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Common form	Private limited company [1]
Registry	Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC) [1]
Minimum capital	None [1]
Directors	2 directors [1]
Local director	Not required [1]
Corporate tax	27.5% for non-listed companies; lower for listed companies [2]
VAT / sales tax	15% [2]
Typical timeline	Usually 1–2 weeks [1]
Tax treaties	Domestic rates and treaty list [7]
Currency	Bangladeshi taka (BDT)

In short: To set up a company in Bangladesh, most founders form a private limited company, registered with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC). [1] Minimum capital: none. Corporate tax: 27.5% for non-listed companies; lower for listed companies. Registration: usually 1–2 weeks (as of November 2026).

Short guide. Tax figures come from PwC Worldwide Tax Summaries (reviewed 31 July 2026); company-law details summarise official guidance and can change. Confirm requirements with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC) before filing.

A **private limited company** in **Bangladesh** is registered online with the **Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC)**. It needs at least two shareholders and two directors.

Business structures

Most founders in Bangladesh form a private limited company, registered with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC). [1] Other forms are listed below.

- **Private limited company** – the usual company form for private businesses

Requirements

Minimum share capital in Bangladesh (2026): none. Directors required: 2 directors. Local resident director: not required. [1]

- A company name that is available, checked with the registry.
- Share capital: none.
- Directors: 2 directors.
- Local residency: not required.
- A registered office address in Bangladesh.
- Articles of association; standard templates are often available.

Registration process

Typical time to register a company in Bangladesh (2026): usually 1–2 weeks. [1] The usual steps are:

1. Choose the company form and check that the name is available.
2. Prepare and sign the articles of association.
3. File the registration with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC).

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 National Board of Revenue (NBR).

Taxation

The corporate tax rate in Bangladesh in 2026 is 27.5% for non-listed companies; lower for listed companies. [2] **Standard VAT or sales tax: 15%.** [2]

Tax	Rate and notes
Corporate income tax	27.5% for non-listed companies; lower for listed companies
VAT / indirect tax	15%
Withholding tax on dividends to non-resident companies	20 or 30%

Ongoing compliance

Annual compliance in Bangladesh: Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the National Board of Revenue (NBR), and keep their details up to date with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms. [1]

Double tax treaties

Bangladesh has a network of double tax treaties. A double tax treaty decides which country may tax cross-border income and usually caps the withholding tax the paying country can charge.

Domestic withholding tax on payments to non-resident companies

Dividends	Interest	Royalties
20 or 30%	20%	20%

The reduced rate for each partner country is set by the treaty concerned; PwC's withholding tax summary for Bangladesh lists them.

Domestic rates from the PwC Worldwide Tax Summaries withholding tax quick chart (November 2026). 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 Bangladesh?

Typical registration time in Bangladesh: usually 1–2 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 Bangladesh?

Minimum share capital in Bangladesh: none (as of November 2026).

What is the corporate tax rate in Bangladesh in 2026?

The corporate tax rate in Bangladesh in 2026 is 27.5% for non-listed companies; lower for listed companies. See the Taxation section for reduced rates and other taxes.

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

Yes, for most activities, though some sectors restrict foreign ownership or require approval. Local director rule in Bangladesh: not required.

What withholding tax applies to dividends paid from Bangladesh?

Bangladesh withholds 20 or 30% on dividends paid to non-resident companies under domestic law, often reduced by a tax treaty. See the Double tax treaties section.

Official registries and resources

- Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC)
- National Board of Revenue (NBR)

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 Singapore
- Company formation in Hong Kong
- Company formation in Japan
- Company formation in India
- All countries

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