

# Inspect the commercial register

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## Competent Department

- [Registergericht](#)

## Basic information

If you are looking for information on specific companies, you can consult the commercial register.

The commercial register provides information on facts and legal relationships that are important for legal transactions in connection with companies entered there.

The commercial register contains information on corporations (such as GmbH, AG, KGaA), commercial partnerships (such as OHG, KG) or sole traders (e. K.). For example, the commercial register contains the names of persons who are authorized to represent a company in business transactions. You will also find small traders in the commercial register who have made the entry voluntarily.

You can obtain an extract from the commercial register, i.e. a printout from the electronically managed commercial register.

If documents are only available in paper form, so-called transcripts are produced.

The following commercial register extracts can be issued:

- Current extract. This contains the current entries.
- Chronological extract. This contains the current and already deleted entries since 2007.
- Historical extract. This contains all entries prior to 2007.

## Procedure

The joint register portal of the federal states is available on the Internet for viewing the commercial register. You can search for registered companies by entering keywords. If you

register, the contents of the register can also be accessed online as a PDF document (subject to a fee).

In addition, you can still inspect the commercial register during business hours at the registry court (free of charge) and have a printout or copy made there (subject to a fee).

## **Legal bases**

- [§ 10 Absatz 1 Handelsregisterverordnung \(HRV\)](#)

## **More information**

Electronic commercial register

Since January 1, 2007, the commercial register has been kept exclusively electronically. Data from the following public registers is available on the joint Internet portal of the German register courts:

- Commercial register
- Register of Cooperatives
- Partnership register
- Register of associations (in part)

## **What are the costs?**

No fees are charged for the inspection of commercial register data and documents at the court's office.