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Why the padlock on your website keeps expiring sooner

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- [ ] **Find out how your website's certificate is renewed.** Ask your host or developer whether it renews automatically or someone installs it by hand.
- [ ] **Move hand-installed certificates to automatic renewal now.** The longest allowed certificate is already 200 days, and it drops to 100 days on 15 March 2027.
- [ ] **Set an expiry alert.** Have someone notified well before any certificate runs out, so a failed renewal doesn't take the site down.
- [ ] **Update Firefox if it's behind.** Firefox 158.0.1 adds Mozilla's eMudhra block for anyone whose settings stopped the automatic fix.

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