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Common form	SRL (sociedad de responsabilidad limitada)
Registry	Chamber of Commerce and Production (Mercantile Registry)
Minimum capital	DOP 100,000 for an SRL
Directors	1 manager
Local director	Not required
Corporate tax	30% [1]
VAT / sales tax	18% (ITBIS) [1]
Typical timeline	Usually 2–4 weeks
Tax treaties	Domestic rates and treaty list [6]
Currency	Dominican peso (DOP)

In short: To set up a company in the Dominican Republic, most founders form an SRL, registered with the Chamber of Commerce and Production (Mercantile Registry). Minimum capital: DOP 100,000 for an SRL. Corporate tax: 30%. Registration: usually 2–4 weeks (as of November 2026).

Short guide. Tax figures come from PwC Worldwide Tax Summaries (reviewed 25 August 2026); company-law details summarise official guidance and can change. Confirm requirements with the Chamber of Commerce and Production (Mercantile Registry) before filing.

Companies in **the Dominican Republic** are registered in the Mercantile Registry of the local **Chamber of Commerce** and then with the tax authority (DGII). The SRL is the usual form for small and medium-sized businesses.

Business structures

Most founders in the Dominican Republic form an SRL, registered with the Chamber of Commerce and Production (Mercantile Registry). Other forms are listed below.

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

Requirements

Minimum share capital in the Dominican Republic (2026): DOP 100,000 for an SRL. Directors required: 1 manager. Local resident director: not required.

- A company name that is available, checked with the registry.
- Share capital: DOP 100,000 for an SRL.
- Directors: 1 manager.
- Local residency: not required.
- A registered office address in the Dominican Republic.
- Articles of association; standard templates are often available.

Registration process

Typical time to register a company in the Dominican Republic (2026): usually 2–4 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 Chamber of Commerce and Production (Mercantile Registry).
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 Internal Taxes (DGII).

Taxation

The corporate tax rate in the Dominican Republic in 2026 is 30%. [1] **Standard VAT or sales tax: 18% (ITBIS).** [1]

Tax	Rate and notes
Corporate income tax	30%
VAT / indirect tax	18% (ITBIS)
Withholding tax on dividends to non-resident companies	10%

Ongoing compliance

Annual compliance in the Dominican Republic: Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the General Directorate of Internal Taxes (DGII), and keep their details up to date with the Chamber of Commerce and Production.

Double tax treaties

The Dominican Republic 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
10%	10%	15%

The reduced rate for each partner country is set by the treaty concerned; PwC's withholding tax summary for the Dominican Republic 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 the Dominican Republic?

Typical registration time in the Dominican Republic: usually 2–4 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 Dominican Republic?

Minimum share capital in the Dominican Republic: DOP 100,000 for an SRL (as of November 2026).

What is the corporate tax rate in the Dominican Republic in 2026?

The corporate tax rate in the Dominican 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 Dominican Republic?

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

What withholding tax applies to dividends paid from the Dominican Republic?

The Dominican Republic withholds 10% 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

- General Directorate of Internal Taxes (DGII)

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 the United States
- Company formation in Canada
- Company formation in Mexico
- Company formation in Brazil
- All countries

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