

## How Long Does the Process Take?



Certification evaluations can take several months depending on how close to the filing deadline they are received. There are two filing periods per year. (Deadlines: June 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.) We tend to get a very high volume of files as the deadlines approach, which means that the wait is generally longer for those people.

Sisterlocks evaluates certifications thoroughly, and in the order we receive them. So, if someone submits their documents in March and someone else files in April, the March submission will be viewed first. Remember however, that the filing *deadline* is not until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Although we usually begin evaluating the files before the filing deadline, the worst case scenario is that evaluation may not begin until that filing period closes.

If someone files by the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, their certificate will be dated January 1<sup>st</sup>, even if the evaluation takes longer than that to complete. Similarly, if someone files by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline, their certificate will be dated July 1st. For lengthy evaluations, Sisterlocks will add time to the certificate to ensure the Trainee benefits from the full 2 years of certification.