Main source for update of business register in Georgia is data received from administrative sources, namely from National Agency of Public Registry and from Revenue Service (Tax Office);

From Public Registry Geostat receives information about newly registered and liquidated (closed) companies, also information on changes. From Revenue Service (Tax Office) Geostat receives information on active taxpayers.

Update procedures are automated. The information is received from administrative sources monthly, using automatic interfaces that the Geostat has with the databases of these institutions. The received data is cleansed and structured.

Administrative data are very important for update of business register, because in business register Geostat collects approximately 25 variables, however 80% of which comes from administrative sources;

High quality statistical products in most cases are received by combining administrative and survey data.

Therefore, another source for update of register is also various business statistics surveys. Quarterly and annual sample business surveys provide information on contact details and kind of economic activities of the surveyed entities.

In database received from administrative sources actual address and kind of economic activities are indicated only for limited number of enterprises. Sometimes indicated information on economic activities are incorrect, which is huge problem for business register and hence for all business survey.
That’s why GEOSTAT conducts every month computer assisted telephone interviews (CATI) for the companies in the business register to update information about status, kind of economic activities and actual addresses by each local units of the companies.

Besides update of business register, administrative sources are used for production of demographic statistics, transport statistics, construction statistics, external trade and Foreign Direct Investments statistics, education and social protection statistics etc.

Suitable documentation is also really essential for the users of the business registers and part of the overall quality of the service that the business register provide.

In cooperating with experts from statistics Sweden, Geostat created metadata for business register, which contains all information about business register and briefly description on variables, production and update procedures, maintenance etc.

The use of data from administrative sources is an obvious alternative to data collection from respondents. The access to data from administrative sources for statistical purposes is granted to the Geostat by law "On Official Statistics” and by special government decrees which oblige other public institutions to cooperate with the Geostat.