

## **Information Released under Freedom of Information Act**

**Subject:** Request for the definition of the terms 'strike off' and 'active in'

**Date Released:** 29 May 2015

**Summary of request:** The enquirer requested the definition of the terms 'strike off' and 'active in'

### **Information Released**

Having made enquiries with the relevant section within Companies House, I have been advised that the term 'strike off' is an historical term whereby a company name is struck off the register of companies. For your information, I have inserted links to Sections 1000 and 1003 of the Companies Act 2006 which outlines the Registrar's power to strike off defunct companies.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/46/section/1000>

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/46/section/1003>

Companies House does publish guidance on closing a company which may provide further clarity on the 'strike off' procedure. I have inserted the following link to this guidance for your information.

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/company-registration-filing/closing-company>

With regard to the term 'active in', I am afraid that I have been unable to find where this term is referenced therefore I am unable to gauge in what context it is being used. However I have been advised that Companies House would use the term 'active' to describe a company that is trading and in operation. If I have not answered this element of your request sufficiently, I would appreciate it if you direct me to where this term can be found so that I can ascertain in what context this term is being used and hopefully provided a more in-depth explanation.