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Registration

1. Why should our company be listed in the Danish Waste Register?

All EU countries must have a register of companies professionally involved in the management of waste.

The Danish Waste Register contributes to transparency in the waste market and supports waste-producing companies' free choice of collection companies and recycling facilities.

The Danish Energy Agency is responsible for maintaining the Danish Waste Register.

The obligation to register and report information to the Danish Waste Register is stipulated in Executive Order No. 1066 of 26 August 2025 on the Danish Waste Register.

Companies required to be registered in the Danish Waste Register may not commence their activities, before their registration has been completed.

2. Which companies must be registered in the Danish Waste Register?

The Danish Waste Register contains information about:

- Recycling facilities and facilities preparing waste for reuse, if they handle sorted commercial waste.
- Collectors
- Transporters
- Brokers and dealers
- Municipal treatment facilities approved to handle sorted commercial waste suitable for material recovery.

Please note, your company may be covered by one of the above types of companies, even if you are referred to as something else under other legislation or in everyday speech, e.g. sorting or composting facilities.

For further information, see "Company roles", for more about the different types of companies.



3. How do you get registered in the Danish Waste Register?

For Danish companies with a CVR number

Companies with a CVR number must register in the Danish Waste Register, via the digital self-service solution. You need to use the entry "For danske virksomheder" and log in with MitID Erhverv.

For foreign companies with a VAT number

Foreign companies need to use the entry "For Foreign Companies". You need to use a company email and create a password to get started

Once all mandatory information has been entered and you have paid the annual fee, the registration is completed. Please note it may take a few hours before your registration appears on the search page.

4. Do you have to pay to be registered in the Danish Waste Register and how much does it cost?

The Danish Waste Register is financed by fees. This means the users of the register must cover all costs relating to the register.

The amount you must pay depends on how many p-units (addresses) the company has registered in the Danish Waste Register. The fee is applied for a maximum of four registered p-units per year.

Fee rates as of 1 October 2025:

- One production unit = DKK 1,146 annually.
- Two production units = DKK 2,292 annually.
- Three production units = DKK 3,438 annually.
- Four or more production units = DKK 4,584 annually.

5. The first time you register

For Danish companies with a CVR number

If this is the first time you have logged in with MitID Erhverv in the Danish Waste Register and are on the registration page, you can see the company's CVR number on the left side. It is on this page you need to add the information required to be registered in the Danish Waste Register.

If your company only has one p-unit (address), you only need to make one registration.

If your company has multiple p-units, you must register all p-units from which waste operations is conducted.



For all p-units (addresses), you must choose which roles the unit in question should be registered as. This may vary depending on the waste operations taking place at each individual address.

For foreign companies with a VAT number

If this is your first time logging in to the Danish Waste Register and you are on the registration page, you can see your VAT number on the left side. You must add the information required to be registered in the Danish Waste Register.

6. Business types (roles)

For every registration, you have to select the relevant role. It is possible to select more than one role for each p-unit, for example both Transporter and Collector.

Transporter

Transport for hire or reward by means of vehicles, railway, plane or ship. It is not possible to transfer responsibility for complete recovery or disposal of waste to a transporter.

Collector

Undertakings gathering industrial waste to incineration or material recovery. This includes establishments for preliminary sorting, preliminary storage or preprocessing of waste. It is possible by way of agreement to transfer responsibility for complete recovery or disposal of waste to a registered waste collector

Recycling facility

Recycling facilities are establishments, which carries out recovery operations. Undertakings preparing for re-use should also select this role.

Broker

Any undertaking arranging the recovery or disposal of waste on behalf of others, including such brokers who do not take physical possession of the waste

Dealer

Any undertaking which acts in the role of principal to purchase and subsequently sell waste, including such dealers who do not take physical possession of the waste.

7. Annual renewal

When you have registered the intended p-units and completed the payment, the registration will be valid for one year and thereby visible on the Danish Waste Register's search page for the duration of this time. 30 days before your registration expires, you will receive a message to remind you of the annual renewal. The annual renewal will not happen automatically. You need to log in to the register and renew the registration manually.



If you do not wish to renew your registration, no further action is needed. Your company will be deleted from the register automatically. It is not permitted to continue conducting waste related business once the company no longer appears in the Danish Waste Register.

8. Can you report on waste related data on this page?

No. It is not possible to report on waste related data on this page.

The Danish Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for maintaining a register of data regarding waste (Affaldsdatasystemet).

Reporting to the Affaldsdatasystemet (ADS) can be done via ads.mst.dk or virk.dk.

9. What can we see on Payment page?

On this page you can see fee payments made from 1 October 2025.

If you have questions about payments in connection with the old waste register, please contact us on affaldsregister@ens.dk.

10. What does it cost if we setup a new p-unit?

If you need to create a new p-unit (if you already have one, two or three registrations), you pay for the number of days outstanding until the next renewal date. For example, if the renewal date for your company is 1 May 2026 and you create one new p-unit on 1 March 2026, you only pay a fee for two months (for the new p-unit).

The registration for the new p-unit will then expire at the same time as the other registrations, so all your p-units must be renewed on this same date.

If you already have four or more registrations, there is no additional cost to create new p-units. This is because you pay a maximum fee for four registered p-units.

11. Can we get a receipt for the payment?

A payment receipt will be sent to the email address you have provided under the contact information on the profile page.



12. Can we get a refund of some of the fee paid if we close our company and/or delete our registration?

No, you cannot. The Danish Energy Agency does not refund fees in whole or in part upon subsequent deregistration.

Collectors

1. What is a Collector permitted to do that a Transporter cannot?

If you choose to register your company with the role of Collector, you can assume responsibility for another company's waste.

If you choose to register your company with the role of Transporter, it will be the waste producer (the company that produces the waste) who is responsible for the correct handling of the waste and must therefore assess, where the waste should be delivered for further treatment.

A Transporter can be compared to a taxi driver that drives from A to B, on behalf of another company.

A Collector, on the other hand, can, if a written agreement has been entered into, take over responsibility for a waste producer's waste. This means the Collector takes over responsibility for handling the waste correctly, including possibly sorting, compacting, etc., as well as further handling to the correct treatment facility.

The obligation to register in the Danish Waste Register and to report information to the register is stipulated in Executive Order No. 1066 of 26 August 2025 on the Danish Waste Register. Companies required to be registered in the Danish Waste Register may not commence their activities until the registration has been completed.

2. Is there a requirement for a collector certificate and environmental approval in order to be registered in the Danish Waste Register?

If you are required to be registered as a Collector in the Danish Waste Register, your company is obligated to have at least 1 person with management responsibility who has a collector certificate. The collector certificate, which is tied to an individual, must be linked to your company via the Danish Waste Register.



If you have several p-units registered as a Collector, each of these p-units must have a collector certificate associated with it, unless there are 9 or fewer employees employed in the unit.

Recycling facilities and collection companies subject to environmental approval requirements must have a valid environmental approval before the company may be registered in the Danish Waste Register. If you are in doubt as to whether you are subject to the environmental approval requirements, you should contact your municipality or the Danish Environmental Protection Agency for further guidance on the rules.

Please note, the Danish Energy Agency supervises the information you have provided when registering in the Danish Waste Register. You may be asked to submit documentation that you have a valid environmental permit, if this is required by the environmental permit regulations.

3. How do we get a collector certificate?

A waste collector certificate is personal, so you need to choose who in the company should receive the certificate. If it is in your main department (the address associated with your CVR number), it must be a person with management responsibility. If it is at another p-unit, you can decide for yourself which employee should have a valid certificate. The person must be employed at the address.

You can get a waste collector certificate by taking a waste collector test, for which the Danish Environmental Protection Agency is responsible. Once you have passed the test digitally, you will receive a personal waste collector certificate, which is valid for 5 years. After that, the test must be taken again.

You can read more about the waste collector test on the Danish Environmental Protection Agency's website. If you have any questions relating to the waste collector course or problems in relation to this, please also contact the Danish Environmental Protection Agency.

You can order a waste collector test via the Danish Waste Register by clicking on the button at the top right.

4. What if the company's collector certificate expires?

A collector certificate is valid for 5 years from the date of issue. You can see when it expires on the card.

You will be notified via your company's Digital Postbox (e-boks) 3 months before your associated collector certificate expires and again 1 month before. Before it expires, you must either link an unutilised collector certificate to the registration (see "What is an available collector certificate?") or order a new one.

You can order a new one by clicking "renew certificate" and filling out the information form.



If it concerns the address for the CVR number, and you do not link a new collector certificate before the expiration of the linked one, the collector role will become inactive, and you can no longer operate a collection business, either at the main address or the other p-units.

If the collector certificate has expired at an underlying p-unit, with a different address (which must also have a collector certificate associated, because there are 10 or more employees), only the p-unit in question cannot operate a collection business.

If the person who's collector certificate is assigned to a p-unit resigns from the company, you have 6 months to link a new collector certificate.

5. We cannot see the employee's collector certificate

If an employee has a collector certificate, but you cannot see it in the Danish Waste Register, it may be because the certificate is not linked to the company.

You can have an employee's collector certificate linked to the company's CVR number by contacting us on affaldsregister@ens.dk.

When the Danish Energy Agency has linked the certificate, you can find it under "Available collector certificates".

6. How do I link an Available collector certificate to a p-unit?

To link an available collector certificate to a specific p-unit, you must find a certificate under "Available collection certificates".

If the certificate is linked to one p-unit, but needs to be moved to another p-unit, first remove the certificate from the linked p-unit by clicking "the certificate is not in use" and then find the certificate under "Available collector certificates" and link it to the new p-unit.

Please note, a collector certificate can only be linked to one p-unit at a time in the Danish Waste Register.



Profile page

1. Whom to add under contact information?

You should add the person who administrate your registration in the register under 'contact information'. The Danish Energy Agency use this information if we need to contact your company.

This information is only accessible to the officers in the Danish Energy Agency. It will not be made publicly available.

2. What information is included in company information?

Under company information you will find all relevant information about your company that will be used for registration.

The information will be publicly available to anyone who accesses the Danish Waste Register's search page. This serves the purpose of making your information available to waste producers enabling them to contact you.

For Danish companies with a CVR number

Here you can see the CVR number, company name and main address. The information has been retrieved from the CVR register. If there is an error in the information, you must correct it in the CVR register via virk.dk. When you subsequently log in to the Danish Waste Register, you will be able to see the corrected information, however, please be aware this may take 1-2 days.

For foreign companies with a VAT number

Here you can see the VAT number, company name and main address. All information can be corrected, apart from the VAT number.

Your responsibility for the accuracy of the information

You must ensure all information appear accurately. Otherwise, you must correct it before paying the annual fee.

Link to your own website

Here you can insert a link to your own website, for example a page informing waste producers of the services you offer.



Didn't find what you were looking for?

If you have questions about login, registration, payments or searches that you haven't found answers to in the above guide, please have a look at our user guide accessible on our website or contact us on affaldsregister@ens.dk.