

Registration of Title

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Why land registration exists and what it guarantees.

Unregistered land

- Title proved by a chain of deeds
- Each transaction re-investigated
- Risk of a missing or defective link
- Slower and costlier to transfer

Registered land

- Title recorded on a public register
- State-backed guarantee in many systems
- Interests protected by entry on the register
- Faster, cheaper transactions
- Some interests bind without registration

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

The register aims to be a mirror of the title, but overriding interests mean it is rarely a complete picture.

Educational reference. Which interests override the register is jurisdiction-specific and a frequent source of dispute.