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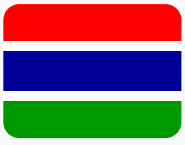

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Coat of arms

Common form	Private company limited by shares (Companies Act 2013)
Registry	Single Window Business Registry (Ministry of Justice)
Minimum capital	No statutory minimum
Directors	1 director
Local director	Not required
Corporate tax	27%
VAT / sales tax	15%
Typical timeline	Often within a week
Tax treaties	Domestic rates and treaty list [2]
Currency	Gambian dalasi (GMD)

In short: To set up a company in the Gambia, most founders form a private company limited by shares, registered with the Single Window Business Registry (Ministry of Justice). Minimum capital: no statutory minimum. Corporate tax: 27%. Registration: often within a week (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 Single Window Business Registry (Ministry of Justice) before filing.

Companies in **the Gambia** are registered with the **Single Window Business Registry**. Corporate tax is 27% and VAT 15%.

Business structures

Most founders in the Gambia form a private company limited by shares, registered with the Single Window Business Registry (Ministry of Justice). Other forms are listed below.

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

Requirements

Minimum share capital in the Gambia (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 Gambia.
- Articles of association; standard templates are often available.

Registration process

Typical time to register a company in the Gambia (2026): often within a week. 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 Single Window Business Registry (Ministry of Justice).

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 Gambia Revenue Authority (GRA).

Taxation

The corporate tax rate in the Gambia in 2026 is 27%. Standard VAT or sales tax: 15%.

Tax	Rate and notes
Corporate income tax	27%
VAT / indirect tax	15%
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 Gambia: Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the Gambia Revenue Authority (GRA), and keep their details up to date with the Single Window Business Registry.

Double tax treaties

The Gambia 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 Gambia Revenue Authority.

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 Gambia?

Typical registration time in the Gambia: often within a week (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 Gambia?

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

What is the corporate tax rate in the Gambia in 2026?

The corporate tax rate in the Gambia in 2026 is 27%. See the Taxation section for reduced rates and other taxes.

Can a foreigner own 100% of a company in the Gambia?

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

Official registries and resources

The official websites of the Single Window Business Registry (Ministry of Justice) and the Gambia Revenue Authority (GRA) 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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