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Common form	Company limited by shares
Registry	Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO)
Minimum capital	No statutory minimum
Directors	1 director
Local director	Not required
Corporate tax	28% (a reduction was announced for 2026)
VAT / sales tax	16%
Typical timeline	Usually 1–3 weeks
Tax treaties	Domestic rates and treaty list [3]
Currency	East Caribbean dollar (XCD)

In short: To set up a company in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, most founders form a company limited by shares, registered with the Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO). Minimum capital: no statutory minimum. Corporate tax: 28% (a reduction was announced for 2026). Registration: usually 1–3 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 the Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) before filing.

Companies in **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines** are registered with the **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO)**. Corporate income tax is 28%; in December 2025 the Prime Minister announced a cut for 2026, so check the current rate.

Business structures

Most founders in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines form a company limited by shares, registered with the Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO). Other forms are listed below.

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

Requirements

Minimum share capital in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (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 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
- Articles of association; standard templates are often available.

Registration process

Typical time to register a company in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2026): usually 1–3 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 Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO).
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 Inland Revenue Department.

Taxation

The corporate tax rate in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in 2026 is 28% (a reduction was announced for 2026). Standard VAT or sales tax: 16%.

Tax	Rate and notes
Corporate income tax	28% (a reduction was announced for 2026)
VAT / indirect tax	16%
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 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the Inland Revenue Department, and keep their details up to date with the Commerce and Intellectual Property Office.

Double tax treaties

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 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

Interest paid to non-residents is subject to 20% withholding tax unless a treaty reduces it. Confirm other rates with the Inland Revenue Department.

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 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines?

Typical registration time in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: usually 1–3 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 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines?

Minimum share capital in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: no statutory minimum (as of November 2026).

What is the corporate tax rate in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in 2026?

The corporate tax rate in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in 2026 is 28% (a reduction was announced for 2026). See the Taxation section for reduced rates and other taxes.

Can a foreigner own 100% of a company in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines?

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

Official registries and resources

The official websites of the Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) and the Inland Revenue Department 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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