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# Bankruptcy and insolvency registers

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This page provides you with information on the individual insolvency register for England and Wales.

## What does The Insolvency Service (The Service) of England and Wales offer?

The Insolvency Service is required by statute to maintain the individual insolvency and bankruptcy and debt relief restrictions registers. The 'Individual Insolvency Register' is an amalgamation of these two registers and it contains details of:

- bankruptcies that are current or have ended in the last 3 months
- debt relief orders that are current or have ended in the last 3 months
- current individual voluntary arrangements, including those that have ended in the last 3 months
- current bankruptcy restrictions orders or undertakings and interim bankruptcy restrictions orders
- current debt relief restrictions orders or undertakings and interim debt relief restrictions orders.

## Is access to the Individual Insolvency register for England and Wales free of charge?

Yes, access to the register is free of charge.

## How to search the Individual Insolvency Register for England and Wales

The register is located on [the Insolvency Service's website](#), and can be accessed under '[Search the Individual Insolvency Register](#)'. By clicking on the "search the register" link, it may be searched using an individual's name or trading name. There are also links to search the equivalent registers in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

## History of The Insolvency Service of England and Wales

The Insolvency Service is an executive agency of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and through the official receiver it:

- administers and investigates the affairs of bankrupts, individuals subject to debt relief orders, and companies and partnerships wound up by the court, and establishes why they became insolvent
- acts as trustee/ liquidator where no private-sector insolvency practitioner is appointed

The Insolvency Service also:

- prepares and takes forward reports about misconduct by bankrupt people, individuals subject to debt relief orders, and company directors
- deals with the disqualification of unfit directors in all corporate failures

- deals with bankruptcy restriction orders and undertakings, and debt relief restrictions orders and undertakings
- acts as oversight regulator to the insolvency profession
- assesses and pays statutory entitlement to redundancy payments when an employer is legally insolvent
- provides estate accounting and investment services for bankruptcy and liquidation estate funds
- conducts confidential fact finding investigations into companies where these are in the public interest
- advises Ministers and government departments and agencies on insolvency, redundancy and other related issues
- provides information to the public on insolvency, redundancy and investigation matters via its website, publications and Insolvency Enquiry Line.

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