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Common form	S.A. (société anonyme)
Registry	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Minimum capital	Set by the articles; minimums apply to an S.A.
Directors	A board of directors
Local director	Rules on the nationality of some officers apply
Corporate tax	30%
VAT / sales tax	Turnover tax (TCA) 10%
Typical timeline	Often 1–3 months
Tax treaties	Domestic rates and treaty list [2]
Currency	Haitian gourde (HTG)

In short: To set up a company in Haiti, most founders form an S.A., registered with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Minimum capital: set by the articles; minimums apply to an S.A.. Corporate tax: 30%. Registration: often 1–3 months (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 Ministry of Commerce and Industry before filing.

Companies in **Haiti** are usually set up as a **société anonyme** and authorised by the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**. The serious security crisis since 2021 affects every aspect of doing business, including access to government offices.

Business structures

Most founders in Haiti form an S.A., registered with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Other forms are listed below.

- **S.A.** – the usual company form for private businesses

Requirements

Minimum share capital in Haiti (2026): set by the articles; minimums apply to an S.A.. Directors required: a board of directors. Local resident director: rules on the nationality of some officers apply.

- A company name that is available, checked with the registry.
- Share capital: set by the articles; minimums apply to an S.A..
- Directors: a board of directors.
- Local residency: rules on the nationality of some officers apply.
- A registered office address in Haiti.
- Articles of association signed before a notary.

Registration process

Typical time to register a company in Haiti (2026): often 1–3 months. The usual steps are:

1. Choose the company form and check that the name is available.
2. Sign the articles of association before a notary.

3. File the registration with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
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 Tax Directorate (DGI).

Taxation

The corporate tax rate in Haiti in 2026 is 30%. Standard VAT or sales tax: turnover tax (TCA) 10%.

Tax	Rate and notes
Corporate income tax	30%
VAT / indirect tax	Turnover tax (TCA) 10%
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 Haiti: Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the General Tax Directorate (DGI), and keep their details up to date with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Double tax treaties

Haiti 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 General Tax Directorate.

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 Haiti?

Typical registration time in Haiti: often 1–3 months (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 Haiti?

Minimum share capital in Haiti: set by the articles; minimums apply to an S.A. (as of November 2026).

What is the corporate tax rate in Haiti in 2026?

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

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

Yes, for most activities, though some sectors restrict foreign ownership or require approval. Local director rule in Haiti: rules on the nationality of some officers apply.

Official registries and resources

The official websites of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the General Tax Directorate (DGI) 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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