

Director, Trustee, PSC and LLP Member Identity Verification. Important changes you need to know.



Helping you stay compliant with new Companies House rules

Under the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023, all company directors, people with significant control (PSCs), members of LLPs, and trustees of certain entities (such as academy trusts registered as charitable companies) must verify their identity with Companies House.

These changes are designed to improve corporate transparency and help prevent the misuse of UK companies.

Who needs to verify?

- All company directors (existing and new)
- All PSCs (people with significant control)
- Members (partners) of a LLP
- Trustees of any trust registered at Companies House (such as academy trusts)

If you are a director of more than one company, a single verification will cover all your appointments.

When do you need to act?

New appointments – from Autumn 2025, identity verification is required before appointment. Existing directors, PSCs, members and trustees – must complete verification by Autumn 2026.

Why is this important?

If identity verification is not completed:

- · We will not be able to file your accounts or other statutory documents with Companies House.
- · Your company may face penalties or even risk being struck off the register.
- · Your ability to trade and maintain good standing will be at risk.

How can you verify your identity?

You have **two options**:

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Option 1

Let us handle it for you

As an Authorised Corporate Service Provider (ACSP), we can manage the entire verification process on your behalf for £100 + VAT per director, trustee, member, or PSC.

This service offers:

- Full compliance with Companies House requirements
- Peace of mind that everything is handled correctly
- Updates to all necessary company records
- Confirmation once verification is complete

Please note: We will need to validate all directors, trustees, members, or PSCs for each entity.

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Option 2

Verify independently

You can choose to verify your identity yourself via:

- GOV.UK One Login
- Selected UK Post Offices

If you choose this route, you must ensure all directors, trustees, members, or PSCs have been validated, and you must provide us with your verification code promptly so we can update your company records and continue to act on your behalf.

What do you need to do now?

Decide whether you would like us to carry out the verification for you. You will need to advise us of your choice by informing your usual Streets contact. If you choose to verify independently, please ensure you send us your code as soon as possible.

Why choose Streets to verify for you?

- · Save time and avoid potential errors
- Ensure full compliance with Companies House requirements
- · Reduce the risk of missed filings and penalties
- · Receive written confirmation once your verification is complete

Important

Our identity verification service is available only to existing and new Streets clients.

We're here to help

We understand these new requirements may seem daunting. Our team is here to support you throughout the process and answer any questions you may have. If you would like us to handle this for you, or if you'd like to discuss your options, please get in touch with your usual Streets contact.