

Registration on the basis of special expertise of persons who hold a license under the Legal Advice Act

If you are a licensee under the Legal Advice Act, you must register in the Legal Services Register.

Competent Department

- [Bundesamt für Justiz \(BFJ\) | Rechtsdienstleistungsregister](#)

Basic information

License holders under the Legal Services Act (so-called Alterlaubnisinhaber:innen) can register for the 3 areas of debt collection services, pension advice and legal services in a foreign law. Permit holders whose permit extends to other areas or whose powers go beyond the powers regulated in Section 10 (1) of the Legal Services Act are registered separately or in addition to their registration as legal advisors or permit holders (registered permit holders) and entered in the Legal Services Register in accordance with Section 16 (2) sentence 1 number 1 of the Legal Services Act. They may provide legal services under their previous professional title in all areas of law to which their registration extends. They may only provide legal services in the areas of tax law and intellectual property law if their registration expressly covers these areas.

Requirements

- Professional liability insurance

What documents do I need?

- A completed application form for registration in accordance with the Legal Services Register, together with any attachments.

The forms can be found on the federal and state justice portal (rechtsdienstleistungsregister.de).

Procedure

You apply for registration in the legal services register and submit the application together with the other documents to the competent office. The competent office will review your application.

As soon as all requirements have been met and all evidence has been provided, the competent authority will register you and publish the registration in the Legal Services Register. You will receive notification as to whether registration has taken place.

Legal bases

- [§ 13 Abs. 1 Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz \(RDG\)](#)
- [§ 10 Absatz 2 Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz \(RDG\)](#)
- [§ 1 Abs. 3 Satz 2 Einführungsgesetz zum Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz \(RDGEG\)](#)

More information

- Prohibition:

Persons or associations pursuant to Sections 6, 7 (1) and Section 8 (1) No. 4 and 5 RDG may be prohibited from providing legal services for a maximum of 5 years if unqualified legal services are provided on a permanent basis to the detriment of those seeking legal advice.

- Legal services register and public announcement:

Pursuant to Section 16 RDG, a transnational legal services register will be established. This serves to provide information free of charge to those seeking legal services, persons offering legal services, the legal profession and other public bodies.

Persons who are permitted to provide legal services in one or more of the areas or sub-areas specified in Section 10 (1) RDG (debt collection services, pension advice and legal services in a foreign law) and persons or associations who have been definitively prohibited from providing legal services in accordance with Section 9 (1) RDG are published in the legal services register.

The public announcement pursuant to section 16 para. 3 sentence 1 RDG is made several times a day by means of a central publication of all registration authorities on these pages. The publicly published data will be deleted if the requirements of Section 17 RDG are met.

- Legal remedy/means of appeal:

Objection within one month

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The exercise of an activity under the RDG may only take place after registration. There are no application deadlines for registration.

How long does it take to process

A decision on the application must be made within a period of 3 months.

What are the costs?

There are no costs.