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Common form	SRL (societate cu răspundere limitată) [1]
Registry	Public Services Agency (ASP) [1]
Minimum capital	None [1]
Directors	1 administrator [1]
Local director	Not required [1]
Corporate tax	12% [2]
VAT / sales tax	20% [2]
Typical timeline	Often 1–5 working days [1]
Tax treaties	Domestic rates and treaty list [7]
Currency	Moldovan leu (MDL)

In short: To set up a company in Moldova, most founders form an SRL, registered with the Public Services Agency (ASP). [1] Minimum capital: none. Corporate tax: 12%. Registration: often 1–5 working days (as of November 2026).

Short guide. Tax figures come from PwC Worldwide Tax Summaries (reviewed 24 June 2026); company-law details summarise official guidance and can change. Confirm requirements with the Public Services Agency (ASP) before filing.

A Moldovan **SRL** is registered with the **Public Services Agency**. The standard corporate tax rate is 12%, and many small businesses use a simplified turnover-based regime instead.

Business structures

Most founders in Moldova form an SRL, registered with the Public Services Agency (ASP). [1] **Other forms are listed below.**

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

Requirements

Minimum share capital in Moldova (2026): none. Directors required: 1 administrator. Local resident director: not required. [1]

- A company name that is available, checked with the registry.
- Share capital: none.
- Directors: 1 administrator.
- Local residency: not required.
- A registered office address in Moldova.
- Articles of association; standard templates are often available.

Registration process

Typical time to register a company in Moldova (2026): often 1–5 working days. [1] **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 Public Services Agency (ASP).

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 State Tax Service.

Taxation

The corporate tax rate in Moldova in 2026 is 12%. [2] Standard VAT or sales tax: 20%. [2]

Tax	Rate and notes
Corporate income tax	12%
VAT / indirect tax	20%
Withholding tax on dividends to non-resident companies	6%

Ongoing compliance

Annual compliance in Moldova: Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the State Tax Service, and keep their details up to date with the Public Services Agency. [1]

Double tax treaties

Moldova 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
6%	12%	12%

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

Typical registration time in Moldova: often 1–5 working days (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 Moldova?

Minimum share capital in Moldova: none (as of November 2026).

What is the corporate tax rate in Moldova in 2026?

The corporate tax rate in Moldova in 2026 is 12%. See the Taxation section for reduced rates and other taxes.

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

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

What withholding tax applies to dividends paid from Moldova?

Moldova withholds 6% 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

- Public Services Agency (ASP)
- State Tax Service

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 Kingdom
- Company formation in Germany
- Company formation in Poland
- Company formation in Ireland
- All countries

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