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Let's Encrypt certificates drop from 90 to 64 days on 10 February 2027

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- [ ] **Ask your host or web developer who renews your site's certificate.** If it is your hosting plan or website platform, confirm the renewal is automatic.
- [ ] **Check whether your renewal software supports ACME Renewal Information (ARI).** Let's Encrypt says clients with ARI should keep renewing on time after 10 February 2027.
- [ ] **Search renewal scripts for hard-coded intervals.** Look in cron jobs, wrapper scripts and runbooks for numbers such as 83, 80 or 60, and change them to renew at about two-thirds of the certificate's lifetime.
- [ ] **Test against Let's Encrypt's staging environment from 14 October 2026.** It starts issuing 64-day certificates there on that date.
- [ ] **Set up an alert for failed renewals.** A certificate that lapses makes browsers warn visitors away from your site.
- [ ] **Plan for paid certificates getting shorter.** Industry rules cap public certificates at 100 days from 15 March 2027, so ask your certificate provider about automated renewal before then.

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