



# Department for Business, Innovation & Skills

## **Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act: Company Filing Requirements fact sheets**

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## Company filing requirements

### Aims of the measure:

- Simplify the current filing requirements for companies.
- Remove duplication.
- Improve the accuracy and integrity of the public companies register.

### Measure will:

- Rationalise the filing requirements for business.
- Allow companies to provide the most useful set of information in the most flexible way.
- Reduce duplication or complexity.
- Make it easier and quicker to remove inaccurate information from the public register.

### Specific outcomes and impacts:

- Give companies flexibility to confirm whether their basic company information is correct and complete at any point in a year - instead of requiring an **annual return** to be completed at a set point – and simplify the process by allowing companies to check and confirm the information.
- Allow companies to opt out of the requirement to keep certain **company registers** and, instead, keep the information on the public register if that is easier for them.
- Simplify the financial information contained in the **statement of capital**.
- Simplify filing requirements where directors are appointed and provide a new means of resolving **disputes about directors' appointments**.
- Suppress part of the **director's date of birth** shown on the public register to make identity theft more difficult.
- Implement a faster '**strike off**' regime to get defunct companies off the public register and keep it up to date.
- Make it simpler to remove inaccurate **registered office addresses** from the public register.
- Allow companies to make **additional information** available on the public register, if they wish to do so.



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