



## Searching

Using the **search the register** option you can find details of entities (New Zealand companies or overseas companies registered in New Zealand), directors (including disqualified directors), and shareholders.

**Note** | To search for other entities (such as Industrial and Provident Societies, Limited Partnerships, Friendly Societies, Credit Unions, etc) please use the **Search Other Registers** option.

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## FAQs

### [For companies](#)

When you use the entities option under search the register you can find details of companies - both New Zealand companies and companies on the overseas register.

### [For directors or shareholders](#)

Using the Director Search tool you can determine whether an individual is, or has been, a director of a company. You can also see whether a person is a disqualified director. By simply changing some settings you can also search for shareholders.

### [For disqualified directors](#)

This search will confirm whether or not a person has been banned, details of the Act under which the director was banned, the duration of the prohibition, and lists the companies they were associated with. Searches of this database are FREE.

### [For documents](#)

Many documents filed with the Companies Office can be conveniently viewed online as PDF files (for example, the incorporation documents, constitution, director consents). When you search the register for a company you can also see, and download, a copy of the certificate of incorporation.

### [PPSR search](#)

When you search for a company on the Companies Register, you also have the option of searching the Personal Property Securities Register (PPSR).

### [Understanding your search results](#)

You can sort your search results and you can email, print or save them to PDF.

### [Searching on Facebook](#)

Using the search the register option through Facebook you can find details of companies – both New Zealand companies and companies on the overseas register.

### [Using mobile services](#)

With Companies Office Mobile you can search the companies register from your internet enabled mobile phone or personal digital assistant (PDA). Current services include company search, director search and banned director search.

### [What does it cost?](#)

Most searches are FREE and you don't need to log on (or even be a registered user) to search the register.

### [How do you get a certificate of incorporation?](#)

When you search the register for a company you can get a copy of the certificate of incorporation. Here you can learn how.

## **How do you get a company extract?**

When you search the register for a company you can get a company extract or an annual return extract. Here you can learn more about what these extracts are and how to get them.

## **Getting evidence of a New Zealand company's incorporation**

If an overseas jurisdiction requires evidence of incorporation, or of the particulars, of a company use the Certificate of Incorporation and Company Extract services - both are freely available online.