



## **The Commercial Register**

In Germany, companies of all legal forms must be entered in the Commercial Register. The only exception to this rule are very small businesses and partnerships under the German Civil Code (GbR Gesellschaft des bürgerlichen Rechts). This entry must be made before you register your business at the Trade Office.

The Commercial Register is a list, available to the public, of all businesses in Germany. It contains information on the company name, the name of the owners and the legal form of the company. The purpose of this register is to provide interested persons more transparency about these enterprises.

Registration in the Commercial Registry is mandatory for all business that have an annual revenue of more than \$260,000 and the profit is over 25,000€.

If you need more information or would like to register a business in the Commercial Register, your local [Chamber of Industry and Commerce](#) will help you with the registration procedures. In general, you will need the services of a [lawyer](#), since the application for entry in the Commercial Register must be notarized.