

Becoming an information broker

If you would like to become an ASIC information broker, you will need to apply.

Important information

ASIC is undertaking a multi-year program, [RegistryConnect](#), to make our registers more stable and secure.

As part of this program, we are upgrading our systems that support [information broker](#) access to ASIC registers.

Accordingly, we are not accepting new information broker applications at this time. We will reopen applications in 2026 once the new system is ready.

Stay informed via this page and our [InFocus newsletter](#).

Technical information

These reference documents are for **existing** information brokers who work with the current system and services ASIC provides.

- [Australian Securities & Investments Commission Protective Security Policy Framework Requirements](#) [🔗](#) (PDF 170.13KB) updated 23 March 2019
- [Message implementation guide for ASIC information brokers \(PDF 2.57 MB\)](#) [🔗](#) version 1.8 updated 20 September 2022
- [Web services implementation guide \(PDF 472 KB\)](#) [🔗](#) version 3.2 updated 20 September 2022
- [Datastream communications specification \(PDF 440 KB\)](#) [🔗](#) updated 15 May 2017
- [Datastream messages specification \(PDF 3.71 MB\)](#) [🔗](#) version 2.9 updated 4 August 2025
- [Datastream Application Communication Protocol specifications \(PDF 134 KB\)](#) [🔗](#) updated 4 March 1997.

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Part A - Aggregate Information Broker application volumes and status by quarter

Quarter	Applications received	Approved	Pending/Under Assessment	Rejected/Withdrawn	Notes
Jul 2023 - Sep 2023	0	0	0	0	
Oct 2023 - Dec 2023	1	0	0	1	
Jan 2024 - Mar 2024	2	1	1	0	
Apr 2024 - Jun 2024	0	0	0	0	
Jul 2024 - Sep 2024	0	0	0	0	
Oct 2024 - Dec 2024	0	0	0	0	
Jan 2025 - Mar 2025	4	1	3	0	
Apr 2025 - Jun 2025	2	0	2	0	
Jul 2025 - Sep 2025	2	0	2	0	
Oct 2025 - Dec 2025	1	0	1	0	
Jan 2026 - Mar 2026	0	0	0	0	
Apr 2026 - Jun 2026	0	0	0	0	
Total	12	2	9	1	The Approved, Pending/Under Assessment, and Rejected/Withdrawn columns indicate the current or final status of applications received in the relevant quarter. These status classifications are not based on the quarter in which the approval, rejection, withdrawal, or assessment outcome occurred. For example, an application received in October–December 2023 that was subsequently withdrawn or rejected in a later quarter is reported as "Rejected/Withdrawn" against the October–December 2023 application cohort.

Status mapping for FOI Part A

FOI category	Definition	Notes
Applications received	Applications where an application was received within the quarter, enquiries only not included.	Application receival dates have been used only. Approval dates are not considered.
Approved	Application approved by ASIC where agreement has been executed.	
Pending/Under Assessment	Applications received but not finally approved, or paused due to Registry Connect pause.	
Rejected/Withdrawn	Applications rejected, declined, not progressed, withdrawn, or otherwise closed without approval.	

Paused Info Broker applicant update (email)

Purpose: To update paused information broker applicants on the RegistryConnect program delivering a new companies search service/new APIs.

Publication date: After APIs are sent to existing brokers and before go-live.

Email content:

From: s 22

To: s 22

Subject: ASIC information broker application pause

Dear <insert applicant name>,

We're emailing to provide a short update about your paused application to be an ASIC information broker.

- Information broker **applications continue to be paused** until the new company search service is ready.
- Our RegistryConnect Program remains on track to deliver the new company search service this year.
- We're taking a staged approach to releasing the new [Application Programming Interfaces \(APIs\)](#) and associated services:
 - The first round of new search APIs are now available to existing brokers. This initial rollout focuses on APIs for searches which do not incur a statutory fee. We expect the new retail online company search service in public beta, and new search APIs for information brokers, to go live later this month.
 - **The next round of APIs and other features are expected to be delivered by the end of 2026. This includes searches that incur statutory fees, reports and supporting elements required to onboard new information brokers** - including the developer portal, an updated identity and access management framework, new agreement arrangements, payment services and more.
 - Person and professional register searches will follow.

We've attached the first round of new search API's and associated documentation to give you visibility on what the new services will deliver and the format of the specification. This is for your information only.

What this means for you:

- Although your current application remains paused, you can review the attached documentation to become familiar with the new ASIC API format.
- All existing applications, including yours, will have priority in the onboarding process once applications resume. We will aim to reuse any valid information you've already provided, minimising duplication and effort when applications reopen.

- We expect to be able to reach out later this year to help you resume the process if you remain interested. Please let us know if you're no longer interested in becoming an ASIC information broker, or in receiving these updates.

For more information about the RegistryConnect program, please keep an eye on our [Stabilising and uplifting ASIC business registers](#) webpage and our [InFocus newsletter](#).

We will keep you informed as the program progresses and more details become available. If you require any further information, please contact us at **S 22**

Kind regards

<insert signature>

ATTACHMENT (Previous email)

From: Broker Enquiries **S 22**
Sent: Wednesday, 17 December 2025 5:02 PM
To: **S 22**
Cc: Broker Enquiries **S 22**
Subject: ASIC Information Broker Application Pause [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear **S 22**

Thank you for attending our recent meeting regarding the temporary pause of Information Broker applications due to the RegistryConnect program's upcoming changes.

We appreciate your engagement during our session. As discussed, ASIC is implementing a new company search service as part of the RegistryConnect Program, which will modernise and strengthen our registry services. This initiative is designed to future-proof our infrastructure, enhance security and provide improved access and features for users.

Key updates:

- The legacy DataStream service that is currently used by Information Brokers to access company data, is being phased out and has a limited remaining lifespan.
- The RegistryConnect Program will deliver a new company search service in 2026.
- Information Broker applications are paused until the new company search service is ready.
- The new service will deliver enhanced APIs, improved authentication, alert services and streamlined onboarding for wholesale users.
- We're delivering the new service using a phased approach. Free organization search APIs are expected by mid-2026, with paid search and additional features by the end of 2026. Person and professional register searches will follow.

What this means for you:

- Your current application will not progress further at this time, but we will reach out in 2026 to help you resume the process if you remain interested.

- We aim to reuse any valid information you've already provided, minimizing duplication and effort when applications reopen.
- Existing applicants will have priority in the onboarding process once applications resume.

Next Steps & Support:

We understand this pause may be an inconvenience and are committed to supporting you through the transition. If you have further questions or would like to discuss your specific circumstances, please reply to this email or contact us at broker.enquiries@asic.gov. We are happy to arrange a follow-up session to address any concerns.

For more information about the RegistryConnect program and timelines, please keep an eye on our [Stabilising and uplifting ASIC business registers](#) web page and our [InFocus newsletter](#).

Thank you again for your understanding and ongoing engagement. We will keep you informed as the program progresses and more details become available.

Kind regards

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