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Common form	SPRL (société privée à responsabilité limitée)
Registry	One-stop shop for business creation (Burundi Development Agency)
Minimum capital	Set by the Companies Code (low)
Directors	1 manager
Local director	Not required
Corporate tax	30%
VAT / sales tax	18%
Typical timeline	Often within a few days at the one-stop shop
Tax treaties	Domestic rates and treaty list [2]
Currency	Burundian franc (BIF)

In short: To set up a company in Burundi, most founders form an SPRL, registered with the One-stop shop for business creation (Burundi Development Agency). Minimum capital: set by the Companies Code (low). Corporate tax: 30%. Registration: often within a few days at the one-stop shop (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 One-stop shop for business creation (Burundi Development Agency) before filing.

Companies in **Burundi** are created at a government **one-stop shop**, which registers the company and issues its tax number together. Corporate tax is 30% and VAT 18%.

Business structures

Most founders in Burundi form an SPRL, registered with the One-stop shop for business creation (Burundi Development Agency). Other forms are listed below.

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

Requirements

Minimum share capital in Burundi (2026): set by the Companies Code (low). Directors required: 1 manager. Local resident director: not required.

- A company name that is available, checked with the registry.
- Share capital: set by the Companies Code (low).
- Directors: 1 manager.
- Local residency: not required.
- A registered office address in Burundi.
- Articles of association; standard templates are often available.

Registration process

Typical time to register a company in Burundi (2026): often within a few days at the one-stop shop. 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 One-stop shop for business creation (Burundi Development Agency).
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 Burundi Revenue Office (OBR).

Taxation

The corporate tax rate in Burundi in 2026 is 30%. Standard VAT or sales tax: 18%.

Tax	Rate and notes
Corporate income tax	30%
VAT / indirect tax	18%
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 Burundi: Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the Burundi Revenue Office (OBR), and keep their details up to date with the One-stop shop for business creation.

Double tax treaties

Burundi has few comprehensive double tax treaties, so domestic withholding rates usually apply; check whether a treaty covers the other country before relying on a reduced rate.

Domestic withholding tax on payments to non-resident companies

Domestic withholding rates on dividends, interest and royalties could not be confirmed from a current source for this short guide; confirm them with the Burundi Revenue Office.

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 Burundi?

Typical registration time in Burundi: often within a few days at the one-stop shop (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 Burundi?

Minimum share capital in Burundi: set by the Companies Code (low) (as of November 2026).

What is the corporate tax rate in Burundi in 2026?

The corporate tax rate in Burundi in 2026 is 30%. See the Taxation section for reduced rates and other taxes.

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

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

Official registries and resources

The official websites of the One-stop shop for business creation (Burundi Development Agency) and the Burundi Revenue Office (OBR) 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

References

Entries marked **Official** are the registry, government and tax authority sources for this country; footnote numbers in the infobox point to them.

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2. VAT, GST and sales tax rates by country . VATCalc. Accessed November 2026.

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