IHK “Electronic Signature” Service

IHK signature card for company employees – valid for two years

There is a growing number of online transactions in which companies can – or must – sign electronically with legally binding effect. The IHK signature service is aimed at all companies that need electronic signature equipment for their employees.

IHK signature card

On the smart card, issued exclusively to one natural person, the trust centre D-Trust, a subsidiary of Bundesdruckerei GmbH, stores your personal certificate, valid for two years. It meets the security level of a qualified certificate for legally binding signatures. You must apply for the IHK signature card in person. Your company affiliation can additionally be included at no extra charge, subject to appropriate proof.

- IHK signature card when applying at the IHK: €158.40 plus VAT
- IHK signature card when applying via the PostIdent procedure: €158.40 plus VAT
  https://portal.d-trust.net/shop/KUqcIhtVPd/group/UIbHBBY4li

Please note that an IHK signature card cannot be renewed after it has expired. Shortly before expiry, you can apply for a follow-up card directly from D-Trust, provided that your personal certificate data has not changed.

- IHK signature card / follow-up card valid for two years: €158.40 plus VAT

Card reader

To use your IHK signature card, you need a card reader that meets the following requirements:

- Class 3 card reader
- USB connection
- Suitable for contact-based signature smart cards

Card readers recommended by D-Trust are listed at https://www.chipkartenleser-shop.de/bdr_hw/zubehoer-d-trust-card-5x. You may of course obtain other suitable card readers yourself.

“Nexus Personal Suite” software

If you wish to use your IHK signature card for the electronic certificate of origin, you need the Nexus Personal software. IHK-GfI provides this software free of charge within the electronic certificate of origin application. Further information: https://euz.ihk.de/

Software for signing files (e.g. PDF)

If you wish to sign files, various products are available – please contact the respective providers. D-Trust works closely with secrypt, which offers digiSeal office and, for high-volume signers, digitalSeal office pro 100: https://www.chipkartenleser-shop.de/bdr_hw/zubehoer-d-trust-card-4x

Technical requirements

Internet access, Microsoft operating system Windows 10 or later, 8 GB RAM, USB port for connecting the card reader.

Note: No guarantee or support is provided for use of the D-Trust signature on terminal servers. You need administrator rights to install the Nexus software.

Application overview for the IHK signature card

Signature application and web address	Required signature components
Electronic certificate of origin – eUZweb, http://euz.ihk.de (use of the IHK signature card for company employees optional)	IHK signature card · card reader · Nexus Personal Suite version 5.5 or later
Electronic waste consignment note with the federal states' eANV – http://www.zks-abfall.de. Further eANV platforms are provided by private providers for a fee.	IHK signature card · card reader
Application for a permit for waste management activities under Section 54 of the German Circular Economy Act (KrWG) – http://www.zks-abfall.de	IHK signature card · card reader
Electronic tax return ELSTER – http://www.elsteronline.de	IHK signature card · card reader · Nexus Personal Suite
European and national emissions trading ** – http://www.dehst.de	IHK signature card · card reader
German Packaging Act / certification of declarations of completeness – http://www.verpackungsregister.org	IHK signature card · card reader · software for signing files
Online handling of public tenders / e-procurement: numerous national and regional e-procurement platforms can be used with the IHK signature card. Current overview at https://www.de-coda.de. Depending on the platform, an LDAP entry may be required. **	IHK signature card · card reader
Trade mark application at the German Patent and Trade Mark Office – http://www.dpma.de	IHK signature card · card reader
Electronic citizen and organisation mailbox (eBO) – https://egvp.justiz.de/buerger_organisationen/index.php	IHK signature card · card reader
Submission of balance sheets / annual financial statements to Polish authorities – http://ekrs.ms.gov.pl	IHK signature card · card reader · digiSeal office software

Important notes

- When applying for the signature card, please state your company's internal order number if it is to appear on the subsequent D-Trust invoice. Bundesdruckerei charges a fee of €20.00 for subsequent amendment of the invoice.
- ** To use this application, you must consent, when applying for the signature card, to your certificate being published in the trust centre's public directory (LDAP directory).

Questions? DE-CODA GmbH coordinates the IHK signature activities and will be pleased to advise you: phone +49 231 999527-0, email signaturen@de-coda.de, or visit https://www.de-coda.de