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Common form	Private company (Companies Act 2009)
Registry	Company Haus (Registrar of Companies)
Minimum capital	No statutory minimum
Directors	1 director
Local director	Foreign investors register with the Foreign Investment Division
Corporate tax	30% (35% for non-resident companies)
VAT / sales tax	Sales tax (15% standard rate on goods)
Typical timeline	Often 1–3 weeks
Tax treaties	Domestic rates and treaty list [2]
Currency	Solomon Islands dollar (SBD)

In short: To set up a company in the Solomon Islands, most founders form a private company, registered with the Company Haus (Registrar of Companies). Minimum capital: no statutory minimum. Corporate tax: 30% (35% for non-resident companies). Registration: often 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 Company Haus (Registrar of Companies) before filing.

Companies in the **Solomon Islands** are registered online with **Company Haus**, and foreign investors must also register their investment. Corporate tax is 30% for resident companies.

Business structures

Most founders in the Solomon Islands form a private company, registered with the Company Haus (Registrar of Companies). Other forms are listed below.

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

Requirements

Minimum share capital in the Solomon Islands (2026): no statutory minimum. Directors required: 1 director. Local resident director: foreign investors register with the Foreign Investment Division.

- A company name that is available, checked with the registry.
- Share capital: no statutory minimum.
- Directors: 1 director.
- Local residency: foreign investors register with the Foreign Investment Division.
- A registered office address in the Solomon Islands.
- Articles of association; standard templates are often available.

Registration process

Typical time to register a company in the Solomon Islands (2026): often 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 Company Haus (Registrar of Companies).
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 Division (Ministry of Finance and Treasury).

Taxation

The corporate tax rate in the Solomon Islands in 2026 is 30% (35% for non-resident companies). Standard VAT or sales tax: sales tax (15% standard rate on goods).

Tax	Rate and notes
Corporate income tax	30% (35% for non-resident companies)
VAT / indirect tax	Sales tax (15% standard rate on goods)
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 Solomon Islands: Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the Inland Revenue Division (Ministry of Finance and Treasury), and keep their details up to date with the Company Haus.

Double tax treaties

The Solomon Islands has no comprehensive double tax treaties in force for most countries; its international tax agreements mainly cover the exchange of information.

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 Inland Revenue Division.

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 Solomon Islands?

Typical registration time in the Solomon Islands: often 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 the Solomon Islands?

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

What is the corporate tax rate in the Solomon Islands in 2026?

The corporate tax rate in the Solomon Islands in 2026 is 30% (35% for non-resident companies). See the Taxation section for reduced rates and other taxes.

Can a foreigner own 100% of a company in the Solomon Islands?

Yes, for most activities, though some sectors restrict foreign ownership or require approval. Local director rule in the Solomon Islands: foreign investors register with the Foreign Investment Division.

Official registries and resources

The official websites of the Company Haus (Registrar of Companies) and the Inland Revenue Division (Ministry of Finance and Treasury) 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 Singapore
- Company formation in Hong Kong
- Company formation in Japan
- Company formation in India
- 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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