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Common form	Private company limited by shares
Registry	Companies House (Registrar of Companies, Falkland Islands Government)
Minimum capital	No statutory minimum
Directors	1 director
Local director	Not required
Corporate tax	26% (a lower rate applies to the first slice of profit)
VAT / sales tax	None
Typical timeline	Usually 1–2 weeks
Tax treaties	Domestic rates and treaty list [2]
Currency	Falkland Islands pound (FKP), at par with sterling

In short: To set up a company in the Falkland Islands, most founders form a private company limited by shares, registered with Companies House (Registrar of Companies, Falkland Islands Government). Minimum capital: no statutory minimum. Corporate tax: 26% (a lower rate applies to the first slice of profit). Registration: usually 1–2 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 Companies House (Registrar of Companies, Falkland Islands Government) before filing.

The **Falkland Islands**, a British Overseas Territory, have their own company law and tax system modelled on older UK legislation. Companies are registered with **Companies House** in Stanley; there is no VAT.

Business structures

Most founders in the Falkland Islands form a private company limited by shares, registered with Companies House (Registrar of Companies, Falkland Islands Government). Other forms are listed below.

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

Requirements

Minimum share capital in the Falkland Islands (2026): no statutory minimum. Directors required: 1 director. Local resident director: not required.

- A company name that is available, checked with the registry.
- Share capital: no statutory minimum.
- Directors: 1 director.
- Local residency: not required.
- A registered office address in the Falkland Islands.
- Articles of association; standard templates are often available.

Registration process

Typical time to register a company in the Falkland Islands (2026): usually 1–2 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 Companies House (Registrar of Companies, Falkland Islands Government).
4. Receive the company's registration number, and pay in the share capital where required.
5. Register for corporate tax with the Taxation Office (Falkland Islands Government).

Taxation

The corporate tax rate in the Falkland Islands in 2026 is 26% (a lower rate applies to the first slice of profit). Standard VAT or sales tax: none.

Tax	Rate and notes
Corporate income tax	26% (a lower rate applies to the first slice of profit)
VAT / indirect tax	None
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 Falkland Islands: Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the Taxation Office (Falkland Islands Government), and keep their details up to date with the Companies House.

Double tax treaties

The Falkland Islands 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 Taxation 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 the Falkland Islands?

Typical registration time in the Falkland Islands: 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 the Falkland Islands?

Minimum share capital in the Falkland Islands: no statutory minimum (as of November 2026).

What is the corporate tax rate in the Falkland Islands in 2026?

The corporate tax rate in the Falkland Islands in 2026 is 26% (a lower rate applies to the first slice of profit). See the Taxation section for reduced rates and other taxes.

Can a foreigner own 100% of a company in the Falkland Islands?

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

Official registries and resources

The official websites of Companies House (Registrar of Companies, Falkland Islands Government) and the Taxation Office (Falkland Islands Government) 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 the United States
- Company formation in Canada
- Company formation in Mexico
- Company formation in Brazil
- 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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