



ASIC

Australian Securities & Investments Commission

User guide

ASIC Search

Check business name availability

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- [ASIC Connect Search](#) is the online system used to search ASIC's register.
- ASIC's business name index can be searched directly from [ASIC Connect](#).
- The more criteria you enter about the search you want to conduct, the more relevant the results will be.
- Further assistance with using [ASIC Connect](#) can be accessed via the  button at the top right-hand side of the screen.
- Visit our [support page](#) for more user guides about other [ASIC Connect](#) transactions.

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Start your business name search

Visit our website at www.asic.gov.au.

Click on **Business names**.

This will take you to ASIC Connect Search.

The screenshot shows the ASIC website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'Start searching' and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with tabs for 'FOR BUSINESS', 'FOR FINANCE PROFESSIONALS', 'FOR CONSUMERS', 'REGULATORY RESOURCES', and 'ABOUT ASIC'. The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a 'Find out more' section with links for 'About business names', 'Starting a company', 'Making a complaint', 'Paying fees', 'Using our online services', and 'Frequently asked questions'. In the center, there is a banner for 'ASIC's small business hub' with a red box highlighting the 'Business names' link. Below the banner, there are three columns: 'For business', 'For finance professionals', and 'For consumers'. The 'For business' column has links for 'How to register or renew a business name', 'Are your company details up to date?', and 'Your legal obligations as a small business operator'. The 'For finance professionals' column has links for 'Your obligations as an AFS licensee', 'Do you need a credit licence?', and 'Looking for a regulatory document?'. The 'For consumers' column has links for 'MONEYSMART', 'Our consumer website, MoneySmart, has tips and tools to help you manage your money', and 'Looking for unclaimed money?'. On the right side, there is an 'ASIC Connect' section with a search bar and a dropdown menu. The 'Business names' option is highlighted in a red box. Below the search bar, there are links for 'Search our registers', 'Business names', 'Professional registers', 'View all registers', 'Pay now - business name renewals', and 'Use our online services'. The 'Use our online services' section has a dropdown menu and a list of services: 'Change addresses', 'Update details', and 'Pay your company annual review fee'. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links for 'Information Public Scheme (IPS)', 'Freedom of information', 'Copyright', 'Privacy', 'Contact us', 'Accessibility statement', 'Disclaimer', and 'Site map'. There are also social media icons for YouTube and Facebook.

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Start your business name search

1. Select the **Search business names register** tab.
2. Select **Check business name availability** from the drop-down box.
3. Enter the business name.
4. Select **Go** to view results.

The screenshot displays the ASIC Connect website interface for searching business names. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ASIC logo and 'Connect' text. A search bar is located in the top right corner, with a dropdown menu for 'Within:' set to 'Select' and a text input for 'For:' containing 'Name or Number'. Below the navigation bar, there are three tabs: 'Search company and other registers', 'Search business names register' (highlighted with a red '1'), and 'Search SMSF auditor register'. The main content area is titled 'Search business names register' and features a sidebar on the left with a 'Business names index' menu. The central search area includes a search box with a dropdown menu set to 'Check business name availability' (highlighted with a red '2'), a text input for 'For:' containing 'Name' (highlighted with a red '3'), and a 'Go' button (highlighted with a red '4'). To the right of the search area, there is a 'Shopping Cart (0)' button and a 'Quick Links' menu. Below the search area, there are three informational sections: 'More about' (with sub-sections for Information Brokers, Payment by credit card, and Search other registers), 'Need help' (with sub-sections for How to use ASIC Connect search, Search tips, What are professional roles, Understanding free vs paid searches, Viewing your search results, Product examples, Fees, Troubleshooting, and Frequently asked questions), and 'Recent Purchases' and 'Recent Searches' buttons. At the bottom, there is a footer with links for Help, Copyright, Privacy, Accessibility, Service Availability, and Contact us.

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Search results

Name available

1. This screen shows when the name entered is currently available.
2. Similar names will also be displayed.
3. Select **View Results List** to print the results in PDF.
4. Select **New Search** to start another search.

The screenshot shows the ASIC Connect website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ASIC logo and 'Connect' text. A search bar is present with 'Search ASIC Registers' and options for 'Within: Select' and 'For: Name or Number'. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Search company and other registers', 'Search business names register', and 'Search SMSF auditor register'. The main content area is titled 'Search Results' and shows a search for 'example business' with the option 'Check business name availability'. A green box highlights the result: 'example business is currently available.' Below this, a list of similar registered names is shown, including 'EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME CERTIFICATE', 'EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 14', 'EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 51', 'EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 52', 'EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 53', 'EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME PARTNERSHIP', 'EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 30', 'EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 43', and 'EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 70'. A 'View results list' button is visible, and a 'New Search' button is at the bottom. A disclaimer is also present at the bottom of the page.

1 **example business** is currently available.
Rules for [acceptable names](#)

The name is similar to the following registered names:

Displaying 1-9 of 9 results Display 10 results < Prev 1 Next >

Name (*indicates former name)
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME CERTIFICATE
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 14
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 51
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 52
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 53
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME PARTNERSHIP
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 30
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 43
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 70

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3 **View results list** Display 10 results < Prev 1 Next >

4 **New Search**

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Search results

Name requires manual decision

1. This screen shows when the name entered requires a manual decision.
2. Similar names will also be displayed.
3. Select **View Results List** to print the results in PDF.
4. Select **New Search** to start another search.

The screenshot shows the ASIC Connect search results page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ASIC logo and 'Connect' text. Below this, there are search filters: 'Within: Select' and 'For: Name or Number'. The main content area is titled 'Search Results' and shows the search criteria: 'Within: Check business name availability' and 'For: example government'. A yellow box with a red '1' indicates that the name 'example government' requires a manual decision. Below this, a table of similar names is shown, with a red '2' pointing to the first row. A red '3' points to the 'View results list' button, and a red '4' points to the 'New Search' button. A disclaimer is visible at the bottom of the main content area. The right sidebar contains 'Quick Links', 'Recent Purchases', 'Recent Searches', and 'Follow ASIC' sections.

Search ASIC Registers
Within: Select
For: Name or Number
Go

Search company and other registers | Search business names register | Search SMSF auditor register

Information Brokers

Shopping Cart (0)
View Cart

Quick Links
Report a data issue
ABN lookup
ASIC website
Setup an alert
Franchise Council of Australia
Trademark check
Information brokers
NZ companies
Ask a question
Service availability

Recent Purchases

Recent Searches
Check business name availability - 'example government'
Check business name availability - 'example business name'

Follow ASIC
FOLLOW US ON twitter
See more on YouTube
Join us on facebook
ASIC WEBCAST

Search Results
Help

Within: Check business name availability For: example government Go

Check business name availability
Checked against ASIC's database at AEST 15:03:28 on 30/01/2014
Search Name Results for "example government"

1 example government requires a manual decision.
Rules for [acceptable names](#)

The name is similar to the following registered names:

Displaying 1-10 of 38 results
Display 10 results Prev 1 2 3 4 Next

2

Name (*indicates former name)
FORM 205A QUEUE EXAMPLE GQTUIOEGHUTGHW PTY LTD
BUSINESS NAME EXAMPLE 2
BUSINESS NAME EXAMPLE 3
BUSINESS NAME EXAMPLE
BUSINESS NAME EXAMPLE 4
BUSINESS NAME EXAMPLE 5
BUSINESS NAME EXAMPLE 6
BUSINESS NAME EXAMPLE 7
BUSINESS NAME EXAMPLE 8
BUSINESS NAME EXAMPLE 9

3 View results list
Display 10 results Prev 1 2 3 4 Next

4 New Search

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Search results

Name not available

1. This screen shows when the name entered is not available.
2. Similar names will also be displayed.
3. Select **View Results List** to print the results in PDF.
4. Select **New Search** to start another search.

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Search Results

Within: Check business name availability For: example business name Go

Check business name availability
Checked against ASIC's database at AEST 15:02:16 on 30/01/2014

Search Name Results for "example business name"

1 **example business name is not available.**
Rules for [acceptable names](#)

The name is similar to the following registered names:

Displaying 1-9 of 9 results Display 10 results Prev 1 Next

Name (*indicates former name)
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME CERTIFICATE
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 14
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 51
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 52
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 53
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME PARTNERSHIP
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 30
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 43
EXAMPLE BUSINESS NAME 70

3 **View results list** Display 10 results Prev 1 Next

4 **New Search**

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