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Common form	SARL (société à responsabilité limitée, OHADA)
Registry	One-stop shop for business formalities (GUFE), which files with the RCCM
Minimum capital	Set by national law under the OHADA Uniform Act (low)
Directors	1 manager (gérant)
Local director	Not required
Corporate tax	30%
VAT / sales tax	19%
Typical timeline	Often 1–4 weeks
Tax treaties	Domestic rates and treaty list [2]
Currency	Central African CFA franc (XAF)

In short: To set up a company in the Central African Republic, most founders form an SARL, registered with the One-stop shop for business formalities (GUFE), which files with the RCCM. Minimum capital: set by national law under the OHADA Uniform Act (low). Corporate tax: 30%. Registration: often 1–4 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 One-stop shop for business formalities (GUFE), which files with the RCCM before filing.

Companies in the **Central African Republic** are set up under **OHADA** law through the one-stop shop for business formalities (GUFE). Armed conflict and United Nations sanctions on armed groups and listed persons affect much of the country.

Business structures

Most founders in the Central African Republic form an SARL, registered with the One-stop shop for business formalities (GUFE), which files with the RCCM. Other forms are listed below.

- **SARL** – limited liability company under the OHADA Uniform Act, the usual choice
- **SAS** – simplified joint-stock company (OHADA)
- **SA** – public limited company (OHADA)

Requirements

Minimum share capital in the Central African Republic (2026): set by national law under the OHADA Uniform Act (low). Directors required: 1 manager (gérant). Local resident director: not required.

- A company name that is available, checked with the registry.
- Share capital: set by national law under the OHADA Uniform Act (low).
- Directors: 1 manager (gérant).
- Local residency: not required.
- A registered office address in the Central African Republic.
- Articles of association; standard templates are often available.

Registration process

Typical time to register a company in the Central African Republic (2026): often 1–4 weeks. 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 formalities (GUFE), which files with the RCCM.
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 Directorate of Taxes and Domains.

Taxation

The corporate tax rate in the Central African Republic in 2026 is 30%. Standard VAT or sales tax: 19%.

Tax	Rate and notes
Corporate income tax	30%
VAT / indirect tax	19%
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 the Central African Republic: Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the General Directorate of Taxes and Domains, and keep their details up to date with the One-stop shop for business formalities.

Double tax treaties

The Central African Republic is part of the CEMAC tax treaty and has very few bilateral treaties.

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 General Directorate of Taxes and Domains.

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 the Central African Republic?

Typical registration time in the Central African Republic: often 1–4 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 the Central African Republic?

Minimum share capital in the Central African Republic: set by national law under the OHADA Uniform Act (low) (as of November 2026).

What is the corporate tax rate in the Central African Republic in 2026?

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

Can a foreigner own 100% of a company in the Central African Republic?

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

Official registries and resources

The official websites of the One-stop shop for business formalities (GUFE), which files with the RCCM and the General Directorate of Taxes and Domains 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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