

Consulting German insolvency data by foreign administrative bodies



General

In Germany, an insolvency must be announced at the competent local court. These announcements can be found on a [central website](#). Since 2002, insolvencies of individuals have also been published here. In addition, the [Unternehmensregister](#) also displays announcements of the insolvency courts.

Search criteria

The "detailed search" and the "unlimited search" are available as free search options. With the unlimited search option, you can generally search for announcements of all courts. The unlimited search option is only possible within two weeks after the first day of publication of the information.

In the detailed search option, the seat of the insolvency court must be specified and at least one of the following details must be entered:

- Family name
- Company
- Domicile or residence of the debtor
- File number of the insolvency court
- Register court, register type and register number

Find the competent insolvency court

The competent insolvency court can be found by using the postal code of the respective company headquarters or the address of the individual. The competent insolvency court can then be found on the website of the [Justizportal NRW](#) (select for *Angelegenheit* either 'Unternehmensinsolvenz-sachen' (*Company bankruptcy matters*) or *Verbraucherinsolvenz-sachen* (*Consumer bankruptcy matters*)).

Consultable data

The notice of insolvency may contain the following information:

- The ordering and revocation of protective measures by the court
- The rejection of an application for insolvency for lack of assets
- The order opening the insolvency proceedings
- The decision to cancel or terminate the insolvency proceedings
- Notification, granting or refusal of residual debt discharge

Six months after the conclusion of the insolvency proceedings, the data will be deleted. After that, no

information will be available on any of the public websites.

European Insolvency Register

The national insolvency registers of the EU Member States are connected through the database [e-justice.europa.eu](#). For each Member State, e-justice.europa.eu explains which (public) registers are available in that country and which data can be consulted. This information can be consulted in several European languages, including English, French, German and Dutch. The country-specific information also contains links to the insolvency registers of the various European member states.

E-justice.europa.eu also offers the possibility of searching several insolvency registers simultaneously for a legal or natural person. The German insolvency register can also be searched via this central search function.

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