

Renewal date options

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At their May 5 meeting, MORE Executive Committee recommended that MORE change its renewal options to renew from the due date, and remove the “too soon to renew” restriction.

Currently, the new due date for renewed items is calculated from the date of renewal. To prevent patrons from renewing within the first few days after checkout (and thereby only extending their due date a few days), most items can't be renewed until several days into the loan period. If users attempt to renew before system settings allow it, they see a “too soon to renew” message, and the item is not renewed.

MORE Executive Committee recommends two related changes to the current renewal settings: upon renewal, assigning a new due date from the renewal date, as well as removing the “too soon to renew” restriction. For a 21-day loan, a renewal any time during the loan period would generate a new due date 21 days from the original due date. Because the new due date would always be calculated from the current due date, there would be no need to prevent patrons from renewing “too soon”—the renewal date would not factor into calculating the new due date.

Notes:

- In either the current or recommended scenarios, the new due date for overdue items that are renewed is calculated from the renewal date.
- IFLS staff believe the option to calculate new due dates for renewed items from the original due date was not available when MORE first configured its circulation rules.

An example:

- Current settings: a 7-day DVD checked out on May 8 and due on May 15 is eligible for renewal on May 11. If a renewal is attempted on May 10, the user sees a “too soon to renew” message and the item is not renewed. If renewal is attempted on May 11, the new due date is May 18 (assuming there are no outstanding holds). The total loan period is 10 days.
- Recommended settings: a 7-day DVD checked out on May 8 and due on May 15 is eligible for renewal any time. If a renewal is attempted on May 10, the new due date is May 22 (assuming there are no outstanding holds). The total loan period is 14 days.