

Integration of Company Registry Northern Ireland

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Companies Registry Northern Ireland will integrate with Companies House, Cardiff on 1 October 2009. Companies Registry Northern Ireland is currently part of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment Northern Ireland. From 1 October 2009 it will integrate with Companies House, Cardiff as part of the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform. This is due to the changes under the Companies Act 2006 which will introduce a new company law regime for the United Kingdom.

Northern Ireland will retain a registry function and the office will remain in Belfast, also the Registrar for Northern Ireland will be retained.

How will the integration of Companies Registry Northern Ireland affect Northern Ireland Companies?

Contact Details

The method of getting in contact with Companies Registry Northern Ireland will change with new contact centre numbers, email address and website. However, the Northern Ireland office will remain at its current address.

New Forms

The current Companies Registry Northern Ireland forms will no longer be applicable from 1 October 2009. There will be new forms created based on the Companies Act 2006.

Online Filing and Searching

Northern Ireland companies will have access to an online filing service through Companies House to enable individuals to search and file information online.

Fees

The fees currently paid for filing and searching information will be amended. Further information on fees should be available from July 2009. Please note that from 1 October 2009, all cheques must be made payable to Companies House.

Registered Office

Even though there will be a common company law regime for the United Kingdom, a Northern Ireland company must still have a registered office in Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland Company Number

Northern Ireland companies will retain their current company number prefix, NI.

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