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Common form	SA or S. de R.L.
Registry	Mercantile Registry (via the Chamber of Commerce)
Minimum capital	Low statutory minimums
Directors	1 sole administrator or a board
Local director	Not required
Corporate tax	25%, plus a 5% surcharge on income over HNL 1 million [1]
VAT / sales tax	Sales tax 15% [1]
Typical timeline	Usually 2–4 weeks
Tax treaties	Domestic rates and treaty list [6]
Currency	Honduran lempira (HNL)

In short: To set up a company in Honduras, most founders form an SA or S. de R.L., registered with the Mercantile Registry (via the Chamber of Commerce). Minimum capital: low statutory minimums. Corporate tax: 25%, plus a 5% surcharge on income over HNL 1 million. Registration: usually 2–4 weeks (as of November 2026).

Short guide. Tax figures come from PwC Worldwide Tax Summaries (reviewed 10 August 2026); company-law details summarise official guidance and can change. Confirm requirements with the Mercantile Registry (via the Chamber of Commerce) before filing.

Companies in **Honduras** are incorporated before a notary and entered in the **Mercantile Registry**, usually through the local chamber of commerce. Corporate tax is 25%, plus a 5% solidarity surcharge on higher incomes.

Business structures

Most founders in Honduras form an SA or S. de R.L., registered with the Mercantile Registry (via the Chamber of Commerce). Other forms are listed below.

- **SA or S. de R.L.** – the usual company form for private businesses

Requirements

Minimum share capital in Honduras (2026): low statutory minimums. Directors required: 1 sole administrator or a board. Local resident director: not required.

- A company name that is available, checked with the registry.
- Share capital: low statutory minimums.
- Directors: 1 sole administrator or a board.
- Local residency: not required.
- A registered office address in Honduras.
- Articles of association signed before a notary.

Registration process

Typical time to register a company in Honduras (2026): usually 2–4 weeks. 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 Mercantile Registry (via the Chamber of Commerce).
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 Revenue Administration Service (SAR).

Taxation

The corporate tax rate in Honduras in 2026 is 25%, plus a 5% surcharge on income over HNL 1 million. [1] Standard VAT or sales tax: sales tax 15%. [1]

Tax	Rate and notes
Corporate income tax	25%, plus a 5% surcharge on income over HNL 1 million
VAT / indirect tax	Sales tax 15%
Withholding tax on dividends to non-resident companies	10%

Ongoing compliance

Annual compliance in Honduras: Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the Revenue Administration Service (SAR), and keep their details up to date with the Mercantile Registry.

Double tax treaties

Honduras 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%	25%

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

Typical registration time in Honduras: 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 Honduras?

Minimum share capital in Honduras: low statutory minimums (as of November 2026).

What is the corporate tax rate in Honduras in 2026?

The corporate tax rate in Honduras in 2026 is 25%, plus a 5% surcharge on income over HNL 1 million. See the Taxation section for reduced rates and other taxes.

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

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

What withholding tax applies to dividends paid from Honduras?

Honduras 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

- Revenue Administration Service (SAR)

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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