



Estonia

Publication of official announcements - Estonia

On which website(s) are official announcements published?

Important public announcements are published on the website of the official publication *Ametlikud Teadaanded* (Official Announcements). In some cases, legislation also requires the publication of announcements in newspapers.

The official online publication *Ametlikud Teadaanded* has been published only in electronic format since 1 July 2003. It is also a database incorporated into the State Information System. *Ametlikud Teadaanded* is available to all free of charge at <https://www.ametlikudteadaanded.ee/>.

Which types of announcements are published?

Notices, invitations and announcements which must be published by law or according to a regulation of the Government of the Republic or ministerial regulation.

Two types of announcements are published in *Ametlikud Teadaanded*:

1. announcements intended to inform a particular person and which, for privacy purposes, must not be reusable. Such announcements are subject to time limits of publication in *Ametlikud Teadaanded* and to restrictions on access after discontinuation of publication. Reusability requirements do not apply to such announcements;
2. announcements intended to inform everybody and which should be reusable in a machine-readable format.

From which organisation(s) are announcements published?

Announcements required for the performance of the functions of State and local authorities and representatives of liberal professions (e.g. notaries, bailiffs) are published in *Ametlikud Teadaanded*. Announcements of private legal entities which must be published by law and which are published for public interest purposes, i.e. which are intended to inform the general public (e.g. division and dissolution of companies), are also published.

Is access to the official announcements free of charge?

Access to all announcements published in *Ametlikud Teadaanded* is free of charge.

A State fee must be paid in order to publish an announcement in the interests of a private individual, for example, a notice of the loss of a document.

What types of searches can be made?

Published announcements can be searched by type, title, publisher and area of influence or using the full text search function.

The 'My Official Announcements' (*Minu Ametlikud Teadaanded*) service enables a person to subscribe to receive various types of announcements at their e-mail address and to view archived announcements regarding themselves, the publication of which has been discontinued. Publication of an announcement intended for a particular person is discontinued and the announcement is archived when publication has served its purpose. Publication of this type of announcement is also discontinued when the person confirms receipt of the announcement with their ID card, using the service 'My Official Announcements'.

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

1 July 2003. The *Ametlikud Teadaanded* website also includes announcements published earlier on paper and intended to inform the general public.

Can searches be saved and notifications sent when criteria are met?

A person can subscribe to receive all announcements by e-mail and save announcements by using the 'My Official Announcements' service. Using the 'My Official Announcements' service requires authentication with the person's ID card or mobile ID. The 'My Official Announcements' service enables a person to view archived *Ametlikud Teadaanded* announcements concerning themselves and see who else has read archived announcements concerning them.

It is also possible to use URIs to search for and retrieve announcements in *Ametlikud Teadaanded*. The uniqueness of a URI depends on how many URI components are used. A URI can be used to open one or more published announcements in HTML format, which is similar to a search result, or as an XML or XML-RDF file.

Announcement URIs make it possible to open publicly available announcements which are not intended to be made known to a particular person and the publication of which has not been discontinued.

To use a URI, a web address corresponding to the publication data of the announcement of interest must be created.

More detailed instructions for URI-based searches are available at <https://www.ametlikudteadaanded.ee/avalik/uriotsing>.

Are the official announcements freely available as open data? If so, where can the repository and/or technical information be found?

Announcements which are not intended to be made known to particular natural persons, i.e. announcements intended as information for the general public, are available as open data. Announcements which are no longer published and which have been archived are not available as open data.

Open data are downloadable in real time as URIs. The uniqueness of a URI depends on how many URI components are used. A URI can be used to open one or more published announcements in HTML format, which is similar to a search result, or as an XML or XML-RDF file. To use a URI, a web address corresponding to the publication data of the announcement of interest must be created.

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