New Electronic Search Services (from 27 December 2023)

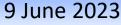
(I) New Search Services

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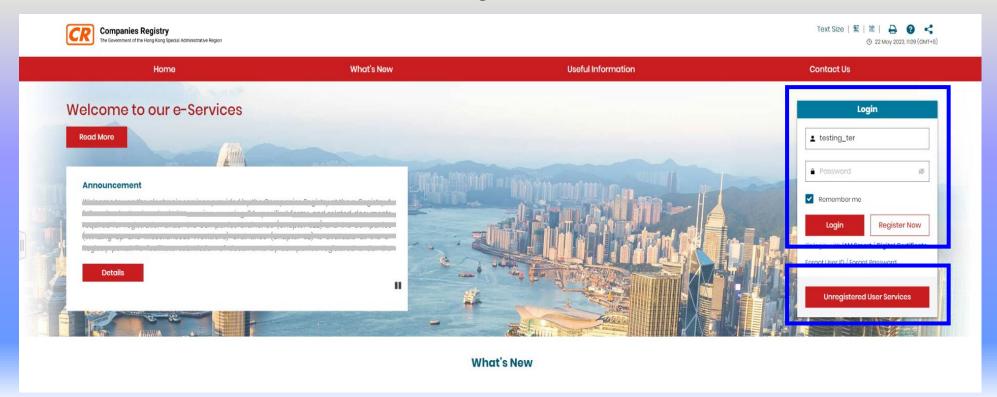






How to access the New Search Services?

- User who has subscribed the "e-Search" Services through registered account ("Registered Online User")
 - Access the "e-Search" Services through registered account
- User who has not subscribed the "e-Search" Services through registered account ("Unregistered Online User")
 - Access the "e-Search" Services as Unregistered User





New User Experience

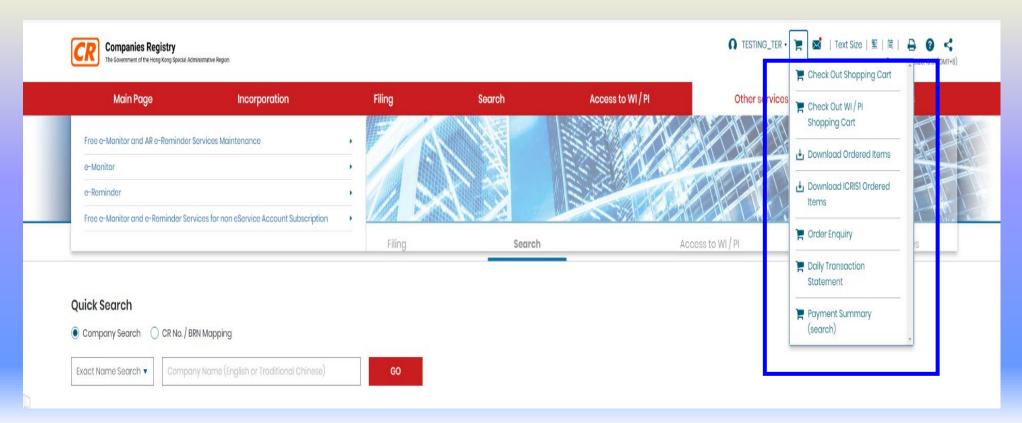
- Companies/entities are put under the following categories for search:
 - Companies registered under Companies Ordinance
 - Entities registered under Miscellaneous Ordinances
 - Licensed Money Lenders





New User Experience

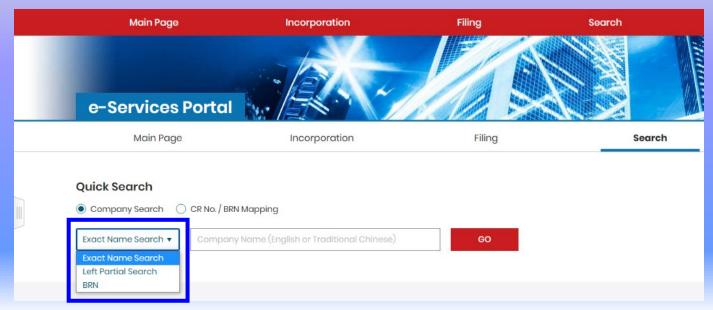
 Searcher can check out the ordered product or download the product from the selections under the icon in the menu bar





New User Experience

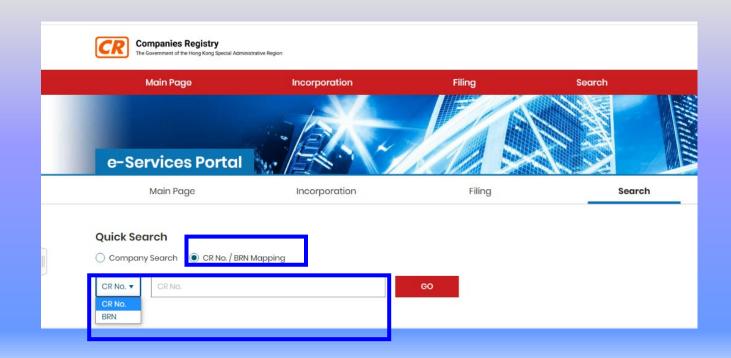
- Quick search function (1)
 - A short cut to conduct company search by company name





New User Experience

- Quick search function (2)
 - A mapping function to check the business registration number of a company by CR no. or vice versa





New Search Products

Shareholders Information (1)

Current

 Inspection of bulky members list is in person and by ordering CD-ROM copy.

From 27 December 2023

 Bulky members list can be searched online (by download or online view).





New Search Products

- Shareholders Information (2)
 - Information of shareholders of a local company is included in the Company Particulars Search

Share Capital

Issued: HKD 141,000

Paid-Up: HKD 141,000

Person(s) Holding Shares

Note:

l. The information of the company provided herein is taken from its Incorporation Form (Form NNC1), its last Annual Return (Form NAR1), and, in the case of a non-listed company, also from its Return of Allotment (Form NSC1) filed with the Companies Registry, as the case may be. The information provided only reflects the position of the shareholding of the person(s) as reported in the above document(s) filed with the Companies Registry as at the date of the company's incorporation, the date to which the company's annual return is made up, or the date of allotment of shares, as the case may be. Any changes subsequent to the filing of the above documents (such as share transfer, reduction of share capital, repurchase of shares, share consolidation, listing, delisting, etc.) and any information not reported in the above documents filed with the Companies Registry are not included in the information provided. Please note that companies are only required to report transfer of shares to the Companies Registry in their annual returns.

2. The Companies Registry shall not be liable for the provision of any incorrect or incomplete information. Searchers should seek independent professional advice before acting or relying on the information provided.

Shareholder(s)

Displaying: Record 1 to 2 of 2 records.

No.	English Name	Chinese Name	Address	Class of Share	No. of Shares Held	Position as at (Note 1)
1	KO, GOO JIK JACKIE	高鼓植	ROOM 8 38/F, WINNING CENTRE, 137 CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, Cheung Sha Wan, HONG KONG	Ordinary	5,000	22-May-2023
2	THOUSANDFOLD PROFITS LIMITED	一本萬利有限公司	ROOM 2808-2810 28/F, HAPPY COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 1 QUEENSWAY, Admiralty, HONG KONG	Ordinary	5,000	22-May-2023





New Search Products

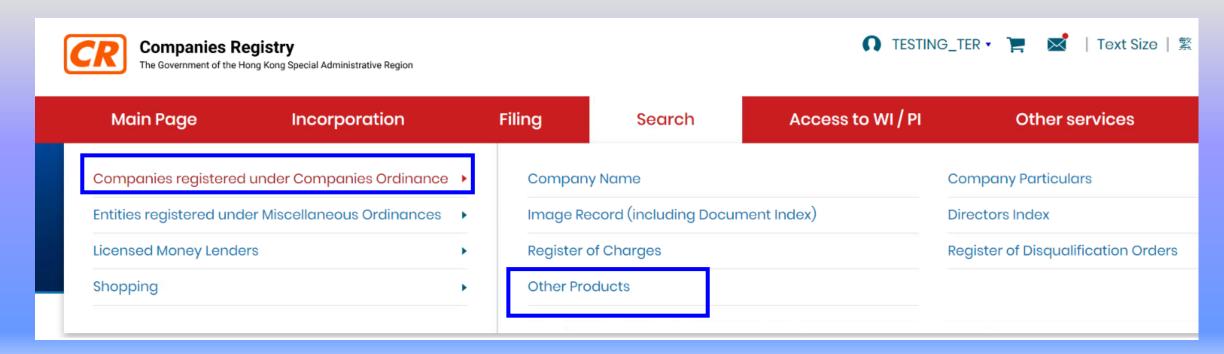
- List of Companies of which a person is reported as their current company secretary (1)
 - To facilitate members of the public to check records of their own appointment as company secretary in companies registered with the Companies Registry
 - A fee is required





New Search Products

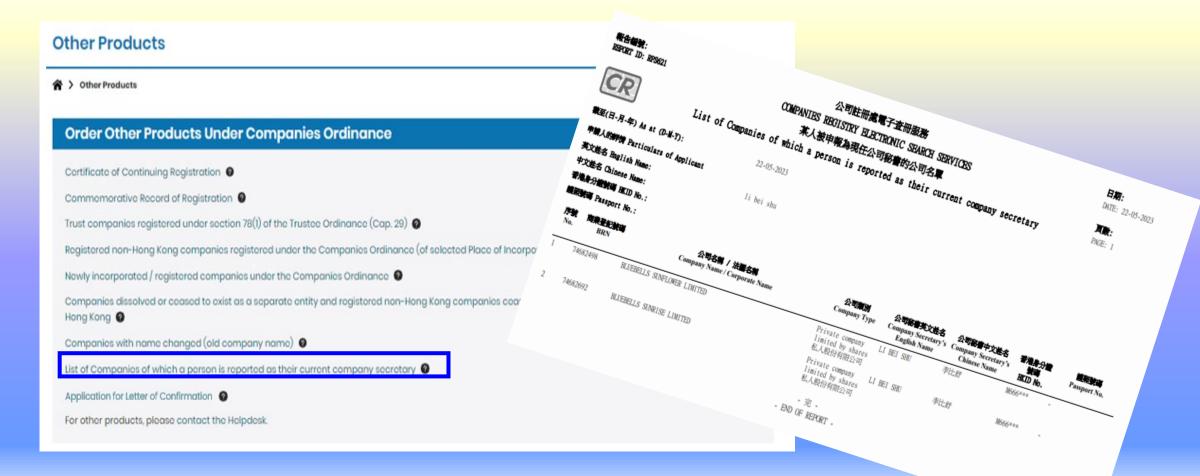
- List of Companies of which a person is reported as their current company secretary (2)
 - Select "Companies registered under Companies Ordinance" ---> "Other Products" to click the product for placing an order





New Search Products

List of Companies of which a person is reported as their current company secretary (3)



New Search Products

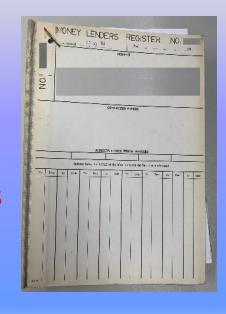
- Letter of Confirmation
 - As one of the means to evidence the change to use BRN as an identification number of a company / entity on the Companies Registers.
 - A fee is required.

New Electronic Search of the Register of Money Lenders

The Registrar of Money Lenders is responsible for processing applications for money lenders licences, renewal of licences and endorsement on licences; as well as maintaining a register of money lenders for inspection by members of the public (section 6 of the Money Lenders Ordinance (Cap. 163)).

Current

- The register of money lenders is in form of paper files for public inspection.
- Public inspection is only available during office hours in the office of the Money Lenders Section of the Companies Registry.





From 27 December 2023

- The register of money lenders will be kept in electronic form for public inspection.
- Public inspection can be conducted on 24x7 basis at any places.

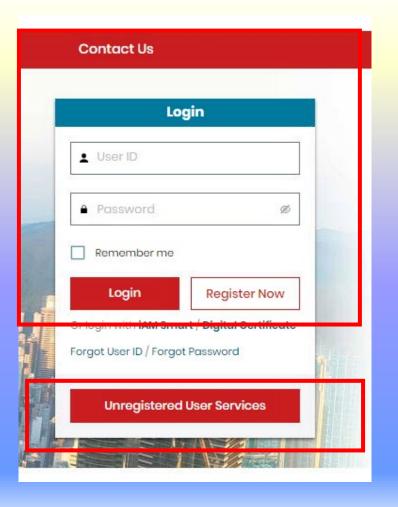


New Search Services New Electronic Search of the Register of Money Lenders

The Register of Money Lenders can be inspected by:

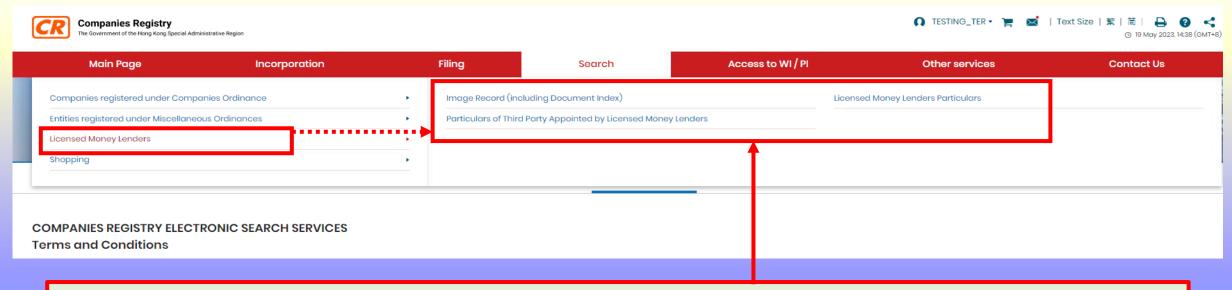
- registered online user through his/her account; or
- unregistered online user

(Registered online user refers to a user who has registered with the Companies Registry for using the eservices and has subscribed the "eservices" Service.)





New Electronic Search of the Register of Money Lenders



- After login, select "Licensed Money Lenders" under the service "Search" from the menu bar.
- There are three selections available:
 - Image Records (including Document Index)
 - Licensed Money Lenders Particulars
 - Particulars of Third Party Appointed by Licensed Money Lenders
- The search of the Register of Money Lenders is conducted under the first selection.



New Electronic Search of the Register of Money Lenders

Image Record (including Document Index)

- Searcher is required to provide one of the following information of a money lender in the initial screen:
 - MLR NO.
 - Name
 - Licence No.
- A search fee of \$17 is required.



New Electronic Search of the Register of Money Lenders

Image Record (including Document Index)

Searcher can:

view the document index of a

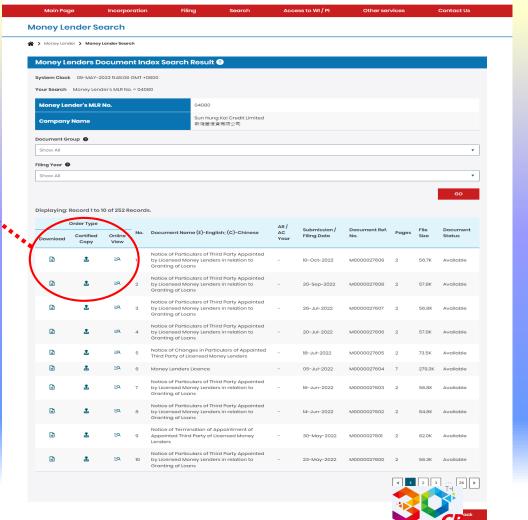
money lender

 perform online view or download the image of a specific document

 order a certified copy of a specific document

 inspect other documents of the same money lender without further payment



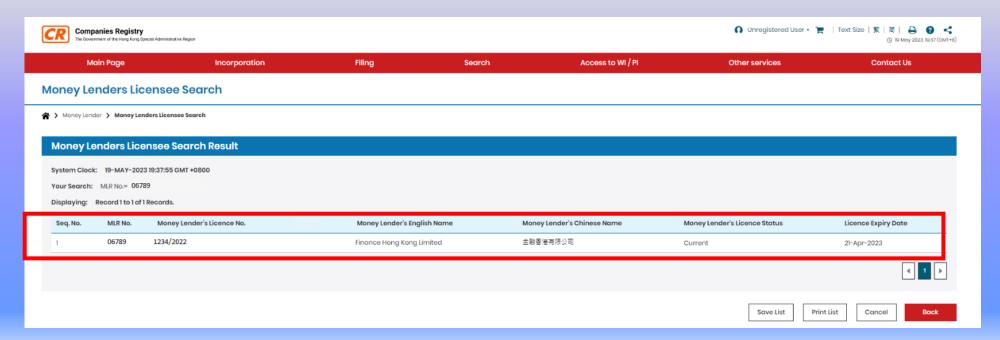




New Electronic Search of the Register of Money Lenders

The basic particulars of a licensed money lender and particulars of the third parties appointed by a licensed money lenders are also available for search by any person such as the intending borrowers to inspect.

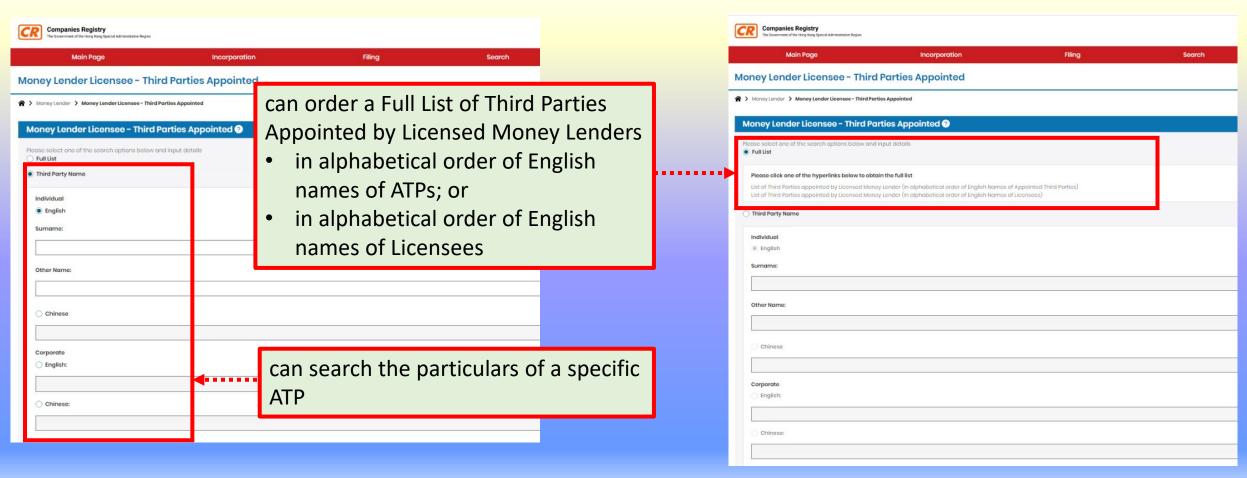
Licensed Money Lenders Particulars





New Electronic Search of the Register of Money Lenders

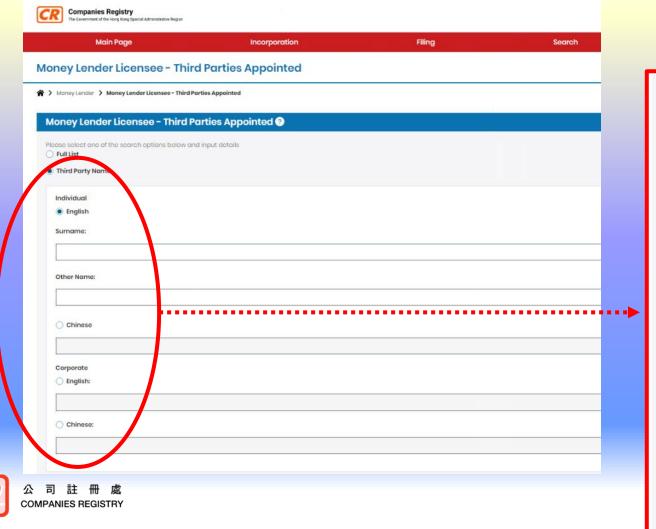
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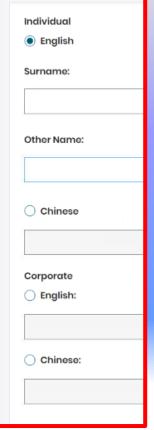




New Electronic Search of the Register of Money Lenders

ATP Search by the name of the ATP (1)





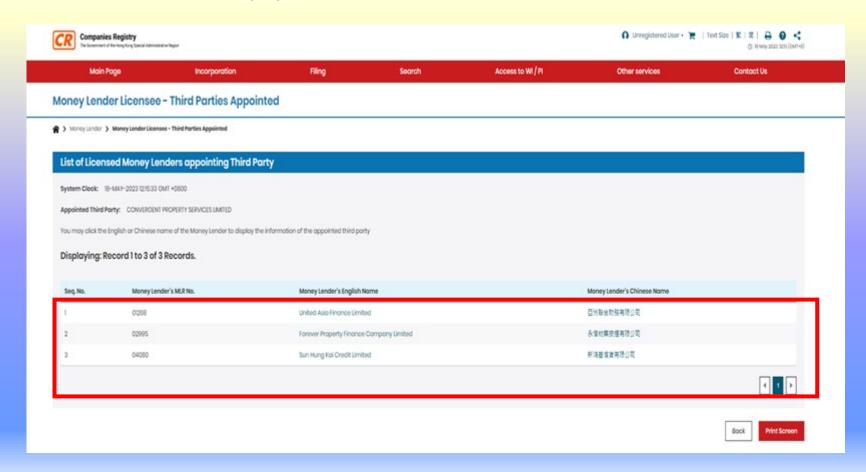
Third Party Name



New Electronic Search of the Register of Money Lenders

ATP Search by the name of the ATP (2)

- A list of money lenders which have appointed the appointed third party is displayed
- Select one of the money lenders to obtain further details of the ATP (including the ATP's name and address and the money lender's name, licence no., MLR no., enquiry hotline, date of registration etc.)

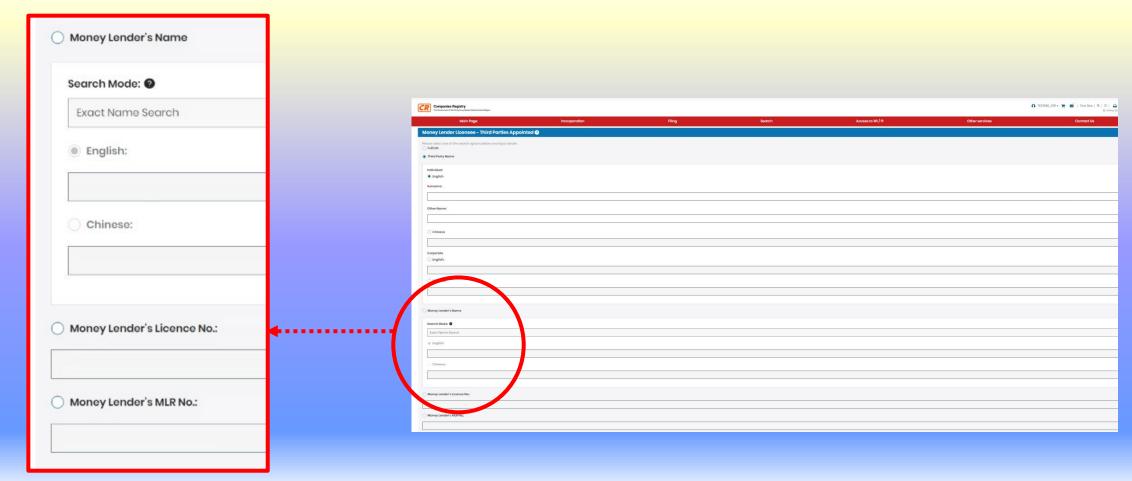






New Electronic Search of the Register of Money Lenders

Search ATP by the name of a licensed money lender (1)

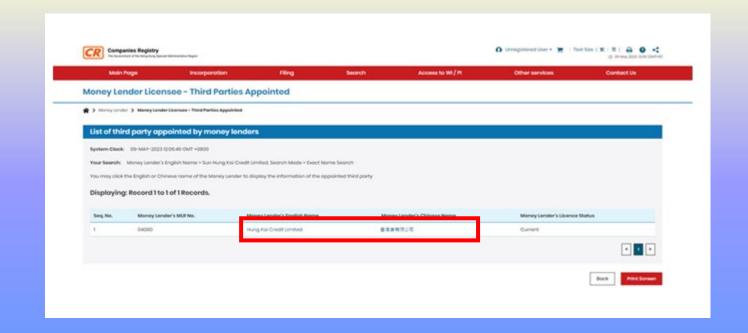




New Electronic Search of the Register of Money Lenders

Search ATP by the name of a licensed money lender (2)

- Records of the licensed money lender are displayed.
- Click the name of the money lender to proceed to the full list of ATP appointed by the money lender.



 Application to withhold residential address or identification number from public inspection

Access to protected information / withheld information



Application to withhold residential address or identification number from public inspection

Current

- Personal information contained in a document delivered on or after 24
 October 2022 is protected from public inspection (section 54 of the
 Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622)).
- Personal information contained in a document delivered before 24 October 2022 can still be inspected by members of the public through document image search.

From 27 December 2023

• Data subject may apply for withholding his/her personal information contained in a document already registered with the Companies Registry from public inspection (section 49 of the Companies Ordinance to be effective on 27 December 2023).



New Services under Phase 3 of New Inspection Regime Application to withhold residential address or identification number from public inspection

Personal information means:

- an address specified by the applicant in the application as a usual residential address of the applicant contained in a document delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622), the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) or the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) as in force from time to time before the commencement of the Companies Ordinance; or
- a number contained, as the full number of the identity card or passport of the applicant, in a document as described above.



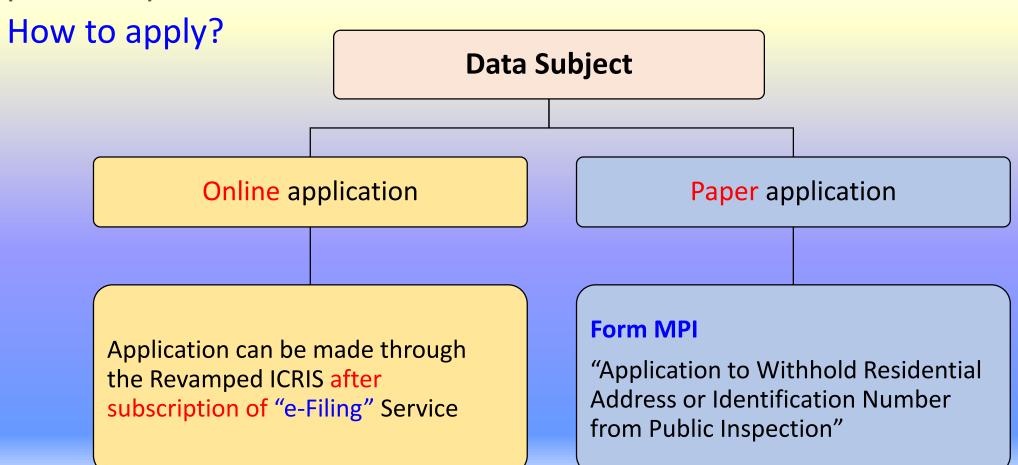
New Services under Phase 3 of New Inspection Regime Application to withhold residential address or identification number from public inspection

- The application for withholding a usual residential address may be made only by any of the following persons of a company:
 - a director, reserve director or company secretary; or
 - a former director, reserve director or company secretary
- The application for withholding a personal identification number may be made by any person.

(Section 49(4) of the Companies Ordinance to be effective on 27 December 2023)



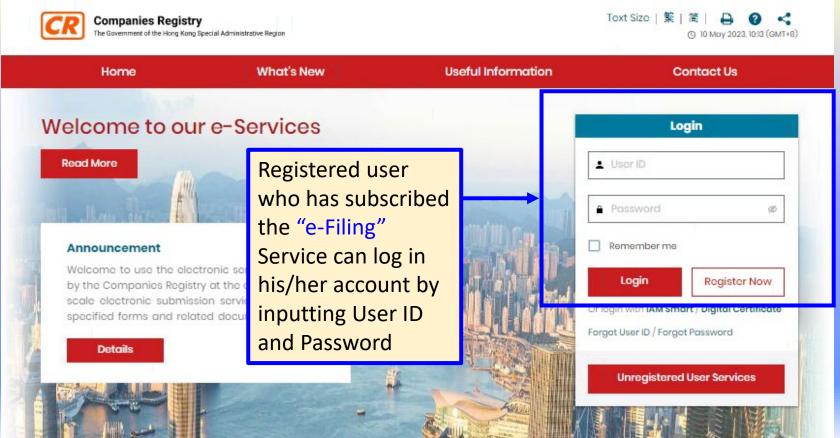
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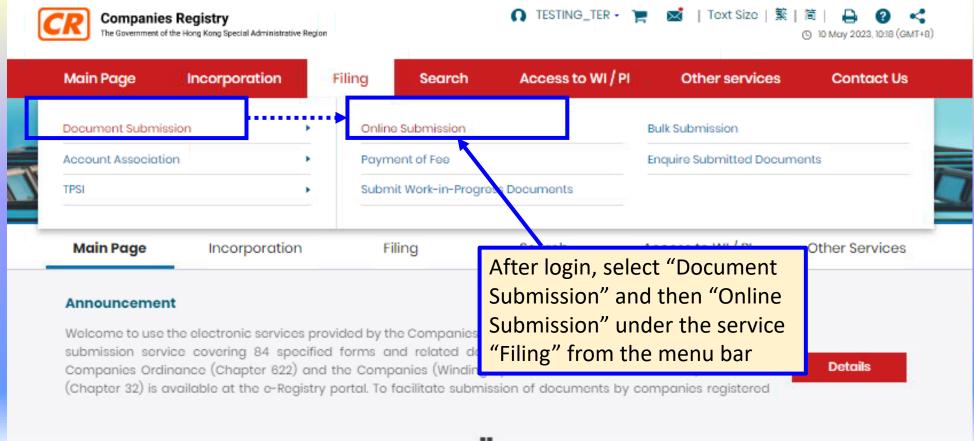
Online application (1)





New Services under Phase 3 of New Inspection Regime Application to withhold residential address or identification number from public inspection

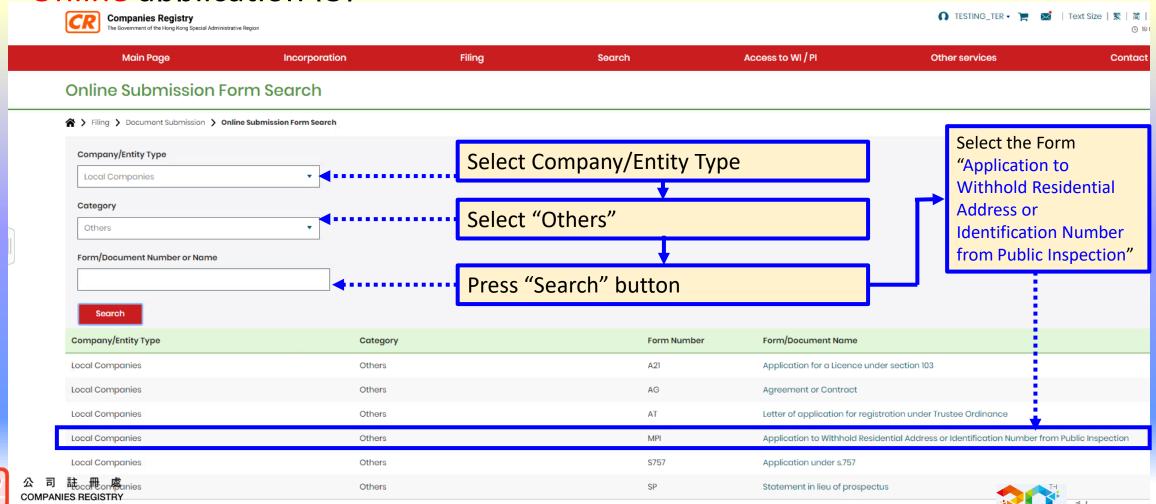
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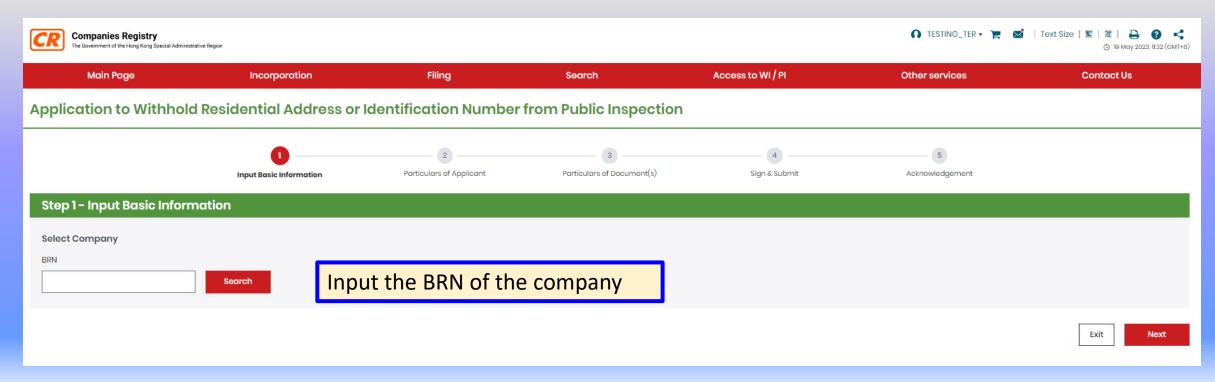
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Application to withhold residential address or identification number from public inspection

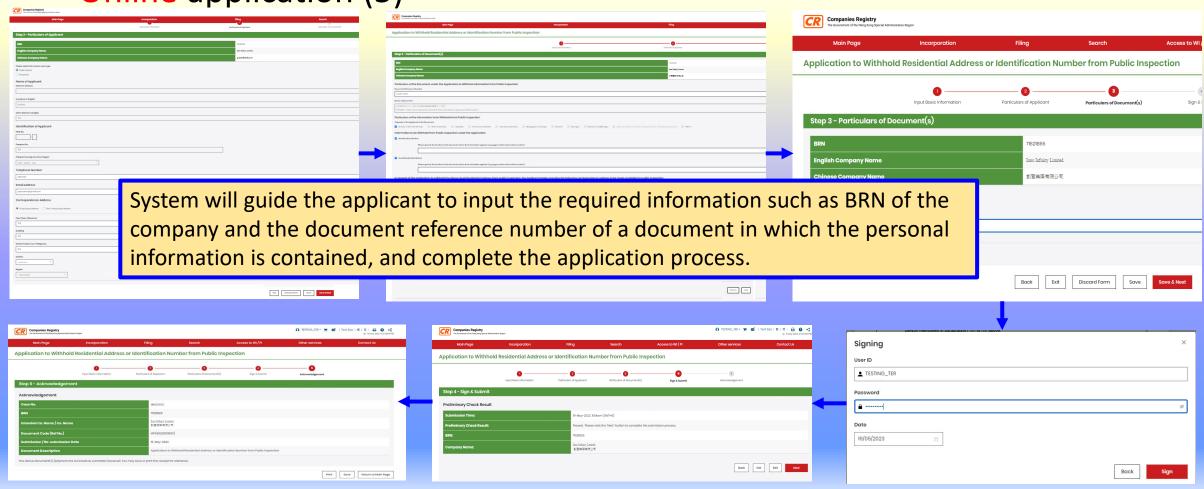
Online application (4)





New Services under Phase 3 of New Inspection Regime Application to withhold residential address or identification number from public inspection

Online application (5)





New Services under Phase 3 of New Inspection Regime Application to withhold residential address or identification number from public inspection

Paper application (1)

Applicant can deliver the Form MPI together with his/her identification document by post or in person to the *e-Services Centre* of the Companies Registry on 13/F, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway.





Application to withhold residential address or identification number from public inspection

Paper application (2)

How to submit the identification document?

Applicant can

- submit certified copy of his/her identification document with the Form MPI; or
- bring his/her original identification document to the *e-Services Centre* for checking on submission of the Form MPI.



New Services under Phase 3 of New Inspection Regime Application to withhold residential address or identification number from public inspection

If the application is approved, the personal information in the document will be withheld from public inspection.

- For the usual residential address, the Registrar of Companies ("Registrar") will instead make available for public inspection the correspondence address provided in the application.
- For full identification number, only the first half of the identification number will be made available for public inspection.



New Services under Phase 3 of New Inspection Regime Access to withheld information / protected information

- Pursuant to section 51(3) of the Companies Ordinance, from 27 December 2023, the Registrar may, on application, disclose the withheld information to a person specified in section 8 of Part 3 of the Companies (Residential Addresses and Identification Numbers) Regulation (Cap. 622N) ("Regulation").
- The existing applications for Protected Information by the persons specified in section 12 of the Regulation will be extended to cover Withheld Information as well.



New Services under Phase 3 of New Inspection Regime Access to withheld information / protected information

 Specified persons can select the service "Access to WI / PI" from the menu bar to apply for Withheld Information / Protected Information ("WI / PI")

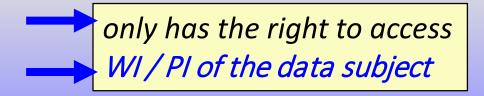


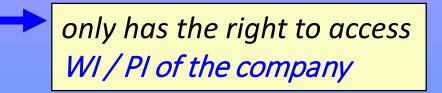


Access to withheld information / protected information

Specified persons for WI / PI include, among others:

- A data subject
- A person who is authorized in writing by a data subject to obtain the information
- A member of the data subject's company









Access to withheld information / protected information

- Specified persons include, among others: (Cont'd)
 - a liquidator [s. 8(1)(d) & 12(1)(d)]
 - \rightarrow a trustee in bankruptcy [s. 8(1)(e) & 12(1)(e)]
 - > A solicitor or foreign lawyer [s. 8(1)(h) & 12(1)(h)]
 - ➤ A certified public accountant (practising) [s. 8(1)(i) & 12(1)(i)]
 - → a financial institution or DNFBP [s. 8(1)(j) & 12(1)(j)] having the meaning given by s. 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Ordinance (Cap. 615)





Access to withheld information / protected information

- For more information on the meaning of specified persons, please refer to the Regulation.
- Persons specified by sections 8(1) and 12(1) of the Regulation (other than the data subject, person authorized by a data subject and member of the data subject's company) may have the need to obtain WI / PI in relation to statutory procedures, law enforcement, and customer due diligence of financial and business transactions (e.g. for Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism purposes).
- Such persons are required by section 8 and 12 of the Regulation to make a statement to confirm that the WI / PI is required for the performance of their functions and would only be used for the performance of their functions.





Access to withheld information / protected information

How to apply? (1)

Specified Persons

A data subject

A person who is authorized in writing by a data subject to obtain the information

A member of the data subject's company

One-time application (Online)

(Applicant as Unregistered User) One-time application (Paper – Form PS1)

A liquidator

A trustee in bankruptcy

A solicitor or foreign lawyer

A certified public accounting (practising)

A financial institution or DNFBP including the TCSP licensees

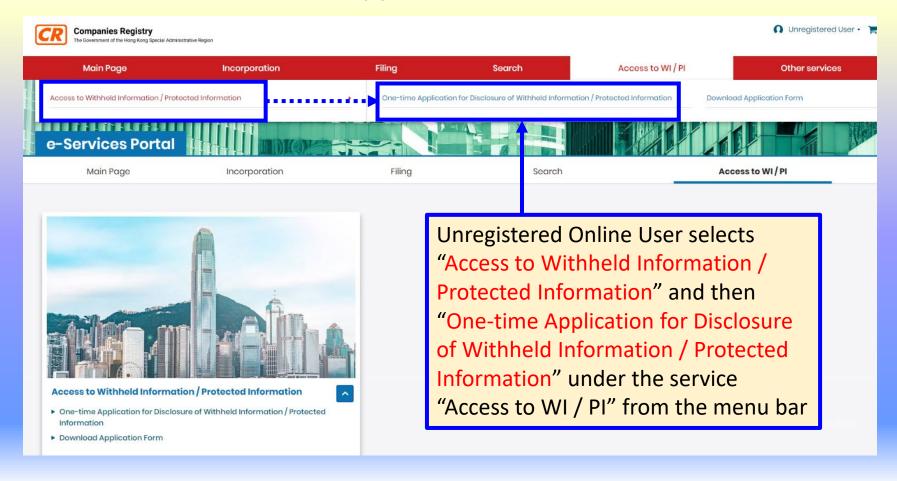
One-time application (Paper – Form PS2/PS3)

Online application
(Applicant as Registered
User through Registered
Account which has
subscribed "Access to WI/PI"
Service)



New Services under Phase 3 of New Inspection Regime Access to withheld information / protected information

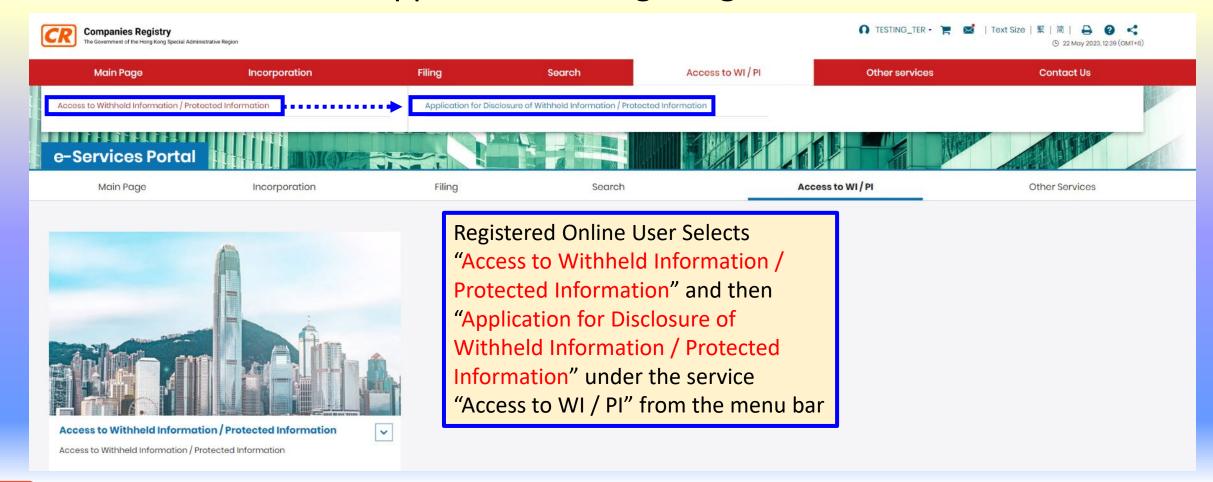
Where to make one-time application (online)?





New Services under Phase 3 of New Inspection Regime Access to withheld information / protected information

Where to make online application through Registered Account?





Access to withheld information / protected information

If an application is approved, a Withheld Information / Protected Information Report on the selected data subject will be provided to the applicant.

The Report will be

- sent to the Applicant by email (for one-time application); or
- provided in a designated area in e-Services portal for downloading by the Applicant (for application through Registered Account which has subscribed "Access to WI / PI" Service)





Further information will be provided in the Companies Registry's website

(www.cr.gov.hk)

Section on "Licensing of Money Lenders"

(www.cr.gov.hk/en/services/money-lenders/search/licensee-search.htm)

Thematic section on "New Inspection Regime"

(www.cr.gov.hk/en/legislation/nir/overview.htm)





Thank You!



