

Retroactive certificate issuance



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The effective date of a certificate is the date of its issuance. Roster members shall ensure that where possible they have acknowledged the certificate before providing services to the client under the certificate. Services covered by LAO during this period cannot also be billed directly to the client, nor can a roster member ask for or accept a private retainer for these services.

A roster member may request that a certificate be back-dated so that its effective date is retroactive beyond 30 days prior to its issuance date. LAO will only approve such a request in exceptional circumstances in accordance with s. 50 of the Rules. A decision by LAO to backdate or change the effective date of a certificate is not reviewable.