

Search other registers

A search of the Personal Property Securities Register (PPSR) may tell only part of the story.

For example

In the case of a motor vehicle it will not confirm the current registered owner or whether the vehicle is stolen.

Similarly searching the PPSR for information as part of a credit check will only reveal whether there are any registered security interests.

There are other organisations who provide a range of searching services with the aim of providing searchers with complete information when deciding whether to commit to a financial relationship with a person or organisation or when buying personal assets (e.g. Motor Vehicle).

There are also a number of third-party providers that specifically offer searching and registration services for the PPSR. Such service providers may be listed in the [Yellow Pages](#) or other business directories.

It is also important to remember that the PPSR is not the only place where security interests are registered. With a few exceptions, the PPSR can hold financing statements over any property someone can own. The most significant exceptions are [land](#) and [ships over 24 metres in length](#).

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Other government registers you may want to search include

[The Companies Register](#)

The Companies Register is the official record of all registered companies in New Zealand. The New Zealand Companies Register is an electronic register where company information and documents can be filed and viewed online 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

[The Societies and Trusts Register](#)

This website allows you to search for an incorporated society or charitable trust and obtain useful information on these organisations.

LINZ

Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) holds authoritative information about land surveys and ownership, topographic maps and nautical charts.

Every time private land is bought or sold in New Zealand, Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) records the transaction onto the property title. Conveyancers and lawyers lodge legal documents (transfers, records of sale, discharge mortgages, new mortgages). LINZ registers the changes to the title.

Register of Ships

Maritime New Zealand maintains the New Zealand Register of Ships. The Register of Ships is a list of all vessels registered in New Zealand under the Ship Registration Act 1992.