

GLN number

What is a GLN number used for?

The abbreviation GLN stands for Global Location Number.

- A GLN is used to identify companies and parts of companies - such as warehouse locations or branches - worldwide, making them clearly identifiable.
- The GLN is a prerequisite for electronic data interchange (EDI). Every EDI participant must therefore have a GLN code and use it to identify themselves. The GLN code is sent with the structured information of the EDI message. Each EDI partner has its own identifier.

The GLN is also the prerequisite for generating GTIN or NVE numbers

What does a GLN consist of?

A GLN consists of 13 digits:

- GS1 base number (GS1 prefix or country code)
- Location reference
- Check digit

Where can I apply for a GLN?

A GLN can be applied for at GS1. GS1, based in Brussels, is a network of not-for-profit organizations that develop, negotiate and maintain global standards for cross-company processes. There are 115 national GS1 organizations. To apply for a GLN, you must contact the relevant national GS1 organization. For Germany, GS1 Germany (www.gs1-germany.de) is the right contact

What is the difference between GLN and GTIN?

- The GLN is used to identify legal entities and locations
- The GTIN is used to identify products and services

When does a GLN change?

A GLN changes when a company moves to a different address or to a different building.

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