

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

As Germany is a federal state, it is up to the Länder to publish their own official announcements. They have created their own web pages for this purpose. The links to some of these can be found on the [Justice Portal of the Federal Government and the Länder \(Justizportal des Bundes und der Länder\)](#). The following information relates solely to Federal Government publications:

Publication	Scope of the publication
Federal Law Gazette (Bundesgesetzblatt)	Electronic copy of the official print version only
Federal Gazette (Bundesanzeiger)	Official section; Judicial section (in electronic format only)
Federal Tax Gazette (Bundessteuerblatt)	In both paper and electronic format
Joint Ministerial Gazette (Gemeinsames Ministerialblatt)	In both paper and electronic format
Transport Gazette (Verkehrsblatt)	In both paper and electronic format

Which types of announcements are published?

Publication	Types of announcements
Federal Law Gazette	Laws, international treaties, ordinances, announcements, injunctions, notices and certain decisions of the Federal Constitutional Court (Bundesverfassungsgericht)
Federal Gazette	Ordinances, other official announcements, tenders, guidelines and judicial notices. The judicial notices comprise court publications concerning the litigation register under the Capital Investors' Test Cases Act (Kapitalanleger-Musterverfahrensgesetz), public notifications, criminal cases, summons of persons and calls for documents, debarment rulings, securities cancellations and other decisions, summons of third parties, bankruptcies, insolvency proceedings and the register of anonymous and pseudonymous works
Federal Tax Gazette	Tax-related legal provisions and administrative orders, rulings by the Federal Fiscal Court (Bundesfinanzhof)
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Tax-related legal provisions and administrative orders, rulings by the Federal Fiscal Court (Bundesfinanzhof)
Transport Gazette	Official provisions on transport, calls for missing vehicle ownership and registration documents

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Publication	Publishing body
Federal Law Gazette	Federal authorities
Federal Gazette	Federal and Länder authorities, courts and public prosecutors
Federal Tax Gazette	Federal Ministry of Finance and the highest tax authorities in the Länder
Joint Ministerial Gazette	All federal ministries listed on the front page
Transport Gazette	All federal ministries, regulatory authorities in the Länder

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Publication	Free access
Federal Law Gazette	Yes (read only)
Federal Gazette	Yes
Federal Tax Gazette	Partially (not most recent and not older publications)
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Only to tables of contents
Transport Gazette	Titles of official announcements only (a fee must be paid to access content)

What types of searches can be made?

Publication	Types of searches
Federal Law Gazette	Free of charge: not available For a fee: full text search, search by citation, heading, abbreviation, issue date, year of promulgation and part
Federal Gazette	Term, part, date of publication, type of publication, publishing authority/court (administrative and judicial sections); reference, title (official section); file number (judicial section)
Federal Tax Gazette	Type of tax, type of document, sequence of rules, date, file number, document number, Land, subject/main principle, reference
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Edition, page number, year and full text search

Transport Gazette	Field, title, search terms, date, ordinance number
-------------------	--

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

Publication	Date available
Federal Law Gazette	The electronic version of Federal Law Gazette Section 1 has been available at the same time as the print version since 1998; The electronic version of Federal Law Gazette Section 2 has been available at the same time as the print version since 1999 Possible to search all editions published since 23 May 1949
Federal Gazette	Individual publications since 30 August 2002 All publications since 1 April 2012
Federal Tax Gazette	Possible to search editions published since 1992
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Possible to search editions published since 1950
Transport Gazette	Possible to search editions published since 1947

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Publication	Auto-search	Open data
Federal Law Gazette	No	No
Federal Gazette	Only as an information service for a fee	No
Federal Tax Gazette	No	No
Joint Ministerial Gazette	No, only the publication date for the next edition	No
Transport Gazette	No	No

Last update: 29/08/2019

The national language version of this page is maintained by the respective Member State. The translations have been done by the European Commission service. Possible changes introduced in the original by the competent national authority may not be yet reflected in the translations. The European Commission accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to any information or data contained or referred to in this document. Please refer to the legal notice to see copyright rules for the Member State responsible for this page.