



## Infringement

An infringement of your nursing registration occurs when you practice without a valid registration. It's very important to renew your registration prior to resuming practice. Several infringements occur annually after the renewal period ends on December 1. Other times infringements happen when people return from extended absences such as maternity leave or sick leave.

Infringements can result in large fines and are often distressing for the registrant. This can be avoided by renewing your registration during the renewal period and contacting NANB before returning to work from an absence or taking a new employment opportunity.

While the individual nurse is responsible to ensure that her registration is current, the employer also has an obligation, to verify the registration status of nurses in its employ (See *Nurses Act*, Section 15[1]). Checking registration status can be done quickly from the "[Find a Nurse](#)" on the NANB website.