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## Patrons not fined for overdue items

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### Question

What can prevent a fine from being charged for the return (or renewal) of an overdue item?

In case #2 below (and, possibly, case #1 and 3 also) the fine \*will\* appear in the fine column of the patron's List of Loans tab before the item is returned or renewed.

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### Answer

1. the fine amount in tab16, col. 11, is 0.00;
2. the number of days overdue is fewer than the grace days in tab16, col. 7 (see example below)
3. "z305\_ignore\_late\_return Y" in the z305 (local patron) record.

To change the value of z305\_ignore\_late\_return, go to the GUI Circ,Local Patron Information -- Local Privileges and set the "Late Return Ignored" flag to "N".

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### Additional Information

Article 000043291 ("How are regular overdue fines calculated?") includes all of these cases in its logic ( [How are regular overdue fines calculated? \\*\\*MASTER RECORD\\*\\*](#) ).

For case #3, the following SQL shows how many patrons have "N", and how many have "Y":

```
SQL> select z305_ignore_late_return, count(*) from z305 group by z305_ignore_late_return;
```

Example for case #2:

\* In ./xxx50/tab/tab16 is set:

```
16A 01 ## ## + 00000030 10 A 2400 0000 00000 005 099 2 02 000 2  
16A 02 ## ## + 00000015 05 A 2400 0000 00000 005 099 2 02 000 2  
16A 03 ## ## + 00000007 04 A 2400 0000 00000 005 099 2 02 000 2  
16A 04 ## ## + 00000001 01 A 2400 0000 00000 005 099 2 02 000 2
```

\* Col.7 of the tab defines the Grace days, that is, number of days within which late return is "forgiven".

For items with status 03 this value is set to 04 (four days).

\* The due date of the loan was on 13/12/2012

```
02 z36h_loan_date .....20121205  
02 z36h_loan_hour .....1125  
02 z36h_effective_due_date .....00000000  
02 z36h_due_date .....20121213  
02 z36h_due_hour .....2400  
02 z36h_returned_date .....20121215
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02 z36h\_returned\_hour .....1104

and the loan was returned on 15/12/2012

\* Patron returned the loan in the grace period

\* The late return was "forgiven" and no fine or fee was charged for it.

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