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The present review of the land registration and mortgage law in the Republic of Estonia is aimed at providing an overview of the law of property in the Republic of Estonia. The purpose of this review is to analyse the aspects of immovable property.

Along with the restoration of the independent Republic of Estonia, a comprehensive land reform involving privatisation and denationalisation of land and other real property was undertaken in order to restructure the legal, social and economic relations in the field of land ownership and land use. The principal objective of the reform was to create a free real estate market.

This publication provides a survey on effective legal regulation of the real estate issues, while also placing special focus on the Real Property Registration and Mortgage systems. A short overview of the recent developments of Estonian property law is provided in Part 1 Chapter 1 and a short historical background of Estonian land registries is given in Part 2 Chapter 1.