

About WEEE

In Germany, EPR for Electronics is commonly also called WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) which represents the directive you need to follow if you're selling these kinds of products. To comply with EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) regulations, you need a WEEE registration. Registration involves pairing a brand with a product category.

In Germany, there are six WEEE categories, which your products could fall into:

1. Temperature exchange equipment
2. Screens, monitors, & equipment containing screens >100 cm²
3. Lamps
4. Large equipment >50 cm
5. Small equipment <50 cm
6. Small IT & telecommunication equipment <50 cm

Each registration includes both the brand and type of equipment. If your company wants to register multiple brands or types of equipment, you need to apply for each combination.



Here is an example to clarify

If you sell a Samsung smartphone, the registration would be: Samsung; small IT and telecommunication equipment.

If you also sell a large Samsung TV, another registration would be: Samsung; screens, monitors, and equipment containing screens larger than 100 cm².



Therefore, the number of brands multiplied by the WEEE product categories equals the number of registrations you need.

If you have multiple products from the same brand in the same category, you only need one registration for that category. Remember, it's about covering each category for each brand. For example, if you sell three types of Samsung smartphones, just one registration is required.

Standard costs

The standard costs for WEEE are composed of 3 parts:



These are not optional, you always need to pay these

Monthly filings

These are billed annually.

Note: You can't do this yourself; it needs to be done by an AR by DE law.

€ **599** /year

Authorized representative fee

Per tonnes EE waste (material)

€ **350** / 0 - 10 tonnes

€ **600** / 10 - 25 tonnes

Disposal costs

You always need to pay a minimal amount for waste disposal costs, per category. See variable costs.

Variable costs



These costs are dependent on what and how much you sell.

Registration costs

You have to pay for the registration(s) once.

€ **11⁵⁰** / Registration examination per brand/category combination

€ **49** / confirmation of AR

Annual service costs

Your annual service costs consist of 3 parts:

1: Basic service fee

You must pay an annual service fee and waste processing costs for each combination of brand and category.

150 /per brand/category combination

2: Stiftung AR fee

Stiftung AR charges administrative fees per quarter for maintaining a registration (which is mandatory).

43⁹⁰ /per quarter

3: Guarantee examination

Costs for the examination of the insolvency guarantee.

12³⁰ /per category

Disposal costs / per ton (kg)

Category 1 €225,-
Temperature exchange equipment

Category 2 €160,-
Screens, monitors, & equipment containing screens >100 cm²

Category 3 €900,-
Lamps

Category 4 €20,-
Large equipment >50 cm

Category 5 €40,-
Small equipment <50 cm

Category 6 €40,-
Small IT & telecommunication equipment <50 cm

Total costs

Standard costs

- ✓ Monthly filings
- ✓ Authorized representative fee
- ✓ Disposal costs



Variable costs

- ✓ Registration costs
- ✓ Annual service costs
- ✓ Disposal costs

Annual returning costs

Total costs

- ✓ Standard costs
- ✓ Variable costs



Registration examination per brand/category combination

€ **11⁵⁰** / Registration



Confirmation of AR

€ **49** / confirmation

Calculation example

For example, if you sell 10 tons of Samsung cellphones per year, the calculation would be as follow:

Service fee	1x €150,-	€150,-	4x €43,90	€175,60	1x €12,30	€12,30
Disposal costs	10x €40,-	€400,-				
Total costs		€737,90				

However, there is a minimum disposal cost per category, which is €400 per year. This means if your combined disposal costs are less than €400, you will still need to pay the minimum amount of €400. For instance, if you sell 3 tons of Samsung cellphones, the calculation would be:

Service fee	1x €150,-	€150,-	4x €43,90	€175,60	1x €12,30	€12,30
Disposal costs	3x €40,-	€120,-				
Combined total		€270,-	below minimum, so €400 + rest of service fees			
Minimum costs applied		€587,90				

Unfortunately, we can't do anything about the minimum disposal costs.

Examples

Example 1

Peter wants to sell a massage gun in Germany. The product falls into category 5: small appliances. He only sells one brand of massage guns: MassageMe. He expects to sell 2 tons (kg).

1. Monthly filings, billed annually	€599,-
2. Authorized representative	€350,-
3. Disposal costs	$(1 \times €150,-) + (2 \times €40,-) = €230,-$ (minimal costs) €400,-
4. Annual service costs	$(4 \times €43,90) + (1 \times €12,30)$ €187,90
5. Registration examination per brand/category combination	€11,50
6. Confirmation of authorized representative	€49,-
Total costs for Peter	€1597,40

If everything goes well with the sale of the massage guns in Germany, Peter will have to pay €1,536.90 over the coming years to remain compliant with WEEE in Germany (= total costs - one-time costs).

Example 2

Anna wants to sell her products in Germany. She wants to sell products from 5 different brands, which fall into category 5. In total, she expects to sell 3 tons (kg).

1. Monthly filings, billed annually	€599,-
2. Authorized representative	€350,-
3. Annual service costs (per brand/category)	$(5 \times €150,-) + (4 \times €43,90) + €12,30$ €937,90
4. Disposal costs	$3 \times €40,-$ €120,-
5. Registration examination per brand/category combination	$5 \times €11,50$ €57,50
6. Confirmation of authorized representative	€49,-
Total costs for Anna	€2113,40

If everything goes well with the sale of the products in Germany, Anna will have to pay €2,006.90 over the coming years to remain compliant with WEEE in Germany.

Example 3

Sam wants to sell his products in Germany.

He wants to sell products from 2 different brands, which fall into categories 4 and 5. In total, he expects to sell 1 ton (kg) per category.

1. Monthly filings, billed annually	€599,-
2. Authorized representative	€350,-
3. Disposal costs	€800,-
Category 4 (1x €150,-) + (1x €40,-) = €190,- (minimal costs)	
Category 5 (1x €150,-) + (1x €40,-) = €190,- (minimal costs)	
4. Annual service costs (4x €43,90) + (2x €12,30)	€874,20
5. Registration examination per brand/category combination 2x €11,50	€23,-
6. Confirmation of authorized representative	€49,-
Total costs for Sam	€2623,20

If everything goes well with the sale of the products in Germany, Sam will have to pay €1,480 over the coming years to remain compliant with WEEE in Germany.

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