



Press Release

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EasyGov.swiss now supports business financing and debt enforcement

The Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) has once again expanded EasyGov.swiss, its online service desk for companies: the digital platform also now provides support with preparing submissions to debt enforcement offices. In the future, companies and private individuals will be able to input information for requests for debt enforcement proceedings and extracts from the debt enforcement register. The portal now offers assistance with SME financing too.

Since early July, SECO's online service desk for companies has been even handier than before. On EasyGov.swiss, companies and private individuals alike can now get help preparing requests for debt enforcement proceedings and extracts from the debt enforcement register, with the platform identifying the competent debt enforcement office automatically. Anyone with a qualified signature can submit these requests completely online to any of the 400 or so debt enforcement offices in Switzerland. Everyone else will have to print off the form, sign it and post it to the competent office.

The online service desk now also has a new section, "Support with financing". This allows users to contact the loan guarantee organisations accredited by the Swiss government, which make it easier for high-performing SMEs with scope for further development to take out bank loans. Switzerland's revised law on loan guarantees entered into force on 1 July 2019, enabling SMEs to be granted loan guarantees of up to CHF 1 million.

Numerous other government services can also be processed quickly and easily on EasyGov.swiss. Some 13,500 entrepreneurs and business owners are already using these services.

Since as far back as November 2017, users have been able to register their company for the Commercial Register, OASI and accident insurance directly or make the most commonly sought-after changes to their Commercial Register entry. More official e-services are to be integrated gradually and the portal is being optimised continuously.

Less red tape, more time for your core business

EasyGov.swiss is part of the E-Government Strategy Switzerland adopted by the federal government, cantons and municipalities, which are committed to reducing paperwork for SMEs in partnership with business leaders. EasyGov.swiss is harnessing the potential of-

ferred by digitalisation and thus making it easier for companies and the authorities to exchange information. The service desk allows companies to conduct a wide range of official business on a single online platform, saving SMEs time and money and simplifying data exchange at an administrative level.

Services offered by EasyGov.swiss version 1.4

The following official services are currently available on EasyGov.swiss:

Setting up a business

Registering with the

- Commercial Register
- OASI (compensation offices)
- VAT
- Accident insurance (SUVA and private insurers)

Amendments to the Commercial Register

Amendments to the Commercial Register involving a change of registered office to a different canton and official certifications

Debt enforcement and requests for extracts from the debt enforcement register for private individuals and companies

Debt enforcement:

- Apply to instigate debt enforcement proceedings against an individual or legal entity. Individuals can also do this in the public part of EasyGov.swiss without the need to register or log in.

Requests for extracts from the debt enforcement register:

- Request an extract from the debt enforcement register. Individuals can also do this in the public part of EasyGov.swiss without the need to register or log in.

Loan guarantees for SMEs

The Swiss government is making it easier for high-performing SMEs with scope for further development to take out bank loans. The government-accredited loan guarantee co-operatives facilitate access to bank loans for SMEs. Contact with the competent loan guarantee organisation can now be initiated online via EasyGov.swiss.

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