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Germany

This page provides you with a brief overview of the German insolvency register.

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The [German insolvency register](#) gives you access to the declarations of insolvency (*Insolvenzbekanntmachungen*) issued by all German insolvency courts, in line with § 9 of the Insolvency Code (*Insolvenzordnung*). This information is legally binding and publicly accessible.

The register is owned and maintained by the Federal Government/*Länder* Commission on Information Technology in the Justice System, represented by the Ministry of Justice of the *Land* of North Rhine Westphalia.

Is access to the German insolvency register free of charge?

Yes.

How to search the German insolvency register

The insolvency register is accessible only at the [German insolvency register](#) website. Where necessary, instructions on how to search are given on the website. Information is available only in German. Please note that an unrestricted search in the data of all German insolvency courts is only possible in the first two weeks following the first day of publication. After this time you have to search for the place where the insolvency court sits and at least one of the following: the name of the person or firm; the debtor's registered office (*Sitz*) or habitual residence (*Wohnsitz*); the case number; or the court of registration, type of register and registration number.

History of the insolvency register in Germany

The insolvency register website has provided information on insolvencies since 1 April 2002. Detailed information on the periods covered and the proceedings for which data are available can be found on the website.

The information relates to cases where the insolvency procedure is not yet completed.. The data is deleted six months at the latest after the finalisation of the procedure.

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