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How long is a BIS licence valid now?

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Validity since February 25, 2026

Scheme	First grant	Renewal	Rule
Scheme I (the ISI mark, including the Foreign Manufacturers Certification Scheme)	Up to five years	Up to five more years	Scheme I, paragraph 8
Scheme II (CRS registration)	Up to five years	Up to five more years	Scheme II, paragraph 8
Scheme IV (certificate of conformity)	Up to five years	Up to five more years	Scheme IV, paragraph 8, read with the corrigendum of April 28, 2026
Scheme X (certification against a technical file)	Up to five years	Up to five more years	Scheme X, paragraph 8(1) and (2)

A corrigendum of April 28, 2026 changed the Scheme IV words "for five years" to "upto five years". BIS's CRS notice of May 27, 2026 says "for five years", but Scheme II says up to five, and the regulation governs.

BIS's product certification FAQ (question 18) still gives a first licence of up to two years, and its FMCS pages one to two years. The documents we read don't say when a licence granted before February 25, 2026 moves to the new terms. See our guide to BIS certification in India.

Do you pay BIS fees every year on a five-year licence?

A five-year BIS licence is paid for one year at a time. Since February 25, 2026, fees are paid every year in advance: at grant, at renewal and for each year a valid licence runs (regulations 5(3) and 8(2)). The licensee pays its annual dues on time with a production statement (regulation 6(15)).

BIS confirmed this for CRS licences in a notice of May 27, 2026. See our insight, CRS licences run five years, with annual fees paid in advance.

BIS's renewal guidelines of March 5, 2025 still ask for every year's fees with a multi-year renewal (paragraph 1). The 2026 amendment, the later text, puts fees on an annual basis.

What happens if the annual BIS fee is late?

If the annual fee and production statement miss the due date, the licence stands suspended for ninety days from that date (regulation 8(11)). Paying in that time, with a late fee, lifts the suspension. If the fee and statement still haven't reached BIS when the ninety days end, the licence is canceled.

1. The due date passes

The licence stands suspended for ninety days from the due date (regulation 8(11)).

2. No 21-day notice

The 21-day notice in regulations 10(3) and 11(1) doesn't apply to unpaid annual fees.

3. You pay within the ninety days

The fee, the production statement and a late fee lift the suspension (regulation 8(11), first proviso).

4. You don't pay in time

The licence is canceled when the ninety days end (regulation 8(11), second proviso).

Paying late doesn't lift a suspension for failed samples or other non-compliance (regulation 8(12)). For what follows and how to appeal, see BIS licence suspension and cancellation.

How does BIS licence renewal work?

BIS licence renewal is an application to BIS before the licence expires (regulation 8(2)). A Scheme I licensee files Form XII two months before expiry (Scheme I, paragraph 9(1)), and BIS's 2025 guidelines say "preferably two months prior". A CRS licensee files Form VI three months before expiry (Scheme II, paragraph 9(1)).

- Production statements: certified by a chartered or cost accountant (renewal guidelines, paragraph 2(iii)).
- Self-compliance report: required at renewal (paragraph 2(iv)).
- Automatic renewal: the portal renews the licence unless it's suspended or self-suspended, deferred after a suspension, under cancellation or expiry, moving premises or missing that report (paragraph 2(vi)). Those cases need the branch head's approval (paragraph 2(vii)).

A foreign maker's licence is a Scheme I licence too: see FMCS, the BIS licence for foreign manufacturers.

What if the renewal is late or the licence is suspended?

If the renewal application and fee miss the expiry date, BIS may defer renewal for up to ninety days. After that, the licence stands expired (regulation 8(4)). A renewal filed after expiry carries a late fee (regulation 8(5)). A suspended licence isn't renewed until BIS lifts the suspension, and renewal may wait up to 180 days.

Fix the problems behind the suspension in that time and the licence may be renewed from its validity date (regulations 8(6) to 8(8)). If not, BIS may treat it as expired from that date (regulation 8(9), as substituted by the Amendment Regulations, 2020).

The ninety days apply unless the scheme provides otherwise (regulation 8(4), as amended by the Second Amendment Regulations, 2021). Scheme I does, for dormant licences.

Can a BIS licence sleep through a lack of demand?

A Scheme I licensee hit by lack of demand can ask BIS to keep the licence's expiry in deferment for up to a year. The request goes in at least a month before renewal falls due. The regulation calls these dormant licences, and goods made in that time may not carry the Standard Mark (Scheme I, paragraph 9(6)).

The licensee pays a deposit toward surprise surveillance, later set against the renewal fee. With no renewal by the end of the deferment, the licence stands expired (paragraph 9(7), added by the Second Amendment Regulations, 2021).

How is the BIS marking fee worked out?

A Scheme I licensee pays each year the higher of its actual marking fee and the annual minimum marking fee (Scheme I, paragraph 5(3)). The actual fee is the product's unit rate times the units marked, counted from certified production statements. Half the annual minimum is paid with the application and the balance at grant.

- First year: units marked in the first nine months (paragraph 5(3), note 1).
- Later years: the previous year's last three months and the current year's first nine (renewal guidelines, paragraph 2(ii)).
- High volume: quarterly payment, by choice or at BIS's direction (paragraph 2(v)).
- Standard withdrawn and not replaced: a proportionate refund (paragraph 5(4)).

The split at grant is in BIS's grant of licence guidelines (paragraph 14(a)). Unit rates and minimums vary by product, in notification CMD-2/G-18, and we don't restate them.

Which BIS fee concessions apply?

Until May 31, 2029, micro enterprises and start-ups get 80% off the Scheme I annual minimum marking fee a large enterprise pays, and small enterprises 50%. Women entrepreneurs get a further 10%. Under Scheme II, the processing fee concessions are 80%, 50% and, for medium enterprises, 20%. From June 1, 2029, all MSMEs get 20% under Scheme II.

BIS fee concessions for MSMEs and start-ups

Enterprise	Scheme I annual minimum marking fee	Scheme II processing fee	Until
Micro enterprise or start-up	80% off	80% off	May 31, 2029
Small enterprise	50% off	50% off	May 31, 2029
Medium enterprise	Not stated in the notification read	20% off	May 31, 2029
Women entrepreneurs' enterprise	A further 10% off	Not stated in the regulation read	May 31, 2029
Micro, small or medium, from June 1, 2029	Not stated in the notification read	20% off	No end date stated

Scheme I concessions are cut from the large-enterprise fee (notification CMD-2/G-18 of March 17, 2026, Notes 3 to 6); Scheme II's are in paragraph 5(6). For one product group, see the fee concession for furniture makers.

How IndusDesk helps with BIS licence renewal

We track each licence's validity, annual due date and renewal window, and prepare the renewal papers with your team.

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Does a BIS licence renew automatically?

Yes, with exceptions. Once you file, BIS's portal renews a Scheme I licence automatically, unless it's suspended, being canceled or expired, moving premises or missing its self-compliance report (2025 renewal guidelines, paragraph 2(vi)). Those cases go to the branch head for approval.

Is there a late fee for BIS renewal?

Yes. Regulation 8(5) adds one to a renewal filed after expiry, and regulation 8(11) to an annual fee paid during the ninety-day suspension.

Who certifies the production statement for BIS renewal?

A chartered accountant or cost accountant, on their letterhead with their membership number. It gives the unit's name and address and the quantity produced for the period (2025 renewal guidelines, paragraph 2(iii)).

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