

Publication of official announcements

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On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Since Germany is a federal state, the Länder arrange the publication of their own official announcements. They have created their own websites for this purpose. The links to some of these can be found on the [Justice Portal of the Federal Government and the Länder \(Justizportal des Bundes und der Länder\)](#). The information below relates solely to publications by the federal government.

Publication	Form of publication
Federal Law Gazette (Bundesgesetzblatt)	Electronic copy of the official print version only.
Federal Gazette (Bundesanzeiger)	Official section; judicial section (electronic format only).
Federal Tax Gazette (Bundessteuerblatt)	In both printed and electronic format.
Joint Ministerial Gazette (Gemeinsames Ministerialblatt)	In both printed and electronic format.
Transport Gazette (Verkehrsblatt)	In both printed and electronic format.
Website of the Federal Ministry of Finance	In electronic format only. Print versions of the official manuals can be purchased from retailers; the Federal Ministry of Finance does not offer them in this format.

Which types of announcements are published?

Publication	Types of announcements
Federal Law Gazette	Laws, international treaties, ordinances, announcements, injunctions, guidelines and certain decisions of the Federal Constitutional Court.
Federal Gazette	Legal regulations, other official announcements, tenders, guidelines and judicial notices. The judicial notices comprise court publications concerning the litigation register under the Capital Investors' Test Cases Act (<i>Kapitalanleger-Musterverfahrensgesetz</i>), public notifications, criminal cases, summons of persons and calls for documents, debarment rulings, securities cancellations and other decisions, summons of third parties, bankruptcies, insolvency proceedings and the register of anonymous and pseudonymous works.
Federal Tax Gazette	Tax-related legal provisions and administrative orders, rulings by the Federal Fiscal Court.
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Tax-related legal provisions and administrative orders, rulings by the Federal Fiscal Court.
Transport Gazette	Official provisions on transport, calls for missing vehicle ownership and registration certificates.
Website of the Federal Ministry of Finance	Official manuals: overview, in digital format, of all the official manuals issued by the Federal Ministry of Finance. The online version of the official manuals provides quick access to laws, regulations, rules and guidance on the specified assessment periods.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Publication	Publishing body
Federal Law Gazette	Federal government authorities
Federal Gazette	Federal and Länder authorities, courts and public prosecutors
Federal Tax Gazette	Federal Ministry of Finance and the highest tax authorities in the Länder
Joint Ministerial Gazette	All federal ministries listed on the front page
Transport Gazette	All federal ministries, the vehicle registration authorities in the Länder
Website of the Federal Ministry of Finance	Federal Ministry of Finance

Is access to official announcements free of charge?

Publication	Free to access
Federal Law Gazette	Yes (read-only access)
Federal Gazette	Yes
Federal Tax Gazette	Partially (not the most recent publications or older publications)
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Tables of contents only
Transport Gazette	Titles of official announcements only (a fee must be paid to access the content)
Website of the Federal Ministry of Finance	Digital publications: yes. Print versions of the official manuals can be purchased from retailers; the Federal Ministry of Finance does not offer them in this format.

What types of searches can be made?

Publication	Search criteria
Federal Law Gazette	Free of charge: none. For a fee: full text search, search by citation, heading, subsection number, issue date, year of promulgation and part.
Federal Gazette	Term, part, publication period, publication type, publishing authority/court (administrative and judicial sections); reference, title (official section); file number (judicial section).
Federal Tax Gazette	Type of tax, type of document, sequence of rules, date, file number, document number, Land, subject/main principle, reference.
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Edition, page number, year, and full text search.
Transport Gazette	Field, title, search terms, date, regulation number.
Website of the Federal Ministry of Finance	Full text search and clickable table of contents.

As of which date were the official announcements available in electronic format?

Publication	Date first available
Federal Law Gazette	The electronic version of Federal Law Gazette Section 1 has been available at the same time as the print version since 1998; the electronic version of Federal Law Gazette Section 2 has been available at the same time as the print version since 1999.
Federal Gazette	Possible to search all editions published since 23 May 1949. Individual publications since 30 August 2002.
Federal Tax Gazette	All publications since 1 April 2012.
Joint Ministerial Gazette	Possible to search editions published since 1992.
Transport Gazette	Possible to search editions published since 1950.
Transport Gazette	Possible to search editions published since 1947.

Website of the Federal Ministry of Finance	Income Tax Manual: available in electronic format since 2017. Payroll Tax Manual: available in electronic format since 2018. Corporation Tax Manual: available in electronic format since 2018. Trade Tax Manual: available in electronic format since 2018. Concise edition of Turnover Tax Manual: available in electronic format since 2019. General Tax Code Manual: available in electronic format since 2020.
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Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

Publication	Auto-search	Open data
Federal Law Gazette	No	No
Federal Gazette	Only as an information service for a fee	No
Federal Tax Gazette	No	No
Joint Ministerial Gazette	No, only the publication date for the next edition	No
Transport Gazette	No	No
Website of the Federal Ministry of Finance	No	

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