on June 30. Contractors now have the option to renew current registrations for one, two or three fiscal years.

California law requires all contractors to register with DIR prior to bidding, being listed on a bid proposal, being awarded or engaging in the performance of any public works contract on or after April 1, 2015. Fees and penalties may be assessed for a lapse in renewal or failure to register when engaged in public works.

The [public works contractor registration application](#) was recently updated to process applications within one business day when paid by credit card, and provide the applicant with a credit card receipt.

Registration and requirements are available on DIR's [public works website](#), including information on responsibilities related to [prevailing wages, apprenticeship and certified payroll records](#).

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