

Information Released under Freedom of Information Act

Subject: Request for basic company information dataset at one-year intervals for the period 1990-2010

Date Released: 19 October 2018

Summary of request: The applicant requested basic company information dataset at one-year intervals for the period 1990-2010

Information Released

You have requested snapshots of the basic company dataset taken at one-year intervals for the period of 1990-2010. You have also specified that for each year's snapshot, you are particularly interested in details of companies established and companies that ceased operating in the year?

Companies House does not collate this information in the format you have requested.

As you are aware to access live company information, Companies House provides a free company data product which provides a snapshot of basic company data of live companies on the register.

From this data you can filter the incorporation dates in column 'O' and select those companies incorporated in each year from 1990-2010 etc.

I have inserted a link to this product for your information:

http://download.companieshouse.gov.uk/en_output.html

In respect of companies that have ceased to operate, as part of our products and services package, Companies House produces a Dissolved and Change of Name DVD Rom, the most recent contains information from 1998 to 2017. The print/read only version can be purchased for £30.

However, we do provide a one-off version of the Dissolved and Change of Name directory with exportable files at a cost of £1,000, which would contain the most up to date information at the time of purchase. Please note that to use this product you must be using IE:10 or less.

More information on this product can be found via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house/about-our-services#dvd-dir>

The statutory records of dissolved companies are archived from our output services 20 years after the dissolution of the company, however archived dissolved company information can currently be obtained on request. Therefore, the dissolved/change of name DVD rom only contains information from the last 20 years.

Our archive records date back to 1856. There is a charge of £20 fee per company for the Archive Search Service (the £20 fee will apply if we find a trace or if we find no trace of the company). The £20.00 fee can be paid by cheque made payable to Companies House and should be sent with a covering letter to the following address: Customer Services, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

Should you wish to request an archive search, we will provide you with basic information on the company i.e. Company Registration Number, Incorporation date, any changes of names and the company status. We will then advise you if there is an archive DVD-Rom available (previously on Microfiche). The cost would be £20.00 for the archive DVD-Rom.

As your request has been considered under the freedom of information legislation, I must refuse to provide the above information as under, section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 any information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant, albeit on payment of a fee, is exempt information under the Act.