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Common form	SARL (société à responsabilité limitée)
Registry	National Centre of the Trade Register (CNRC)
Minimum capital	No fixed minimum; set by the articles
Directors	1 manager (gérant)
Local director	Not required; the 49/51 rule now applies only to strategic sectors and imports for resale
Corporate tax	19% for manufacturing, 23% for construction, public works and tourism, 26% for other activities
VAT / sales tax	19% (9% reduced rate)
Typical timeline	Often 2–6 weeks
Tax treaties	Domestic rates and treaty list [3]
Currency	Algerian dinar (DZD)

In short: To set up a company in Algeria, most founders form an SARL, registered with the National Centre of the Trade Register (CNRC). Minimum capital: no fixed minimum; set by the articles. Corporate tax: 19% for manufacturing, 23% for construction, public works and tourism, 26% for other activities. Registration: often 2–6 weeks (as of November 2026).

Short guide. Tax figures come from the sources listed under References; company-law details summarise official guidance and can change. Confirm requirements with the National Centre of the Trade Register (CNRC) before filing.

Companies in **Algeria** are entered in the trade register kept by the **CNRC**. Since 2020 the rule requiring 51% Algerian ownership applies only to strategic sectors and to the import of goods for resale.

Business structures

Most founders in Algeria form an SARL, registered with the National Centre of the Trade Register (CNRC). Other forms are listed below.

- **SARL** – the usual company form for private businesses

Requirements

Minimum share capital in Algeria (2026): no fixed minimum; set by the articles. Directors required: 1 manager (gérant). Local resident director: not required; the 49/51 rule now applies only to strategic sectors and imports for resale.

- A company name that is available, checked with the registry.
- Share capital: no fixed minimum; set by the articles.
- Directors: 1 manager (gérant).
- Local residency: not required; the 49/51 rule now applies only to strategic sectors and imports for resale.
- A registered office address in Algeria.
- Articles of association signed before a notary.

Registration process

Typical time to register a company in Algeria (2026): often 2–6 weeks. The usual steps are:

1. Choose the company form and check that the name is available.

2. Sign the articles of association before a notary.
3. File the registration with the National Centre of the Trade Register (CNRC).
4. Receive the company's registration number, and pay in the share capital where required.
5. Register for corporate tax and VAT or sales tax with the General Tax Directorate (DGI).

Taxation

The corporate tax rate in Algeria in 2026 is 19% for manufacturing, 23% for construction, public works and tourism, 26% for other activities. Standard VAT or sales tax: 19% (9% reduced rate).

Tax	Rate and notes
Corporate income tax	19% for manufacturing, 23% for construction, public works and tourism, 26% for other activities
VAT / indirect tax	19% (9% reduced rate)
Withholding tax on dividends to non-resident companies	Depends on the payer and recipient; see the Double tax treaties section

Ongoing compliance

Annual compliance in Algeria: Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the General Tax Directorate (DGI), and keep their details up to date with the National Centre of the Trade Register.

Double tax treaties

Algeria has around 30 double tax treaties, mainly with European, Arab and African countries.

Domestic withholding tax on payments to non-resident companies

Dividends paid to non-residents are subject to 15% withholding tax and interest to 10%; services supplied by non-residents without a permanent establishment bear a 30% withholding that covers income tax, the tax on professional activity and VAT. The Finance Law 2026 changed several of these rules, so confirm current rates with the DGI.

The reduced rate for each partner country is set by the treaty concerned; confirm it with the tax authority.

Domestic rates from the sources listed under References. Treaty benefits require proof of tax residence and are subject to anti-abuse rules.

Frequently asked questions

How long does it take to register a company in Algeria?

Typical registration time in Algeria: often 2–6 weeks (as of November 2026), once all documents are ready. Opening a bank account and tax registrations can take longer.

What is the minimum share capital for a company in Algeria?

Minimum share capital in Algeria: no fixed minimum; set by the articles (as of November 2026).

What is the corporate tax rate in Algeria in 2026?

The corporate tax rate in Algeria in 2026 is 19% for manufacturing, 23% for construction, public works and tourism, 26% for other activities. See the Taxation section for reduced rates and other taxes.

Can a foreigner own 100% of a company in Algeria?

Yes, for most activities, though some sectors restrict foreign ownership or require approval. Local director rule in Algeria: not required; the 49/51 rule now applies only to strategic sectors and imports for resale.

Official registries and resources

The official websites of the National Centre of the Trade Register (CNRC) and the General Tax Directorate (DGI) have not yet been verified by our editors, so they are not linked here. Use the names above to find them, and beware of unofficial look-alike sites.

Figures as of November 2026. Rates, thresholds and procedures change; confirm with the official registry, the tax authority or a local adviser before filing.

See also

- Comparison of company formation by country
- Company formation in South Africa
- Company formation in Mauritius
- Company formation in Angola
- Company formation in Botswana
- All countries

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