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# Land registers in EU countries

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This page provides you with an overview of the land register in Austria.

## What does the land register offer?

The land register (*Grundbuch*) provides answers to both legal and factual questions. It contains documented information on all legally binding property transactions in Austria.

The land register and its electronic document archive can be consulted via courts, notaries, lawyers and certain designated firms known as *Verrechnungsstellen*.

## Is access to the land register free of charge?

For access a small fee has to be paid to the court, notary, lawyer or one of the *Verrechnungsstellen*. The *Verrechnungsstellen* are listed on the [Austrian Justice](#) homepage under *Service -> Datenbanken -> Grundbuch -> Grundstücksdatenbank*.

## How to search the land register

By entering the number of the cadastral municipality (*Katastralgemeinde*) and the entry number (the *Einlagezahl* or 'EZ') or the plot number (*Grundstücksnummer*), the following information may be obtained from the database:

- Current and historical extracts from the land register
- Extracts from the auxiliary indexes (*Hilfsverzeichnisse*)

This information includes all valid records. Data that have been deleted may also be obtained on request, provided that it was entered after the conversion to the electronic register. Older data is available on paper only.

The main register, the collection of records and the auxiliary indexes are public. There are tight restrictions on accessing information by searching solely for individual owners. If you can prove that you have a legal interest, you may carry out such a search via the land register department of the district court (*Bezirksgericht*).

## History of the land register

From about 1870 until 1992, the land registers were kept on paper. Between 1980 and 1992, the records were transferred to the land register database. The land register was migrated to a new program on 7 May 2012 and since then it has been further developed and automated.

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