

## **Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE)**

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The Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE) has efficiently streamlined the process of company closures to 70-90 days.

- It aims to expedite the voluntary winding up of companies within six months.
  - Since **5<sup>th</sup> August 2024,** C-PACE has been empowered processing eForms related to striking off <u>Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs)</u> as well.
- C-PACE was launched by the **Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)** to **centralise and streamline** the process of company closure.
  - It functions under the Registrar of Companies (RoC), an office under MCA.
- It facilitates '<u>Fase of Doing Business</u>' by eliminating the necessity for **physical interactions** with stakeholders.
- **Section 248** of the <u>Companies Act, 2013</u> gives RoC the authority to remove a company's name from the **register of companies**.
  - **Voluntary liquidation** under **Section 59 of the** <u>IBC</u> is now more streamlined as it does not require NCLT intervention to start the process.
- The timeline for voluntary winding up of companies takes between 90 and 180 days in the US while in Germany it takes more than a year.



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