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Introduction

This guide provides a high-level overview of company registrars worldwide. It summarises key information relating to each register, including the relevant authority responsible for maintaining the register, availability of public search portals, access requirements, applicable fees, and the type of company information that may be available.

The guide has been prepared by FSREG (www.fsreg.com/), a UK-based law firm, as a general reference tool for businesses, legal practitioners, compliance professionals and other users seeking an initial understanding of company registry systems in different jurisdictions. It has been developed through a combination of desk research and collaboration with local legal professionals who have assisted in verifying the practical accessibility and scope of registrar information in their respective jurisdictions.

This publication is provided for general informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. While reasonable efforts have been made to ensure the information contained in this guide is accurate at the time of preparation, this guide is provided on an “as is” basis with no guarantee of accuracy or completeness. Registrar systems, access rules and other related registrar information may change from time to time. Accordingly, readers should obtain independent legal or professional advice before relying on this guide or taking or failing to take any action or based on its contents.

The name and contact details of the lawyers who contributed to this guide are provided in each individual country’s section. We wish to express our enormous gratitude to such lawyers and strongly encourage readers of this guide to contact them should they require legal advice in relation to their relevant jurisdictions.

1. Afghanistan

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No.	Register information	Details
1.	Official Register Name	Afghanistan Central Business Registry (ACBR) overseen by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI).
2.	Search Page URL	https://www.acbrip.gov.af/companyverification/
3.	Languages Available	Pashto, Dari, and English — documentation and forms are often provided in these languages. Official government interfaces primarily use Dari and Pashto; English may be available for certain forms/fields.
4.	Account Registration Required?	No for basic information. For detailed records or certified extracts, you typically need to deal directly with the MoCI/ACBR or authorised agents.
5.	Free of Charge?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes in relation to basic company information; and • Fees are payable for official extracts or certified documents (including full company details) issued on request (often via a local agent or intermediary).
6.	Information Available	<p>Publicly accessible verification typically shows very limited status information (basic confirmation of existence/registration).</p> <p>Full extracts (subject to request/fees) may include company legal name and identification details, type of business/legal form, names of primary executives (president and vice-president) and directors, registered address, registered capital, main business activities.</p> <p>The official public portal does not publish full directors, shareholders, or account details directly. Commercial registry systems in Afghanistan are not as fully accessible online as in many other jurisdictions.</p>
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2. Albania

No.	Register information	Details
1.	Official Register Name	Regjistri Tregtar (Commercial Register) maintained by the Qendra Kombëtare e Biznesit (National Business Center, QKB).
2.	Search Page URL	https://qkb.gov.al/kerko-per-subjekt/
3.	Languages Available	Albanian. Some guidance pages on QKB may include limited English descriptions, but Albanian is the primary language for registry search and results.
4.	Account Registration Required?	<p>No for public searches or detailed filings, which includes the viewing of basic entity data, without registering an account.</p> <p>For official certified extracts, authenticated access via the e-Albania portal is required.</p>
5.	Free of Charge?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, basic search and viewing of registered entity summaries are free of charge; and • Yes, certified extracts, historical extracts, or official certificates requested through QKB/e-Albania are free of charge.
6.	Information Available	Entity legal name and NIPT (Tax ID), legal form, registration date / status, business activity / object, location / registered office (region/city), administrators, partners, shareholders, possibility to order simple or historical extracts, options to generate certified registration certificates, historical extract contents including records of all registered changes over time (such as amendments to statutes, changes in administrators, shareholders or partners, transfers of shares/quotas, changes of registered office, business activity updates, capital increases or reductions, mergers or divisions, and other filed corporate actions), as well as the ability to trace the chronological evolution of the entity and verify past and current legal and structural data.
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3. Algeria

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No.	Register information	Details
1.	Official Register Name	Centre National du Registre du Commerce (CNRC).
2.	Search Page URL	https://sidjilcom.cnrc.dz/
3.	Languages Available	French and Arabic, there is no dedicated English interface.
4.	Account Registration Required?	Partial, basic summary search / directory is free and accessible without an account. Detailed information (e.g., financial filings, company name reservations, detailed profile records) on the CNRC portal, you must subscribe and log in with a registered account.
5.	Free of Charge?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, basic public search and summary information are free of charge; and • Fees are payable for more detailed data (including company financials, detailed registration records, official extracts, etc.) require a paid subscription/access package on the CNRC portal.
6.	Information Available	Depending on the subscription level and official request this can include company / trader name and legal status (active / deregistered), nomenclature of economic activities, company denomination / commercial name search, filing status of social accounts, balance sheet / financial situation data (with subscription), legal announcements, registration extracts and RCE authenticated extracts and directory of merchants and companies collected nationally.
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4. Andorra

No.	Register information	Details
1.	Official Register Name	Registre de Societats Mercantils or commonly referred to as the Andorra Company or Corporate Registry.
2.	Search Page URL	There is no publicly accessible official online search portal for the registry that allows public searches. Information must generally be obtained via authorised professionals (e.g., lawyers, accountants) or via intermediaries that have access to the registry.
3.	Languages Available	Administrative and registry documents are in Catalan (official language); there is no dedicated English official interface.
4.	Account Registration Required?	Yes, there is no open public account system for general users. Only authorised professionals (e.g., members of the Bar, registered accountants/experts) are able to access detailed registry information through official channels.
5.	Free of Charge?	No, the registry is not public. Detailed information or extracts are fee-based and usually accessed through professionals or intermediaries (e.g., fee for certified extract or report).
6.	Information Available	Company legal name and identification, legal form (e.g., SL, SLU, SA), registered office address, corporate purpose / activities, share capital, directors and administrators, shareholder data, embargoes or registered encumbrances, historical filings / modifications, UBOs. Depth of data in practice depends on the professional's access and what the registry will disclose.
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5. Angola

No.	Register information	Details
1.	Official Register Name	Conservatória do Registo Comercial maintained under the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights (Ministério da Justiça e dos Direitos Humanos) through the Guiché Único da Empresa (GUE) service.
2.	Search Page URL	https://gue.gov.ao/portal/public/publicacao
3.	Languages Available	Portuguese. There is no official English interface for the government's register/search portal.
4.	Account Registration Required?	<p>Yes, a user account is typically required to access detailed information or authenticated records.</p> <p>Public search may display limited information (e.g. incorporation documents and company name/status).</p>
5.	Free of Charge?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes for basic public searching and viewing of company names; and • Fees are payable for detailed extracts, certificates (e.g., commercial registry certificates), and official documents usually incur fees through Guiché Único da Empresa or via registry request.
6.	Information Available	<p>Company name and registration number, legal status (active / inactive), registered office address, legal form and activity description, directors / legal representatives, shareholders / proprietors, filing history and statutory documents, commercial certificates and extracts.</p> <p>Public online basic searches often only show the registered name or limited summary without deeper details.</p>
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6. Antigua and Barbuda

No.	Register information	Details
1.	Official Register Name	National Companies and Intellectual Property Registry, managed by the Antigua & Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO).
2.	Search Page URL	https://ocrsagefiling.azureedge.net/#/ep/clientcontrol/search
3.	Languages Available	English
4.	Account Registration Required?	No for basic public search (e.g. incorporation date, type / status of the company and registered address). Registration required for official records, extracts, or certified documentation obtained directly from ABIPCO or via authorised requests.
5.	Free of Charge?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes for basic company search; and • Fees are payable for official certificates / copies of filings, subject to government fees.
6.	Information Available	Company legal name and registration number, current status, registered office and principal address, legal form/type of entity (e.g., LLC, IBC), directors / legal representatives, shareholders and issued shares, type of business / business activity, filing dates and statutory documentation.
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7. Argentina

No.	Register information	Details
1.	Official Register Name	Inspección General de Justicia (IGJ) – for the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires.
2.	Search Page URL	https://www.argentina.gob.ar/justicia/registro-nacional-sociedades
3.	Languages Available	Spanish
4.	Account Registration Required?	No, basic company searches (e.g. company type, activities, address and other identification details) can be consulted without creating an account. However, certain filings, certified documents, or advanced services may require registration and/or authentication.
5.	Free of Charge?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes for basic company search; and • Fees are payable for official certificates / copies of filings, subject to government fees.
6.	Information Available	Registered company name, registration number, CUIT (tax identification number), legal form (e.g., S.A., S.R.L.), registered office address, date of incorporation, corporate purpose, directors / managers (administrators, board members), legal representatives, filed articles of incorporation and amendments, filed annual financial statements (for certain entity types) and capital structure.
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8. Armenia

No.	Register information	Details
1.	Official Register Name	Agency of State Register of Legal Entities of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia.
2.	Search Page URL	https://www.e-register.am/en/search
3.	Languages Available	Armenian. The Interface is partially available in English and Russian, however the official records are in Armenian. Note, that while searches can be done in English and Russian, the search might not show all relevant results, therefore it is recommended to search in Armenian.
4.	Account Registration Required?	No, basic company searches (e.g. company type / status, address and other identification details) can be consulted without creating an account. However, certain filings, certified documents, or advanced services may require registration and/or authentication.
5.	Free of Charge?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes for basic company search; and • No for official certificates / copies of filings, subject to government fees.
6.	Information Available	<p><i>Available with general search, no registration/fees needed:</i></p> <p>Company name (including in Armenian, transliteration is available in the English/Russian version of the website. Please note that the transliteration may be different then the official registered name of the Company in English and/or Russian), registration number, taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), legal form (e.g., LLC, CJSC, OJSC), date of state registration, registered address, status (active, dissolved, etc.). The declaration of Ultimate Beneficiaries submitted by the company (showing the details of the UBOs of the company, details of the intermediary companies) is also available.</p> <p><i>Available with registration/additional fees:</i></p> <p>The director / executive body details, founders / shareholders (for LLCs and certain other entity types), charter capital, charter (Articles of Association), amendments to registration data.</p> <p>Availability of shareholder information depends on the legal form. For LLCs, founders are publicly disclosed. For joint-stock companies, shareholder disclosure is limited and can be accessed only with a Power of Attorney from the company. Details of UBOs are available irrespective of the legal form of the company.</p>
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9. Australia

No.	Register information	Details
1.	Official Register Name	Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Registers
2.	Search Page URL	https://connectonline.asic.gov.au/RegistrySearch/faces/landing/SearchRegisters.jspx
3.	Languages Available	English
4.	Account Registration Required?	No for basic searches (e.g. company number, state of registration, registration date, type, status, registered office and other identification information); Registration is required to access extracts or lodge documents.
5.	Free of Charge?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes for basic company search (name, ACN, status); and • Fees are payable for company extracts, historical information, and filed documents.
6.	Information Available	Company name, Australian Company Number (ACN), Australian Business Number (ABN), company type, registration status, date of registration, registered office address, principal place of business, directors (current and historical), company secretary details, share structure (class and number of shares), members (limited disclosure – generally not publicly available for proprietary companies beyond top 20 shareholders in certain cases), charges / securities, filed financial statements), constitution and lodged forms.
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10. Austria

No.	Register information	Details
1.	Official Register Name	Firmenbuch (Austrian Commercial Register)
2.	Search Page URL	https://justizonline.gv.at/jop/web/firmenbuchabfrage
3.	Languages Available	German (Portal interface partially available in English; official extracts are in German).
4.	Account Registration Required?	No for basic search (e.g. company registration number, company status, registered office, business address, legal form, registered office); Registration is required for full access and official extracts.
5.	Free of Charge?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes for basic company search; and • Fees are payable for company extracts, historical information, and filed documents.
6.	Information Available	Registered office, company name and legal form, registration number, date of incorporation, managing directors / board members, representation rules, share capital, shareholders (limited visibility depending on structure), articles of association, annual financial statements, insolvency information (if applicable) and historical filings and amendments.
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