

## Companies Registration Office

Annual Report 2019





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#### Part 1 - Introduction

The Companies Registration Office (CRO) works under the aegis of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation. It is the central repository of public statutory company law related information on Irish companies. The main functions of the Office are:

- Incorporation of companies
- Registration of company post-incorporation documentation
- Enforcement of the Companies Act 2014 in relation to filing obligations of companies
- Registration of business names/changes in business name particulars
- Making information available to the public

#### The CRO Mission Statement is:

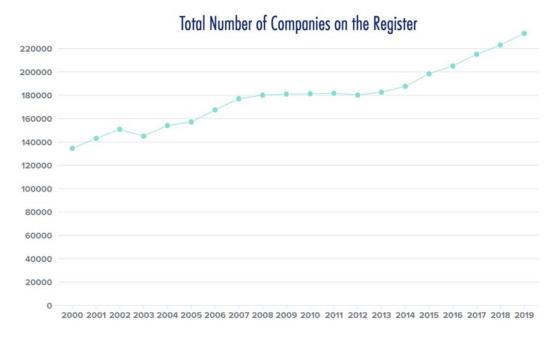
to oversee the highest possible rate and quality of annual return filing on the part of companies in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions and to ensure that information on companies published in turn by the CRO is timely and accurately reflects the information provided by those companies.



#### PART 2 - Overview of 2019

232,949 Irish companies were in existence on the register at the end of the year, resulting in over 505,000 submissions being filed with the CRO during 2019.

The number of new companies has exceeded the numbers being removed and a steady increase in the size of the register is continuing following a plateau during the economic downturn 2008-2014.

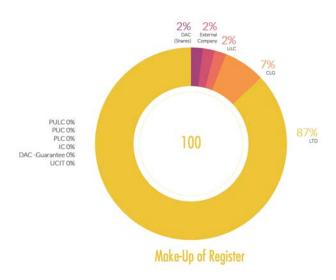


79% of all documents were filed electronically. At the end of the year, 95% of companies were up-to-date in terms of filing of annual returns.

## Present Make-up of the Register:

Private limited by shares companies make up 89% of all companies on the register. The number

of public limited companies continues to fall and there are now a little over 1,000 plc's on the register.



#### Mandatory Electronic Filing - Table of Filings

Form Type <sup>1</sup>	2016	2017	2018	2019
B1 form	197,430	206,934	219,266	224,266
B2 form	17,137	17,834	19,216	18,383
B10 form	70,711	75,681	75,778	77,471
B73 form	9,314	9,972	10,653	10,486

The development of electronic filing has helped in the reduction of backlog of documents to be registered. 361,279 documents stood in the 2009 backlog. This was reduced to 269,490 in 2014 and by the end of 2019 the number of unregistered documents against live companies stood at 48,345. By filing online there is a reduced cost or in many cases the filing can be made free of charge.

#### Trends in Electronic Filing

Year	E-filed Documents	All submissions Received	Companies on Register
2009	192,607	381,795	181,233
2014	263,635	404,547	187,615
2019	407,169	505,067	232,949

#### Applications to the High Court/District Court for an Order Extending Time to File

Section 343(5) of the Companies Act 2014 states that a company which is late in filing its annual return can make an application to the Court (High Court or the District Court for the district in which the company's registered office is situated) for an order extending the time to file its annual return for that year. It should be noted that only one application can be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>B1 Form: Annual Return, B2 Form: Change of Registered Office, B10: Change of Director/Secretary or in their particulars, B73: Nomination of a new annual return date.

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made to the court in respect of any one financial year and only "live" companies may make an application to the courts under this section – it is not a process available to dissolved companies.

Once an order is granted by the Court and complied with by the company, the annual return will be treated as being on-time and the company will not be required to pay late filing fees or suffer loss of audit exemption. In 2019, CRO received 687 notices of applications from companies to the District Court and 3 notices of application to the High Court.

The CRO issued a total of 690 Letters of Acknowledgement/No Objection/Objection and processed 602 Orders granted by the District Court/High Court. Twenty-six applications were refused by the Courts and 55 applications were withdrawn. Nineteen applications were adjourned from 2019 to 2020.

#### Legal Developments

#### Companies (Amendment) Act 2019

This Act amends section irements for partnerships and limited partnerships. The regulations applied Part 6 of the Companies Act 2014 (annual return requirements) to limited partnerships.

The regulations also applied Part 26 of the Companies Act 2014 to qualifying partnerships. Part 26 obliges large companies, large groups and "public interest entities" that are active in the mining and extractive industries or the logging of primary forests to prepare and file annual reports on payments made to governments with the CRO. Partnership reports are required to be filed within 11 months of the financial year end. This financial year refers to any financial year which commences on or after 1st January 2020.

#### SI 597 of 2019

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#### **Unregistered Auditors**

In 2019, there were 13 reports of unregistered auditors attempting to file false auditors' reports. The CRO continues to monitor the controls which reduce the risk of such incidences reoccurring. The mechanism in place, allowing auditors to immediately alert the CRO of an abuse of their registration number, continues to operate effectively.

#### Redevelopment of IT resources

During 2019 the CRO continued with its project to redevelop the CRO databases which house both the register of companies and the register of business names. A full refresh is underway to update the current ageing system. As part of this project the register of limited partnerships was migrated to the new platform in June 2019.

#### Provision of information to the public

Over 340,000 documents were purchased from the CRO website in 2019 and the website was visited 2.5m times. All statutory information provided by companies to the CRO is available to the public for inspection on payment of a small fee where applicable. Certain vital information, such as company name and registered office address, may be checked free of charge on the CRO website.

#### Information Unit

There continued to be a high volume of calls received to the Office throughout 2019. Over 60,000 phone calls were answered as well as over 15,400 emails. (Email address Info@cro. ie).

#### **Customer Complaints and Requests for information**

If a customer is unhappy with the service delivered by the CRO and the issue cannot be resolved with the staff member or section dealing with the matter, a formal complaint can be made to the CRO Information Officer. The complaint will be dealt with in accordance with the CRO's Complaint Procedure. If the complainant is still not satisfied, the complainant has the right of appeal to the Office of the Ombudsman.

5 official complaints were received during 2019, two of which were referred to the Office of the Ombudsman. Neither of the complaints to the Ombudsman were upheld. In addition, the CRO received 1 request under the Freedom of Information Act and 3 GDPR data protection requests.



## Part 3 - The Company Lifecycle

#### Incorporation of a company

A company is a legal form of business organisation. It is a separate legal entity and, therefore, is distinct from those who run it. There are two basic company types, a private company and a public company. The majority of companies registered in Ireland are private companies and, of those, most are small with only one or two members. The CRO recently made a change to the B1 Form asking companies to state whether they are micro, small, medium or large. The first full year breakdown of the number of Irish companies by size will be available in the 2020 Annual Report.

The Companies Act 2014 generally allows one or more persons to form a private company for any lawful purpose by subscribing to a constitution. A private company may have a maximum of 149 members and there is no limit on the number of members of a public company.

All company types, with the exception of the Private Company Limited by Shares (LTD), must have one secretary and a minimum of two directors. (Single director LTDs must have a separate secretary). Formal qualifications are not required to be a company director. All company directors must be over 18 years of age. All company officers have wide responsibilities in law.



#### Date of incorporation of companies currently on the register

Year of Incorporation	Number of Companies
Pre 1920	128
1920-1929	90
1930-1939	162
1940-1949	267
1950-1959	440
1960-1969	1,237
1970-1979	4,410
1980-1989	10,874
1990-1999	24,054
2000-2009	53,527
2010-2019	137,760
Total	232,949
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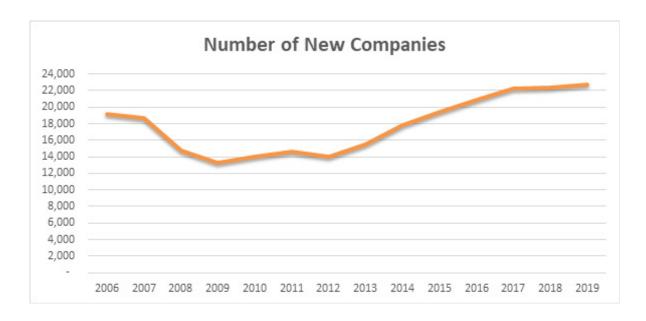
In 2019, the number of new companies incorporated was 22,723. This represents an increase of 1.3% over 2018 volumes. The increase in registrations has been large in the last five years and pre- dates the enactment of the Companies Act 2014 and the decision of the United Kingdom to leave the European Union. There is an average of 1,894 new companies

registered per month which is the highest number of new company registrations ever in the history of the State.

CRO has committed to the following customer service targets for registration of new companies under the relevant schemes:-

- Fé Phrainn Scheme 10 working days
- A1 Online Scheme 5 working days
- Ordinary Scheme 15 working days

Despite the increase in the number of companies being incorporated, CRO continues to meet its customer service targets within existing resources.



Year	Irish Companies on the Register	New Companies
1949	5,486	433
1959	9,005	630
1969	19,308	2,559
1979	55,097	6,545
1989	106,021	14,541
1999	158,368	18,584
2009	181,233	13,321
2019	232,949	22,723

#### **External Companies**

The number of external companies on the Register increased to 2,965 registered branches in 2019. External company branches on register by country of origin:

United Kingdom	1,622
Cayman Islands	312
United States of America	191
Bermuda	141
Netherlands	91
Germany	81
Luxembourg	57

Selected others: France - 36, Switzerland 31, Spain - 24, India - 22, Australia - 20.

#### Registration of company post-incorporation documentation

Changes in the situation of a company's registered office or changes amongst a company's officers or in their particulars must be notified to the CRO on the relevant statutory form. The form must

be properly completed and signed by a current officer of the company per the CRO records in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

As the size of the register has grown, so have the number of filings. There were a record number of 77,471 B10 forms (change in director/secretary information) filed in 2019 which increases the accuracy of the register. There were also 18,383 B2 forms (change of registered office) filed during 2019.

#### **Annual Returns**

Every company on the register, whether trading or not, is required to submit an Annual Return every year.

An annual return includes details of the company's directors and secretary, its registered office, and details of its shareholders and share capital. It must be signed by a director and by the company

secretary. If the secretary is also a director, he/she may not sign in both capacities. Company financial statements are required to be annexed to a company's annual return in most cases. There were 224.266 annual returns received in the CRO in 2019.

#### **Re-Registrations**

Under the Companies Act 2014, it is possible to change from any company type to another company type e.g. from limited to unlimited, from private to public or from limited by shares to limited by guarantee or vice versa, subject to the requirements of Part 20 of the Act.

In 2019, a total of 400 companies re-registered, down from the high of 676 in 2016.

#### Re-registrations to different types in 2019

Company type re-registered to	Number
Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)	21
Designated Activity Company Limited by Shares (DAC)	32
Private Company Limited by Shares (LTD)	204
Private Unlimited Company (ULC)	136
Public Limited Company (PLC)	3
Public Unlimited Company (PUC)	4

#### Mortgages and Charges

Over 12,400 charges were filed in 2019. Registration of charges has been steadily increasing over the last number of years and the 2019 figure represents an increase of 100% over the 2011 volumes. The number of charges registered has now matched levels that were being registered prior to 2008.

Year	C1	C1B*	Total Charges
2010	5,921		5,921
2011	6,150		6,150
2012	6,964		6,964
2013	7,207		7,207
2014	9,516		9,516
2015	9,527	929	10,456
2016	9,409	1,311	10,720
2017	10,769	1,180	11,949
2018	11,206	1,152	12,358
2019	11,243	1,163	12,406

<sup>\*</sup> Form C1B was introduced as part of an alternative method to register a charge by means of Part 8 of the Companies Act 2014 on 1st June 2015.

#### Liquidations and appointment of Receivers

Up-to-date registers of liquidations, appointment of receivers and examiners were maintained by registering all documents received within agreed business plan timeframes. The number of liquidations increased by 18% compared to 2018.

## Types of liquidation registered:

Year	Members	Creditors	Court	Total
2016	1,112	581	61	1,754
2017	1,040	653	67	1,760
2018	1,269	484	59	1,812
2019	1,472	611	67	2,150

account and affidavit). Receivers are required to submit form E9 (receivers abstract). The numbers of return submissions by liquidators and receivers rose considerably as a result of an enforcement programme that was begun in 2018. This programme is ongoing and the register of companies in liquidation is becoming more accurate as a result.

Year	E4 Form (s.681 account and affidavit)	E3 Form (liquidators account of acts and dealings)	E9 Form (receivers abstract)
2016	6,499	2,747	5,148
2017	8,021	3,518	5,113
2018	12,728	5,510	7,280
2019	10,159	4,350	5,950

There is a continuing decrease in the number of companies where receivers were appointed over assets of the company - down from 344 in 2017, 167 in 2018, to 114 in 2019.

#### Register of restricted and disqualified persons

The register of disqualified and restricted directors was also maintained, while reports of companies in liquidation continued to issue to ODCE on a regular basis. By year end, 3,406 persons were on the register of disqualified persons and 726 persons were on the register of restricted persons. The disqualified and restricted registers can be searched online at www. cro.ie. This facility is updated daily.

#### **ICAVs**

The Register of Irish Collective Asset – Management Vehicles (ICAVs) is maintained by the Central Bank of Ireland. The CRO is required under the legislation to de-register companies who have registered as ICAVs with the Central Bank. A certificate of de-registration of the company is issued, the Register records the de-registration of the company and notice of the removal of the company is published in the CRO Gazette. In 2019, seven companies were deregistered.

#### Enforcement, prosecution and striking companies off the register of companies

A company can be dissolved either through liquidation or strike-off. Strike-off is not always involuntary. A company that ceases to trade and has no outstanding creditors can request the Registrar to strike the company off the register.

In 2019 CRO continued to enforce the Companies Act 2014 against companies in default of their annual return filing obligations by way of involuntary strike-off. To encourage compliance, reminder letters are issued to all companies in relation to Annual Return dates. By end 2019 over 95% of companies were up to date with the filing of annual returns.

## Involuntary Strike-Off

The number of companies involuntarily struck off the register in 2019 was 5,068 which represented a significant decrease over strike-off levels in 2018 (33%). This reduction is due to the high level of compliance with the requirement to file annual returns. Any company which is late in filing its return is likely to face either strike-off proceedings or prosecution in the District Court

#### Voluntary Strike-Off

Voluntary strike-off is a statutory process under the Companies Act 2014. A total of 6,025 companies were struck off voluntarily in 2019, which is an increase of 9.4% over 2018.

#### Restoration to the Register

A company can be restored to the register following strike-off. Where a company has been struck off the register for a period not exceeding 12 months, an application can be made by the company to the Registrar for restoration. Once the 12 months has elapsed, it is only possible to restore the company via Court Order Restoration. A total of 443 companies were restored to the register, a 23% decrease over the number restored in 2018.

#### Prosecutions for failing to file annual returns

A total of 56 cases were prosecuted by the CRO in 2019 for failure to file annual returns in respect of the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. This figure included 4 cases against company directors.

In cases brought before the courts, 28 cases were convicted, and the Probation Act was applied to 20 cases. One case was withdrawn, and one case was struck out. 6 cases were adjourned to February 2020.

In cases where convictions were secured, fines ranged from €250 to €3,000. Total fines came to €27,350.

In cases where the Probation Act was applied the court ordered that a charitable donation be paid. A total of €11,450 was ordered to be paid in respect of charitable donations.



## Part 4 - Other Entities Registered by the CRO

#### **Business Names**

The Registration of Business Names Act 1963 provides transparency in relation to persons trading under a name other than their own. It is obligatory to register a business name if any individual or partnership (whether composed of individuals or bodies corporate or any combination of both) or body corporate carries on business under a name other than their own true names. Its purpose is to make public the identities of those individual(s), partnerships or corporate bodies being the legal entity behind the business name. Registration of a business name does not result in the creation of an entity with separate legal personality.

The number of new business names registered by the CRO in 2019 was 20,723, a 2% decrease on 2018 when 21,202 were registered. 92.4% of new business name applications were filed electronically in 2019.

Year	Business Names on the Register	New Business Names Registrations
1949	10,632	771
1959	14,865	802
1969	23,043	1,477
1979	40,052	2,266
1989	79,750	5,198
1999	142,248	10,058
2009	356,323	25,764
2019	582,387	20,723

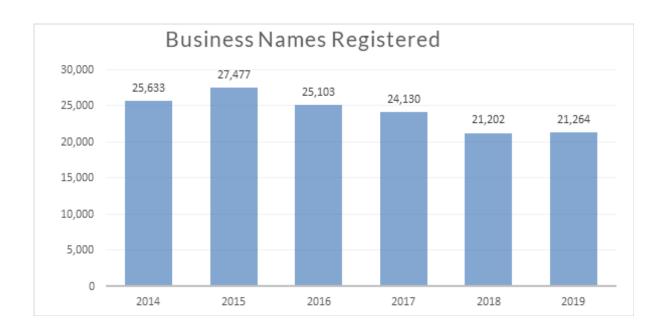
A change in any of the particulars of a registered business name (e.g. change of business name or business address) should be notified to the Registrar within one month of the date of  $Page \mid 16$ 

the change. In 2019, 2,086 changes were registered. 2,777 forms notifying the Registrar of cessation of business were submitted.

#### Make up of Register and Activity on the Register

Changes in the register	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
New registrations	25,663	27,477	25,103	24,130	21,202	20,723
Statement of changes in the registered particulars	2,099	2,114	2,332	2,233	2,089	2,086
Cessationsd	2,216	2,718	2,570	2,805	2,610	2,777
Total on register at year end	477,232	501,991	524,524	545,849	564,441	582,387

The CRO continues to receive a large number of applications to register business names. However, there is a general decline in the number being registered each year. The chart below shows the number of new business names registered since 2014.



#### **Limited Partnerships**

The Limited Partnership Act 1907 facilitates the creation of a partnership in which some members have limited liability for the debts of the firm. Their liability is limited to the extent of the amount of capital contributed by them to the partnership. As with a general partnership, a limited partnership is not a separate legal entity. 305 Limited Partnerships were registered in 2019, a reduction on the number registered in 2018 (337) but still an abnormally high number compared to the long-term trend.

Year	Limited Partnerships	New Registrations
	on the Register	
1999	366	23
2009	828	29
2019	2,926	305



## Part 5 - Corporate Function in the CRO

The 2019 expenditure for the CRO was €7.1m. This also includes expenditure in relation to the operation of the Registry of Friendly Societies and the Register of Beneficial Ownership.

	2017	2018	2019
Pay	4.7m	4.6m	4.8m
Non -Pay	2.4m	2.5m	2.3m
Total	7.1m	7.1m	7.1m

#### Income 2019

CRO received €17.6 million in 2019, which represents an decrease of 10.6% on the 2018 figure of €19.2m. This includes income received in respect of the Registry and Friendly Societies and the Register of Beneficial Ownership.

There has continued to be a reduction in late filing fees paid. 12,130 companies paid late filing fees during 2019 meaning that the average late filing fee paid by each of these companies was €616.

CRO Income	2017²	2018	2019
Late Filing Fees	9.2m	9.3m	7.5m
Submission Fees	8.3m	8.5m	8.4m
Registry of Friendly Societies Fees	0.057m	0.043m	0.046m
Register of Beneficial Ownership	N/A	N/A	0.008m
Miscellaneous*	2.053m	1.357m	1.646m
Total	19.61m	19.2m	17.6m

<sup>\*</sup> Miscellaneous includes Enquiries Bulk Data Sales, Credit Notes, Customer Account balances

The CRO is committed to facilitating and implementing more payments by electronic means, over the traditional methods of cash and cheque payments. Since the introduction of mandatory e-filing of the annual return (Form B1) and the accompanying financial statements in June 2017, filing fees and any late filing fees must be paid for by credit/debit card or by customer account.

The number of cheques received in the CRO reduced from 66,116 in 2017 (value €8.6m) to 18,495 in 2018 (value €2.3m) down to 10,875 in 2019 (value €512k). The CRO continues to review alternative payment methods for customers who have traditionally paid by cheque.

Year	Transactions Cheque	Transactions Credit Card	Transactions Customer account
2015	108,462	97,769	91,915
2016	106,779	110,673	237,974
2017	66,116	141,896	281,736
2018	18,495	165,120	338,881
2019	10,946	173,765	351,308

A Customer Account can be topped up by Credit Card or through an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) provided that the Customer Account number is given as a reference on the EFT and notification is made by email that such a transfer has occurred.

#### Overview of Energy Usage in 2019

The CRO is located in Bloom House Gloucester Place Lower, Dublin 1 and O'Brien Road, Carlow.

The CRO shares Bloom House along with meeting rooms, toilets and the reception area with the Registry of Friendly Societies (RFS) and the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) as well as private firms. CRO Carlow is the minor energy user of O'Brien Road (45%) and shares the building with the Register of Beneficial Ownership, and

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  The figures for 2017 have been corrected as the figures originally published omitted receipts from December 2017.

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the Workplace Relations Commission while also sharing canteen facilities, toilets and the reception area.

Bloom House has a Building Energy Rating of B3. BER No.: 800191413. Energy Performance Indicator: 77.12kg CO2/m2/yr 1. O'Brien Road Carlow has a D1 rating.

#### Actions Undertaken in 2019

- Energy Saving related emails to staff reminding everyone to turn off PC monitors, printers etc. each evening.
- Monthly 'No-Lift Days'
- Out of Hours energy Audits
- Air Handling Unit operating hours monitored continuously.
- Heating timers regularly programmed in line with current weather conditions (both locations).
- Establishment of a Carlow/Bloom Green Team to identify ways the office can help with the fight against climate change and loss of biodiversity.



## Part 6 - Coming In 2020

#### Redevelopment of IT resources

The CRO has undertaken a project to redevelop the CRO databases which house both the register of companies and business names. A full refresh is required to update the system. It is expected that this project will be completed by Quarter 4 2020. Further enhancements will be developed in 2020 in tandem with the redevelopment of the CRO databases.

During 2020, the CRO will migrate the registers to a unified, modern database platform. The process will allow the CRO to meet both national and EU commitments to Digital Governance. It is expected that this project will be completed by Quarter 4 2020.

#### **Brexit**

The Withdrawal Agreement between the EU and the UK provides for a transition period during which the UK will continue to operate under EU law. The deal allows for a period ending 31st December 2020 before legislation relevant to the EU no longer applies. This transition period can be extended by agreement of all of the parties.

On the UK leaving the EEA (European Economic Area), a bond will be required for companies which have only UK resident directors under Section 137 Companies Act 2014. The bond would be required from the date that the UK eventually leaves the agreements (EEA/EU), currently expected on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. There is an alternative to obtaining a bond - namely a statement from Revenue under section 140 Companies Act 2014 (form B67),

External companies from the UK will become subject to filing annual returns with the CRO under the non-EEA country legislation. Section 1304 Companies Act 2014 applies in relation to the submission of any changes in the company's information. Section 1305 applies with regard to the annual returns.



## **APPENDIX 1 DETAILED STATISTICS**

#### Make up of Register and Activity on the Register

Make up of register of companies at end 2019

	2018	%	2019	%
Private Limited	200,818	88.90	210,563	89.25
Public Limited	1,166	0.52	1,045	0.44
Unlimited	4,806	2.12	4,682	1.98
Guarantee	16,195	7.16	16,635	7.05
External	2,885	1.28	2,965	1.25
EEIG	28	-	24	-
Total	225,898		235,914	

Note: The table below excludes companies in the course of liquidation

	2018	2019
Private Limited		
LTD - Private limited by shares company	196,179	205,494
DAC - Designated Activity Company limited by shares	4,639	5,069
Public Limited		
PLC - Public Limited Companies	528	454
Societas Europaea	9	12
UCITS	182	167
Public Limited Companies with variable capital	435	398

Public Limited Companies (closed ended)	2	2
Investment Companies	10	12
Unlimited		
ULC - Private Unlimited Company	4,768	4,644
PUC - Public Unlimited Company with share capital	26	30
PULC - Public Unlimited Company without share capital	12	8
Guarantee		
	1/100	1/505
CLG - Company Limited by Guarantee	16,100	16,535
DAC - Designated Activity Company limited by guarantee	95	100

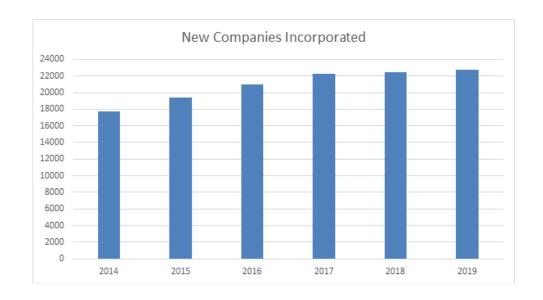
#### Activity on the register of companies in 2019

	2018	2019	% +/-
Total New Companies Incorporated	22,428	22,723	+1.32
of which			
Private limited	21,484	21,730	+1.15
Public Limited	27	16	-41.00
Unlimited	211	162	-23.22
Guarantee	703	804	+14.37
Restorations			
By Companies within one year of strike off	459	340	
By the High Court or Circuit Court	120	103	
Companies Dissolved	15,138	13,233	
Net Change	+7,869	+9,490	

Total number of new companies incorporated in 2019: 22,723

Total number of companies dissolved during 2019: 13,233

Total number of companies restored to the register in 2019: 443



	•	Companies dissolved by Decade
2010-2019	187,696	135,036
2000-2009	159,761	143,653
1990-1999	164,227	106,122
1980-1989	80,248	27,138
1970-1979	42,489	4,992

#### Restoration of Companies to the Register

Chapter 2 Part 12 of the Companies Act 2014 provides for the restoration of a dissolved company to the Register of companies. A company struck off the register may be restored to the Register by application to the:

- High Court before twenty years have elapsed from the date of dissolution;
- Circuit Court before twenty years have elapsed from the date of dissolution, where the applicant is a creditor;
- Registrar of Companies before twelve months have elapsed from the date of dissolution, where the application is made by or on behalf of the company.

There were 104 Court ordered restorations and 394 administrative restorations in 2019.

Year	Companies Restored to	Companies on	%
	the Register	the Register	
2015	559	201,901	0.27
2016	516	207,677	0.24
2017	557	217,770	0.26
2018	579	225,898	0.26
2019	498	235,914	0.19

#### **External Register**

Companies on external register at 31 December 2018:

	2017	2018	2019
Branches (EEA)	1,886	1,968	2,051
Branches (Non-EEA)	864	917	914
Total on external register	2,750	2,885	2,965



#### **Changes of Company Name**

During 2019, a total of 2,126 company changes of name were approved. This figure includes companies which were directed to change their name under Section 30(3) Companies Act 2014. In 2018, there were 2,214 changes in company name and 2,422 in 2017.

#### Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles

The Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015 allows companies to be deregistered following conversion to an ICAV. Registration orders for ICAVs are granted by the Central Bank. Seven companies were de-registered following conversion to ICAV status.

2015	12
2016	16
2017	10
2018	8
2019	7

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  The concept of place of business was removed in the Companies Act 2014. External companies may register a branch in Ireland if they wish to do so. Page  $\mid$  26

#### Societas Europaea

A Societas Europaea (SE) is a European Public Limited Company formed under EU Regulation (Council Regulation 2157/2001) and Statutory Instrument 21 of 2007. One Societas Europaea left the State in 2019 and 3 Societas Europaea transferred their registered offices into the State. There were 13 Societas Europaea in the State at the end of 2019.

Year	IN	OUT	PLC
2013	1	0	1
2014	0	1	0
2015	0	1	0
2016	0	0	0
2017	1	0	0
2018	3	2	0
2019	3	1	0

#### **Investment Fund Migration**

No company was registered in the State, by way of continuation, following migration in 2019. This is provided for under Part 24 Companies Act 2014.

#### Permission to Omit Suffix from Company Name

105 companies were granted permission to exclude the suffix from the company name. The Companies (Accounting) Act 2017 repealed section 1237(5) Companies Act 2014 which means that unlimited companies can no longer apply for an exemption. All of the applications were from CLGs.

#### **Domestic Mergers**

Under the Companies Act 2014, Irish companies were enabled to merge together under the provisions of Part 9 and Part 17.

Year	Mergers	Number of Companies dissolved by virtue of merger	Part of the Act
2015	4	22	Part 9 CA 2014
2016	28	44	Part 9 CA 2014
2017	89	114	Part 9 CA 2014
2018	107	162	Part 9 CA 2014
2019	108	124	Part 9 CA 2014

#### **Cross Border Mergers**

The European Union (Cross Border Mergers) Regulations 2008 implemented Directive 2005/56/EC. The Regulations allow any Irish limited liability company, with the exception of companies limited by guarantee, to be party to a cross border merger with an entity in another member of the EEA. Eleven company acquisitions were completed using the Cross-Border Merger legislation in 2019 while another 5 were absorbed (were deleted from register). Five acquisitions and 8 further absorptions were planned in 2019 but have not been completed to date. 75 companies have been merged into Ireland and 113 companies have left the State since the legislation was enacted in 2008.

Year	Completed Acquisitions	Completed Absorptions
2013	4	7
2014	6	9
2015	8	6
2016	6	9
2017	7	10
2018	8	13
2019	11	5

#### **European Economic Interest Groupings**

Eleven European Economic Interest Groupings (EEIGs) were registered in the State in 2019 under the European Communities (European Economic Interest Groupings) Regulations 1989. 8 of these registrations followed transfer of the grouping's official address from the United Kingdom. There are 22 EEIGs currently registered with the CRO. 15 EEIGs were removed from the Register during 2019 under Regulation 22 and section 733 Companies Act 2014 due to non-activity.

#### EEIGs registered during 2019:

800028	Eligor Re Management Eeig
800029	Bristol-Myers Squibb/Pfizer Eeig
800030	Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharma Eeig
800031	Penta-C-Eeig
800032	Ercolino Group Eeig
800033	Icf Capital Eeig
800034	Almada Development Estate Eeig
800035	Starwood Capital Re Eeig
800036	Industrial Plants And Estate Development Eeig
800037	Clever Be Eeig
800038	Mikail Eeig

#### **Enforcement Activities for 2019**

#### Strike Off Process

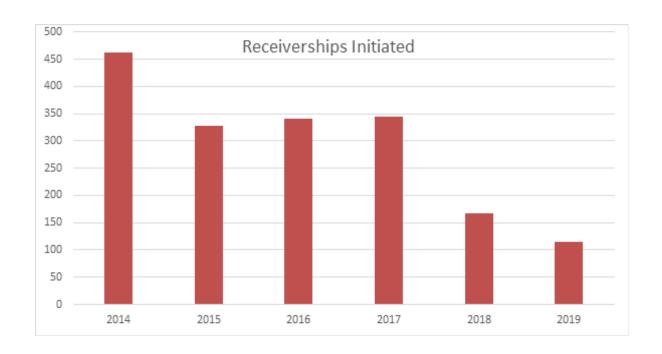
Companies dissolved (struck off for failure to file returns)w	5,068
Companies dissolved (voluntary strike-off)	6,025

## **Solvency**

#### Examinerships

24 companies went into examinership in 2019. By year end, 20 had returned to normal status, 1 had entered liquidation and 3 companies were in examinership. 5 examiners were appointed by the Circuit Court.

	2017	2018	2019
Application to the court for the appointment of an examiner :	26	38	26
Court order appointing an examiner :	21	31	24
Court order appointing interim examiner :	21	27	14
Court order confirming scheme of arrangements :	6	11	4
Court order amending scheme of arrangements :	0	1	2
Court order ceasing protection from the court :	0	3	1
Examinerships in force at year end :	8	1	3

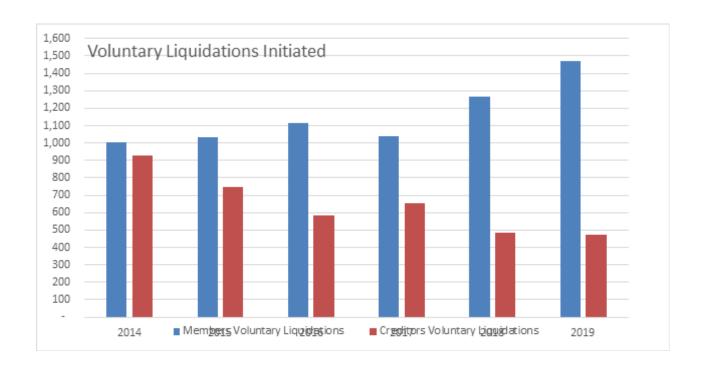


## Receiverships

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Companies where receiver appointed over property of the company: year end		2,600	2,614	2,509	2,387	2,188
Companies where receiver was appointed over property of the company during the year	462	327	340	344	167	146

## Liquidations by type notified to the CRO

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Members Voluntary	1,001	1,034	1,112	1,040	1,269	1,472
Creditors Voluntary	929	746	581	653	484	611
Court Liquidations	78	70	61	67	59	67
Total	2,008	1,850	1,754	1,760	1,812	2,150



## Companies in liquidation

Year	Number in course of liquidation
2014	8,176
2015	7,985
2016	7,913
2017	8,046
2018	8,189
2019	8,481

## Notifications That Proper Books Were Not Kept

In accordance with the provisions of section 392 Companies Act 2014, the Registrar received notices from auditors in respect of the following companies during 2019

Co Number	Company Name
17081	Cumann Peile Na H-Eireann "Football
	Association Of Ireland"
74816	Spraychem Limited
329175	Datalex Public Limited Company
536179	Connemara Lake Hotel Limited
564652	Syncplicity International Limited

## Appendix 2 Registration Of Prospectuses

#### **Prospectuses**

Since 21st Of July 2019 There Has Been No Need To Submit A Prospectus Document With The Cro. Statutory Instrument 380 Of 2019 – European Union (Prospectus) Regulations 2019, Which Revoked S.i 324 Of 2005, Requires That The Prospectus Be Filed With The Central Bank. Local Offers Defined As Such By Being Less Than €5,000,000 Whether For Irish Or Foreign Registered Companies Are Presented To The Cro For Registration Under S.1361(4) Companies Act 2014.

#### **Domestic Prospectuses**

73 Companies Registered In The State Submitted Prospectuses During The Year. Prospectuses Were Registered By The Following Companies:

594283 Aib Group Public Limited Company 410510 Alfa Bond Issuance Public Limited Company 425998 Amethyst Structured Finance Public Limited Company

638962 Amundi Physical Metals Public Limited Company

435310 Arcade Finance Public Limited Company 535011 Argentum Securities Ireland Public Limited Company

605099 Atlas Copco Finance Designated Activity Company

630682 Baiona Global Finance Designated Activity Company

593672 Bank Of Ireland Group Public Limited Company

426056 Beechwood Structured Finance Public Limited Company

425985 Brookfields Capital Public Limited Company 425241 Cbom Finance Public Limited Company 635465 Citizen Irish Auto Receivables Trust 2018 Designated Activity Company

642839 Dilosk Rmbs No.3 Designated Activity Company

327009 Eirles Two Designated Activity Company 628043 Elva Funding Ii Designated Activity Company 433859 Emerald Capital Designated Activity Company 433859 Emerald Capital Designated Activity Company 426061 Eperon Finance Public Limited Company 480184 Esb Finance Designated Activity Company 426006 Espaccio Securities Public Limited Company 604189 Eurochem Finance Designated Activity Company

651060 Finance Ireland Rmbs No.1 Designated Activity Company

639636 Greenshore Finance Designated Activity Company

425999 Greenstreet Structured Financial Products Public Limited Company

619002 Gtlk Europe Capital Designated Activity Company

471344 Invesco Physical Markets Public Limited Company

577640 Ipanema Capital Public Limited Company 440452 Iris Ii Spv Designated Activity Company 393439 Iris Spv Public Limited Company

597399 Leverage Shares Public Limited Company 635696 Luminis Finance Public Limited Company 386042 Lunar Funding V Public Limited Company 509493 Lunar Funding Vii Public Limited Company 539688 Mainstay Medical International Public Limited Company

486917 Mba Community Loans Public Limited Company

648776 Mmk International Capital Designated Activity Company

636799 Mulcair Securities Designated Activity Company

426003 Nimrod Capital Public Limited Company 470980 Novus Capital Public Limited Company 629634 Oakdale Capital Designated Activity Company 426057 Opal Financial Products Public Limited

Company

417608 Premium Green Public Limited Company 471118 Premium Plus Public Limited Company 426005 Profile Finance Public Limited Company

615003 Proteus Rmbs Designated Activity Company 634636 Q5 Safety Management Software Limited

426059 Recolte Securities Public Limited Company

104547 Ryanair Designated Activity Company 459983 Rzd Capital Public Limited Company

387937 Santander International Products Public Limited Company

650525 Scf Rahoituspalvelut Viii Designated Activity Company

423015 Shamrock Capital Public Limited Company 650110 Shamrock Residential 2019-1 Designated Activity Company

638337 Signum Millenia Public Limited Company 426060 Silverstate Financial Investments Public Limited Company

643758 Small Business Origination Loan Trust 2019-1 Designated Activity Company

649474 Small Business Origination Loan Trust 2019-2 Designated Activity Company

615140 Smartetn Public Limited Company

398937 Starling Finance Public Limited Company

516421 Steel Funding Designated Activity Company

374039 Transalp 1 Securities Public Limited Company 436853 Transalp 2 Securities Public Limited Company

449336 Transalp 3 Securities Public Limited Company

625180 Universal Access Bonds Public Limited

Company

426055 Vermillion Protective Bond Portfolio Public Limited Company

426220 Vespucci Structured Financial Products Public Limited Company

426001 Vigado Capital Public Limited Company 426002 Voyce Investments Public Limited Company 426004 Waterford Capital Investments Public Limited Company

425986 Waves Financial Investments Public Limited Company

443314 Willow No.2 (Ireland) Public Limited Company

#### **Local Offerings - Domestic**

263572 Depuy Ireland Unlimited Company 79963 Janssen Pharmaceutical 472372 Janssen Sciences Ireland Unlimited Company 210174 Johnson & Johnson Vision Care (Ireland)

## Appendix 3 Purchase Of Own Shares

During 2019, The Registrar Received 733 Notifications To Purchase Their Own Shares From The Following 458 Companies:

629663 15togo Limited 253764A & L Castors Limited 545723 Aalto Bio Holding Limited 9245 Abbey Public Limited Company 591056 Abodoo Limited

496682 Accent Facilities Solutions Limited 471706 Accenture Public Limited Company

605560 Adonis Adventures Limited 512453 Aergo Cargo Solutions Limited 435484 Alba Farefoods Limited

316466 Alder Capital Designated Activity Company

448237 All Write Media Limited

199903 Allergan Botox Unlimited Company 527629 Allergan Public Limited Company

41654 Allied Imports Limited 504639 Almagro Investments Limited 392737 Alternative Field Energy Limited 165360 Aluconstruction Limited

558988 Alx Oncology Limited

427943 Amber Note Unlimited Company

375288 Ammeon Limited

506010 Ansell Ryan Young Tullow Limited 168903 Antoinette Murphy & Associates Limited 561860 Aperture Recruitment Partners Limited 317820 Apt Workplace Pensions Limited 470193 Archer Heritage Planning Limited

541415 Artomatix Limited 612988 Aurigen Medical Limited 615246 Aviator Eol 32625, Limited 602785 Axe Analytics Holdings Limited 404064 B Leslie Holdings Limited 508256 B S P Catering Limited 501769 Ballydurn Farms Limited 150790 Banesto Limited

125235 Bank Of Ireland International Finance

Designated Activity Company

358537 Bantye Company Unlimited Company

463888 Barracuda Fx Limited

367663 Barrett Animal Collection Services Limited 524821 Bc Security And Training Solutions Limited

364940 Bcc Financial & Taxation Consultants Limited

349051 Beam Wind Limited

602982 Bgfs Limited

149984 Bia Mara (Deise) Teoranta

74740 Bintan Owners Management Company Limited

By Guarantee

33680 Blackwater J & J Limited 399405 Blueacre Technology Limited 446757 Bluebridge Technologies Limited 541162 Bluefrog Design And Print Limited 519706 Bol Property Investments Limited 593516 Boommedia Limited 497773 Brand Tactics Limited

301274 Brewery Chemical & Dairy Engineering Limited

347251 Brian Hennebry & Associates Limited

296194 Bridge Print Limited

404156 Brittas Veterinary Supplies Limited

324191 Broadmeadow Castle Management Company Limited

538561 Build4less Limited

155482 Burke Bros (Claretuam) Limited

562323 Burlawn Limited

328835 Buttevant Pharmacy Limited 113760 Byrne & Murphy Limited 237982 Byrne O Cleirigh Limited

383466 C & C Group Public Limited Company 552564 Cairn Homes Public Limited Company

602097 Calc 36 - Aircraft Limited 606160 Calibrate Real Estate Limited 549996 Calt Dynamics Limited 429287 Cambus Teoranta 548451 Carnyx Limited

610917 Carperknoll Investments Limited 384976 Carrickmacross Childcare Limited 103381 Casey's Tiles And Wooden Floors Limited 20117 Castle Park School Designated Activity

Company

454454 Catapa Unlimited Company

369995 Cathedral Financial Consultants Limited

507950 Celtic Internships Limited

59216 Cement Joint Enterprise Unlimited Company 299715 Centrica Business Solutions Ireland Limited 637278 Champions Factory Ireland Company Limited

By Guarantee

143037 Chania Limited

391544 Chartered Financial Solutions Limited 587733 Cilatus Biopharma Consulting Limited 531058 Circle Internet Financial Limited 98117 Clane General Hospital Limited

186157 Clare Community Radio Holdings Public

Limited Company

227186 Claremont Enterprises Limited

597469 Clb Publicans Limited 480947 Clonbio Group Limited 599564 Clondev Sc Limited 659658 Clonfad Solar Limited 48342 Clonmel Enterprises Limited

4034Z Cioninei Enterprises Limited

568257 Clover Aircraft Leasing Company Limited

301537 College View Limited

474934 Comtag Technologies Limited

358362 Connolly Commercials Calary Limited

104064 Coolrain Sawmills Limited 573656 Core Bidco Limited

496320 Cork English College Limited 313635 Corr Na Gaoithe Teoranta 364632 Crawford Hide Company Limited 539887 Creative Retail Distribution Limited 12965 Crh Public Limited Company

61810 Cromane Seafoods Limited 477334 Crowley Carbon Limited 147311 Crumlin Print Limited

569510 Cybersmarties Limited 485380 Focus Corporate Finance Limited 37717 D.m. Books & Company Limited 228353 Fonthill Lodge Daycare Limited 257227 Daligrand Limited 40426 Forster Holdings Unlimited Company 108163 Dan Counihan Orthodontics Unlimited 535014 Foundry Innovation & Research 1, Limited 411598 Fpg Amentum Limited 57933 Daniel Harrington & Son Limited 28093 Frank V. Murphy & Co. Limited 473842 Daring Boys And Girls Limited 572921 Franklin Ireland Topco Limited 353309 Day To Night Limited 343302 Fuinneamh Sceirde Teoranta 580629 Deacan Healthcare Limited 138672 Future Properties Limited 288807 Delcross Limited 442940 Future Properties Wicklow Limited 520844 Galway Craft Beers Limited 396038 Demco Construction Limited 526759 Denis Wood Associates Limited 596187 Gatehouse Property Development Limited 417819 Dennehy Commercials Limited 489711 Gavin And Doherty Geosolutions Limited 111925 Denross Limited 571382 Gcs Hotel Limited 355290 Derevoya Holdings Limited 599620 Gdb Square Holdings Limited 647522 Describe Data Limited 533621 Geraghty's Family Butchers Limited 571088 Dml Homes Limited 631191 Gigable Limited 246185 Dolmen Design And Innovation Limited 435129 Gkm Construction Limited 162921 Donegal Investment Group Public Limited 114667 Grace & Harvey Limited 8149 Grafton Group Public Limited Company Company 456564 Doodle Press Limited 18553 Granby Limited 343545 Doubleodesign Limited 170116 Greencore Group Public Limited Company 437185 Drc Developments Limited 651299 Greenspark Analytics Limited 613953 Dream Bid Limited 44435 Greyhound Taverns Limited 1832 Dundalk Race Company Public Limited 550028 Grid Network Services Holdings Limited 213523 Grogan & Currid Limited Company 659654 Dungeeha Solar Limited 102973 Grove Furnishings Limited 321208 Eaglecroft Limited 402295 Haire Pharmacy Holdings Limited 627038 Eason Operations Limited 586188 Hamilton Robson Av Limited 642526 Eason Retail Public Limited Company 567921 Happy Marketing & Media Limited 467630 Ecofix Limited 544887 Hbce Limited 540660 Ecomm Merchant Solutions Ireland Limited 61166 Hc Financial Advisers Limited 532145 Ecommodation Lab Limited 131417 Hegadon Limited 164850 Hegarty Demolition Limited 545844 Edible Events Limited 463976 Edit Logistics Limited 426846 Herb Street Restaurant Limited 244790 Edmond G. Buckley Limited 325179 Hesscroft Limited 352187 Eiribh Consulting Limited 531267 Hibernia Reit Public Limited Company 600504 Elite Aero Ireland Limited 349748 Hibernia Steel (Holdings) Limited 538152 Elysium Engineering Holdings Limited 539225 High Road Productions Limited 554824 Endeavour Technology Limited 340010 Hire 2k Plant & Tool Company Limited 458251 Enros Wind Farm Limited 118358 Hoey's Timber Sales Limited 323301 Equinix (Ireland) Limited 422519 Hss Management Limited 533492 Eudoria Limited 109249 Huet Distributors Limited 355750 Evankristi Limited 177377 Hugh Munro & Co. Limited 402125 Expert Ireland Retail Limited 462503 Hughes Consultancy & Training Limited 172729 F & M Whelan Engineering Limited 405654 Hume Brophy Communications Limited 406111 F.s. Investments Limited 578945 Hurley Design Print & Web Limited 340553 Fatstrippa Corporation Limited 308599 Huttonread Unlimited Company 340925 Fatstrippa Holdings Company Limited 385326 I.b.a.t. Limited 475885 Fearn Investments Limited 199056 limc International Information Management 659639 Featherbed Lane Solar Limited Corporation Limited 180497 Fehily Timoney & Company Limited 179716 Impress Printing Works Limited 531547 Fenloe Property Developments Limited 199868 Industrial Solutions Limited 598837 Ffrr Limited 469272 Ingersoll-Rand Public Limited Company 409757 Finance One Limited 544604 Innocoll Holdings Limited 511725 Fire And Climate Solutions Limited 559264 Insight Acquisition Holdings Limited 464819 Fire Financial Services Limited 266354 Internetalia Limited 166873 Fispak Limited 467455 Ip-Net Computers & Data Communications 16956 Flutter Entertainment Public Limited Company Limited 152763 Flyco Limited 41043 Irish Continental Group, Public Limited 420119 Flyco Projects Limited Company

304498 Irish Flooring Products Limited 379901 Minerex Geophysics Limited 160084 J. & J. Services Limited 319755 Montara Limited 17385 J. H. Mcloughlin And Company, Limited 537973 Mooncoin Rcc Limited 71517 J.m.h. Manufacturing Company Limited 304801 Motor Assess Ireland Limited 210433 Jack Cuthbert's Handmade Bread Limited 391700 Mpm Oil Limited 494678 Jag Cleaning Services Limited 490996 Msd Eic Unlimited Company 57768 James Long (Warehousing) Limited 450011 Mulcahy Mcdonagh Consultancy Services 292407 Java Republic Limited **Unlimited Company** 399192 Jazz Pharmaceuticals Public Limited Company 465767 Mullally Haulage Limited 367956 Joe And Lua Fitzpatrick Limited 465766 Mullally Repairs Limited 393264 Mullcrest Foodstore Limited 41163 John Hurley (Midleton) Unlimited Company 543654 Johnson Controls International Public Limited 292469 Mulpool Limited Company 260602 Murphy Surface Coating Limited 525204 Joshua Engineering Limited 262855 Murray Design & Engineering Limited 482643 Juniper Investments Limited 557597 Mutiny Group Limited 376164 Kacare Pharmacy Limited 652149 N.a.a. Group Designated Activity Company 523238 Kaizen Energy Limited 445754 Nadett Unlimited Company 519382 Kaneway Limited 493240 Navy Blue Limited 639845 Neodron Limited 339154 Kavanagh Refrigeration Limited 390761 Kc Ii Limited 37861 Newbridge Metal Products Limited 33832 Kenny Mcconnell Limited 526420 Nordeus Holding Limited 354516 Keypoint Abrasives Limited 278437 North West Alarm Systems Limited 544656 Kge Group Holdings Limited 244896 North West Aluminium Slate Trim (Ireland) 369969 Kiely Mccarthy Consulting Engineers Limited Limited 526890 Killamonan Property Limited 84681 Now A Tow C.n.c. Machining Co. Limited 33279 Killiney Hotels Limited 605257 Nvent Electric Public Limited Company 659667 Kilsallaghan Solar Limited 500704 Nvp Energy Limited 200081 Kindlon Insurances Limited 592316 O'barral Limited 302118 O'flynn O'riordan Properties Limited 518143 Kinnegar Brewing Limited 331555 Ksh Holdings Limited 162035 O'mahony Walsh & Associates Limited 421216 La Qudo Limited 100447 O'shea Sand And Gravel Limited 359761 Lackan Wind Energy Limited 612540 Oak Fire Pizza Limited 360128 Lakefield Developments Limited 345251 Oakfield Resources Limited 187236 Langenbach Services Limited 203302 Oates Breheny Financial Services Limited 38649 Larry Massey Limited 480546 Orange Star Limited 464841 Laune Engineering Limited 454031 Orcan Limited 528021 Levon Publishing Limited 607944 Osmotica Pharmaceuticals Public Limited 406699 Lightwave Optics Limited Company 536628 Ovens Energy Limited 113111 Limerick Tutorial Centre Limited 602527 Linde Public Limited Company 447230 Owen Reilly Property Consultants Limited 512413 Loeg Europe Limited 383355 Palletxpress Limited 118306 Longford Exhaust Services Limited 550120 Paramount Motor Repairs Limited 468606 Lr Motors Limited 21883 Patrick Carney Designated Activity Company 305242 M.a.s.t. Construction Limited 372087 Paul Franklin Associates Limited 159172 Macken Of Ireland Limited 345712 Pelko Holdings Limited 601798 Maintain My Home Limited 228287 Penman Construction Limited 522227 Mallinckrodt Public Limited Company 648061 Pf Consumer Ireland Company Limited 136271 Piconsult Limited 380334 Maoiniu Mara Teoranta 111462 Marketing Network Limited 406514 Pinnacle Automotive Services Limited 88439 Martin Gaffney Limited 240679 Platetek Engineering Limited 204760 Material Test Inspection Limited 318824 Pmt Premier Machine Tools Limited 480884 Mc Mahon And Nagle Environmental Limited 261914 Power Wealth Management Limited 177219 Mco Projects Limited 537052 Premier Fasteners Limited 534328 Mdp Capel Administration Services Limited 577039 Premier Green Energy Holdings Limited 659629 Meath Solar Limited 45446 Premier West Automotive Limited 549330 Premium Pellets Limited 545333 Medtronic Public Limited Company 603408 Puritech Investments Limited 514234 Mervosh Limited 498992 Mexican Renewable Energy Limited 98443 Quality Process Links Limited 91675 Raheny Carpets Limited 93242 Michael Farrell Custom Furniture Limited 535763 Midland Doorsets Limited 539459 Ramco Consultants Limited 125798 Millstreet Horses Limited 205254 Randles Brothers Holdings Limited

126251 Rapid Print (Longford) Limited Association Company Limited By Guarantee 659666 Rathleague Solar Limited The Northern Standard, Limited 360009 Raykel Limited 498466 The Plaza Cafe Company Limited 629909 Remitly Europe Limited 137964 The Slaney Meat Packing (Holdings) Company 257620 Richard J. Rea & Associates Limited Limited 525151The Visual Brew Limited 520177 Rocatil Limited 312041 Rockall Technologies Limited 350802 Thomas Collins Plant Hire Limited 579673 Rub Edibrac Ireland Limited 407526 Thornmel Freight Limited 613956 Rubrics Asset Management (Ireland) Limited 89300 Timber Factors Limited 593873 Rugby World Experience Company Limited By 659638 Tomsallagh Solar Limited 413729 Total Ict Services Limited Guarantee 589947 Rutland House Developments Limited 484757 Transitional Exchanges Limited 249885 Ryanair Holdings Public Limited Company 590097 Travelwin Group Designated Activity Company 100137 S (Transport) Cork Limited 566484 Trevester Unlimited Company 305098 S.a. Powder Coating Limited 426036 Triangle It Holdings Limited 237825 San Leon Energy Public Limited Company 595491 Trifecta Labs Ireland Limited 471291 Tsfy Limited 103529 Sculptured Crystal (Ireland) Limited 473100 Sdc Investment Holdings Limited 498120 Ubering Holdings Limited 314000 Sea Nymph (Galway Bay Marine) Limited 514710 Uhy Personal And Corporate Insolvency 480010 Seagate Technology Public Limited Company Solutions Limited 342844 Ums Management Services Limited 516283 Sheenco Travel Limited 540261 Shine Analytics Limited 466444 Unit 7 Island Holdings Limited 400811 Shinko Foods International Limited 488097 Unity Technologies I.t. Limited 396289 Ship Property Trading Company (One) Limited 297644 Universal Fabrics Limited 382018 Skibbereen Residential Care Limited 504812 Uppbay Limited 486196 Smart Choice Financial Brokers Limited 133931 Usher Insulations Limited 536048 Smoke Less Cigarettes Limited 592384 Vanbuddy Limited 575929 Solar Farmers Limited 374628 Ventasker Limited 459500 South Coast Logistics Limited 483239 Veterinary Advances Limited 608149 Spaceos Limited 366872 Villars Food Store Limited 432334 Specialist Technical Engineering Services 570389 Vitro Software Holdings Designated Activity Company **Unlimited Company** 472172 Spectrum Digital Services Limited 321303 Vizor Limited 384345 Springsfeld Holdings Limited 636349 Vml Holding Limited 659655 Sronagh Solar Limited 318478 Voicelock Limited 193873 Stapleton's Bakery (Borrisoleigh) Limited 419018 Vox Power Limited 523379 Stella Doradus Europe Limited 238774W.b.s. & L. (Killarney) Limited 579619 Steripack Group Limited 558852 Walls Construction Holdings Limited 346913 Storit Limited 593635 Wavebrook Limited 572118 West Cork Whiskey Distillers Limited 460651 Stratton Partners Limited 610836 Stroofy Limited 527343 Wexford Insurances Group Limited 522612 Subulter Investments Limited 539974 White Stratus Holdings Limited 546547 Swap-Able Limited 569410 Wilcove Limited 631389 Swarmview Limited 437023 William O'brien (Plant Hire) Bishopstown 652277 Sweep Auto Limited **Unlimited Company** 645423 Swift Spraoi Holdings Limited 475616 Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Company 381609 T & I Fitouts Limited 31689 Wilson Brothers Limited 282431 T.j. Livestock (2000) Limited 63155 Wilson Manufacturing Leinster Limited 547952 Tabfield Investments Limited 623506 Wings Aviation 37961 Limited 531416 Tbb Fitness Limited 634384 Wings Aviation 4532 Limited 590538 Tccl Communications Limited 637325 Wings Aviation 6878 Limited 404768 Td Holidays Limited 632384 Wings Aviation 7771 Limited 623677 Tea Brands Limited 632385 Wings Aviation 7796 Limited 368548 Techrete Group Limited 613704 Wings Aviation 8061 Limited 494190 Techstar It Limited 322865 Winthrop Engineering & Contracting Limited 101758 Templetown Transport Limited 586412 Woodbine Primary Care Limited 463637 The Flat Bread Company Limited 168612 World Travel Centre Limited 20298 The Herald Printing And Publishing Company 511943 Wyndham Consultancy Limited

461246 Youcomply Limited

Company

572832 Zeltiq Ireland International Holdings Unlimited

466393 The Intelligent Team Department Limited

445797 The National German Shepherd Working Dog

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606503 Zf Ireland Aircraft 43 Limited 606504 Zf Ireland Aircraft 44 Limited 606558 Zf Ireland Aircraft 47 Limited 606560 Zf Ireland Aircraft 50 Limited 630679 Zf Ireland Aircraft 79 Limited 507170 Zoosh Holdings Limited

## Appendix 4 **Limited Partnerships**

The Cro Registered 305 Limited Partnerships During 2019 Giving A Total Of 2926 On The Register At Year End. The Following Limited Partnerships Were Registered In The Year To 31 December 2019:

Lp2616 The Alps Limited Partnership

Lp2617 Aban Support Services

Lp2618 St 24 Lp

Lp2619 Marmora Corporation Lp Lp2620 Falterona International Lp

Lp2621 Breton Group Lp Lp2622 Limenra Trading Lp Lp2623 Emilion International Lp Lp2624 Newtelecommunication Lp

Lp2625 Delta Global Lp Lp2626 Elkstone Venture 15 Lp

Lp2627 Poprey Lp

Lp2628 The Sandyford Central Partnership

Lp2629 Cbd Horizon

Lp2630 Elkstone Ventures 8 Lp

Lp2631 The Lougharno Limited Partnership Lp2632 Kelem Properties Limited Partnership

Lp2633 Mobitech Advertising Lp

Lp2634 Molyneux Development Limited Partnership

Lp2635 Elkstone Ventures 5 Lp Lp2636 Elkstone Ventures 12 Lp Lp2637 Valimak Trade Lp Lp2638 Vistero International Lp

Lp2639 Jovinad Lp

Lp2640 Acerile Development Lp Lp2641 Desoliny Business Lp Lp2642 Halual Partners Lp

Lp2643 Ranelagh Mchugh Limited Partnership

Lp2644 Empire Home Lp Lp2645 Oapps T&P Lp

Lp2649 Amberconsult Lp

Lp2646 Nyrceg Limited Partnership

Lp2647 Seacorp Lp

Lp2648 Cosmetics International Lp

Lp2650 Vks Service Lp Lp2651 Quatro Engineering Lp Lp2652 Mishlux Business Lp Lp2653 Verysten Services Lp Lp2654 Evercote Agent Lp Lp2655 Bloom Trade Lp Lp2656 Impact Ireland Lp

Lp2657 Grepa International Lp

Lp2658 Lyra Trade Lp Lp2659 Lacerna Lp Lp2660 Drb Eleven Lp

Lp2661 Elkstone Ventures 2 Lp Lp2662 Elkstone Ventures 3 Lp

Lp2663 Avalanches Lp Lp2664 Spero Lp Lp2665 Fornam Trade Lp

Lp2666 Borala Alliance Lp Lp2667 Aquala Lp

Lp2668 Winter Hansfield Limited Partnership

Lp2669 Qv Consultancy

Lp2670 Wicklow Hotel Partnership

Lp2671 Alfamedia Lp Lp2672 Auriga Express Lp

Lp2673 The Conroy Limited Partnership 2

Lp2674 Elkstone Ventures 10 Lp Lp2675 Tetrarch Aparthotel Lp

Lp2676 Hibernia Care Holdings Limited Partnership

Lp2677 Echo Rocket Limited Partnership

Lp2678 Piligrim Trading Lp

Lp2679 Deeptech Seed Fund 1 Limited Partnership Lp2680 Enbarr Investments Limited Partnership

Lp2681 Emgen Two Limited Partnership Lp2682 Emgen Three Limited Partnership Lp2683 Emgen Four Limited Partnership Lp2684 Pretty People International Lp Lp2685 Vernon Trade Lp

Lp2686 Sardis Global Lp Lp2687 Brantley Corporation Lp Lp2688 Estling Holding Lp L2p689 Arkadia Trade Lp Lp2690 Clayton Steel Lp Lp2691 Real Holding Lp

Lp2692 Two Culture Capital Fund 1 Limited

Partnership

Lp2693 Claaster Placius

Lp2694 Elkstone Ventures 11 Lp Lp2695 Elkstone Ventures 19 Lp Lp2696 Elkstone Ventures 21 Lp

Lp2697 Cube Desgin & Communications Lp

Lp2698 Clyauntown Lp

Lp2699 Hortis Trustee Limited Partnership

Lp2700 Nelson Trade Lp Lp2701 Clever Trade Lp Lp2702 Crema Holding Lp Lp2703 Fiesta Holding Lp Lp2704 Dejour Group Lp Lp2705 Gray Alliance Lp Lp2706 Saville Partners Lp Lp2707 Foston Lp

Lp2708 Prod&Meat Trading Lp Lp2709 Bodhi Boutique Lp

Lp2710 Home For Life Limited Partnership

Lp2711 Elkstone Venture 22 Lp Lp2712 Elkstone Ventures 23 Lp Lp2713 Omodeo Steel Lp Lp2714 Darta Holding Lp

Lp2715 Acan Global Soft Lp Lp2716 Sba Industries Lp2717 Scribbles Lp2718 Lora Hold Lp Lp2719 The Brewers Club Lp2720 Garda International Lp Lp2721 Irpf 2 Limited Partnership Lp2722 Irpf 3 Limited Partnership Lp2723 Db Rydell Investor L.p. Lp2724 Smart Online Solutions Lp

Lp2725 Laatu Wood Trade Lp Lp2726 The Caamb Limited Partnership

Lp2727 Caspian Trade Lp

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Lp2849 Innovative Technologies & Systems Lp

Lp2850 Elkstone Ventures 32 Lp

Lp2851 Dockfare Limited Partnership

Lp2852 Elkstone Ventures 30 Lp

Lp2853 Pgim Senior Loan Opportunities (Parallel -

Levered Fund) I, L.p.

Lp2854 Pgim Senior Loan Opportunities (Parallel Fund)

I, L.p.

Lp2855 Casl Carrigrohane Rd (Cork) Limited

Partnership

Lp2856 Casl Parnell St (Dublin) Limited Partnership

Lp2857 Vita Systems Lp

Lp2858 Genesis Markets Lp

Lp2859 Odessa Maritime Training Centre Lp

Lp2860 Inesoft Lp

Lp2861 Bigblock Alliance Lp

Lp2862 Fairgreen Road Investment Limited

Partnership

Lp2863 U.s. Real Estate Credit Holdings Iii-C, Lp

Lp2864 Winter Phoenix Limited Partnership

Lp2865 Winter Lee Limited Partnership

Lp2866 Ballybane Road Property Investment Limited

Partnership

Lp2867 Two Culture Capital Lomotive Spv Lp

Lp2868 Tradebrite Inc Lp

Lp2869 Importsy Trade Lp

Lp2870 Traderie International Lp

Lp2871 Datatype Group Lp

Lp2872 Raysol Holding Lp

Lp2873 Worldpostexpress Lp

Lp2874 Elkstone Ventures 31 Lp

Lp2875 Elkstone Ventures 14 Lp

Lp2876 Elkstone Ventures 17 Lp

Lp2877 Iron Duke Partnership

Lp2878 New Dawn Partnership Series 1a

Lp2879 Abbey 1 Limited Partnership

Lp2880 Mira & Co Lp

Lp2881 Realite Lp

Lp2882 Divi Trade Lp

Lp2883 Trailets Lp

Lp2884 Cryptonews Lp

Lp2885 Elkstone Venture 34 Lp

Lp2886 Sarepta Therapeutics Ireland Lp

Lp2887 Sarepta Therapeutics Ireland Two Lp

Lp2888 Schull Property

Lp2889 Blue Sky Financial Services Lp

Lp2890 Prime One Holdings Lp

Lp2891 Eagle1 Industries Lp

Lp2892 Highwave Management Lp

Lp2893 Gt Business Group Lp

Lp2894 Limerick Student Accommodation Centre

Investments Limited Partnership

Lp2895 Westside Shopping Centre Development

Partnership

Lp2896 Balscadden 1 Limited Partnership

Lp2897 Balscadden 2 Limited Partnership

Lp2898 Balscadden 3 Limited Partnership

Lp2899 Arranmore 1 Limited Partnership

Lp2900 Arranmore 2 Limited Partnership

Lp2901 Arranmore 3 Limited Partnership

Lp2902 Raheny 1 Limited Partnership

Lp2903 Raheny 2 Limited Partnership

Lp2904 Raheny 3 Limited Partnership

Lp2905 Alder Basswood Clover Lp

Lp2906 Sencav Lp

Lp2907 Greyabbey Forecourt Partnership

Lp2908 Cf Nassau Holdings L.p.

Lp2909 Nassau Investments L.p.

Lp2910 Sr Invest Lp

Lp2912 Smart Living Properties Ireland Limited

Partnership

Lp2913 Lt Payment Systems Lp

Lp2914 Wiglo Profit Lp

Lp2915 Trading Open Group Lp

Lp2916 Webwork Consulting Lp

Lp2917 Vergoooze Union Lp

Lp2918 Zenium Consulting Lp

Lp2919 Atlas Avenue 3 Limited Partnership

Lp2920 Kylemore 1 Limited Partnership

Lp2921 Kylemore 2 Limited Partnership

Lp2922 Kylemore 3 Limited Partnership

Lp2923 Atlas Avenue 1 Limited Partnership

Lp2924 Atlas Avenue 2 Limited Partnership

Lp2925 The Kv Limited Partnership

Lp2926 Halcyon Lp

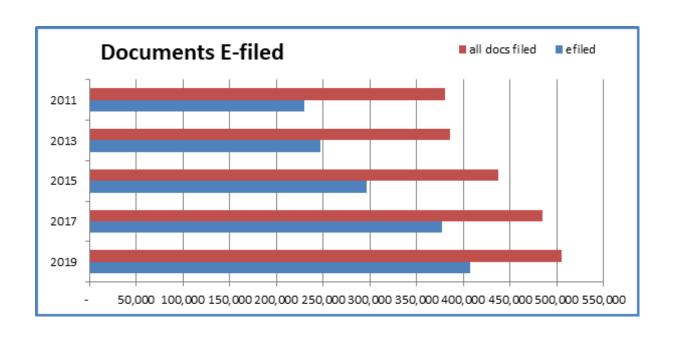
#### **APPENDIX 5**

## **DOCUMENT PROCESSING**

Year	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019
All doc filed	380,662	385,429	437,859	485,133	505,067
e-filed	230,164	247,002	295,385	377,603	407,169

## Unregistered submissions

	Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Dec 2019
All Com- panies	510,035	550,626	553,968	503,314	485,606	483,036
Live Com- panies Only	101,794	135,207	132,555	77,600	47,038	48,345



## Submissions Filed During the Year

Submission Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
New Company	20,036	21,745	22,809	22,878	23,158
Annual Return	182,923	197,430	206,934	219,266	224,266
Change of Name	2,157	2,183	2,426	2,270	2,214
Change of Address	15,487	17,137	17,834	19,216	18,383
Change in Directors	70,319	70,711	75,681	75,778	77,471
Nomination of change of Annual Return	8,132	9,314	9,972	10,653	10,494
Date					
Authorisation of Electronic Filing Agent	8,073	8,842	12,581	9,486	9,286
B1x - Voluntary Rectification of financial	145	335	347	370	502
statements	40	4 4 7	4//	407	
B42a - Rectification of register	42	147	166	197	274
Auditors Notice before company claims audit	5,192	5,349	2,588	2,288	1,814
Extension of time to file annual return -	58	1,063	999	1,244	642
Form B93	30	1,000	, , ,	±,∠ + +	OTZ
Notice of appointment of receiver	401	419	454	194	168
Receivers Abstract	4,899	5,148	5,113	7,280	5,950
Notice of Receiver ceasing to act	200	400	550	504	473
Special Resolution to wind up and ap-	1,017	1,122	1,053	1,252	1,365
point a Liquidator					
Special resolution to Wind up	112	84	67	64	137
Special resolution to appoint a liquidator	7	5	3	8	22
Liquidator's Statement of Account	1,908	1,809	1,755	2,157	2,111
Liquidator's Account of Acts and Deal-	3,105	2,747	3,518	5,510	4,350
ings	5.550		0.004	40.700	
Liquidator's Affidavit and 681 account	5,552	6,499	8,021	12,728	10,159
Final Winding up meeting - Creditors	912	758	660	984	836
Final Winding up meeting – Members	960	1,038	1,019	1,118	1,259
Declaration of Solvency	1,034	1,126	1,042	1,274	1,474
Court Order to wind up and appoint Liquidator	70	74	74	73	67
Ordinary resolution to Wind up & ap-	630	525	569	418	406
point liquidator	000	323	307	410	700
Notice of Appointment of a liquidator	1,733	1,754	1,696	1,780	1,998
Re-Registration (form D20)	147	670	587	367	399
H15 - Request for Voluntary strike-off	4,814	5,069	5,430	5,548	6,423
H16 - Objection to voluntary strike-off	17	16	8	12	24
H17 - Request for cancellation of volun-	10	15	11	24	24
tary strike-off					
Charge - Particulars of a charge - C1	9,527	9,409	10,771	11,206	11,243
form					

Charge - Stage one of two stage	1,188	1,713	1,554	1,427	1,401
procedure - C1a	1,100	1,7 10	1,331	±, 127	1, 101
Charge - Stage one of two stage	929	1,311	1,180	1,152	1,163
procedure - C1b					
Full satisfaction of charge	6,865	6,237	6,870	8,318	7,636
SAP - 203 financial assistance	410	939	1,082	1,202	1,115
SAP - 204 - variation of capital	36	139	212	250	276
SAP - 206 - Mergers.	26	96	199	278	365
B46 - Person authorised to bind com-	37	73	70	68	66
pany - Reg persons					
Resignation of Auditor	4,126	3,507	3,216	3,711	3,058
Report that proper books not kept	11	5	10	3	5
Removal of Auditor	120	83	73	33	31
Notice of location of register of	694	273	353	302	613
Members					
Notice of increase in Nominal Capital	624	638	721	773	3,361
Alteration to Constitution	5,781	14,005	9,821	6,787	6,151
Allotment of Shares	5,827	5,823	5,806	6,230	6,316
Other Submissions	22,425	33,954	29,833	32,332	
Total Submissions; Companies Act	405,177	485,510	455,738	479,014	478,939
Business Names	32,682	30,194	29,395	26,455	26,128
Total	437,859	515,704	485,133	505,469	505,067

#### **APPENDIX 6**

# REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES AND OTHER AUTHORISED PERSONS

Registrar of Companies Ms. Maureen O'Sullivan

Assistant Registrar Mr. Gerry Doyle

Assistant Registrar Mr. Paul McHenry

Assistant Registrar Ms. Claudine Forrest

Assistant Registrar Ms. Claire Crowley

Legal Adviser Dr. David McFadden

Legal Adviser Mr. Adrian Brennan

Accountant Mr. Dermot Madden

#### Persons Authorised

The following persons were authorised as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 pursuant to section 887(8) of the Companies Act 2014, section 16 of the Registration of Business Names Act 1963 and section 15 of the Limited Partnerships Act 1907:

Mr. D. Barnaville	Ms. A. Gibson	Ms. M. O'Brien
Mr. F. Brabazon	Ms. M. Grendon	Ms. K. O'Donovan
Ms. C. Cole	Ms. A. Healy	Mr. C. O'Flaherty
Ms. M. Corrigan	Mr. D. Keegan	Ms. K. O'Shea
Mr. P. Daly	Ms. A. King	Mr. P. Porter
Mr. A. Dolan	Mr. A. Lynch	Mr. G. Regan
Mr. C. Donegan	Mr. M. McDonagh	Mr. G. Revins
Mr. M. Donoghue	Mr. D. McDonnell	Ms. M. Shortall
Ms. J. Doyle	Ms. M. Meaney	Ms. L. Snedker
Mr. C. Farrell	Ms. D. Mitchell	Ms. C. Toolan
Mr. G. Flood	Ms. A. Mulhall	Mr. G. Ward
Mr. P. Foran	Mr. M. Neville	Ms. S. Whelan
Ms. M. Giblin	Ms. E. Nolan	Ms. L. Wills

