



What happened to company keys?

Company keys were introduced in 2002 to extend the range of online transactions offered by the Companies Office.

Each company was issued with its own key on incorporation. The seven character company key was a type of password that was used to authenticate online transactions.

Historically some clients were able to enter into a Keyless Transaction Agreement with the Companies Office. A Keyless Transaction Agreement allowed you to conduct a certain number of key dependant transactions each day without entering the company key (keyless transactions).

Company keys have been replaced by the Company Authority system and the Companies Office no longer offers Keyless Transaction Agreements (KTAs).

Note | There is one last use for your company's key. One of the quickest and easiest ways to get Company Authority for a company requires you to quote its company key. [Read more...](#)