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# Company formation in South Sudan

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| **Common form** | Private company (Companies Act 2012) |
| **Registry** | Business Registry (Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs) |
| **Minimum capital** | Set by the Companies Act |
| **Directors** | 1 director |
| **Local director** | Some activities are reserved for South Sudanese citizens |
| **Corporate tax** | Up to 30% (10% to 30% depending on business size) |
| **VAT / sales tax** | Sales tax 15% |
| **Typical timeline** | Often 1–2 months |
| **Tax treaties** | Domestic rates and treaty list [2] |
| **Currency** | South Sudanese pound (SSP) |

**In short:** To set up a company in South Sudan, most founders form a private company, registered with the Business Registry (Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs). Minimum capital: set by the Companies Act. Corporate tax: up to 30% (10% to 30% depending on business size). Registration: often 1–2 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 Business Registry (Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs) before filing.

**South Sudan**, independent since 2011, has a small formal economy dominated by oil. Companies are registered with the Business Registry in Juba, and political instability affects doing business.

## Business structures

Most founders in South Sudan form a private company, registered with the Business Registry (Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs). Other forms are listed below.

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

## Requirements

Minimum share capital in South Sudan (2026): set by the Companies Act. Directors required: 1 director. Local resident director: some activities are reserved for South Sudanese citizens.

- A company name that is available, checked with the registry.
- Share capital: set by the Companies Act.
- Directors: 1 director.
- Local residency: some activities are reserved for South Sudanese citizens.
- A registered office address in South Sudan.
- Articles of association; standard templates are often available.

## Registration process

Typical time to register a company in South Sudan (2026): often 1–2 months. 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 Business Registry (Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs).
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 National Revenue Authority.

## Taxation

**The corporate tax rate in South Sudan in 2026 is up to 30% (10% to 30% depending on business size). Standard VAT or sales tax: sales tax 15%.**

| Tax | Rate and notes |
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| Corporate income tax | Up to 30% (10% to 30% depending on business size) |
| VAT / indirect tax | Sales tax 15% |
| 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 South Sudan:** Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the National Revenue Authority, and keep their details up to date with the Business Registry.

## Double tax treaties

South Sudan 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 National Revenue Authority.

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 South Sudan?**

Typical registration time in South Sudan: often 1–2 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 South Sudan?**

Minimum share capital in South Sudan: set by the Companies Act (as of November 2026).

**What is the corporate tax rate in South Sudan in 2026?**

The corporate tax rate in South Sudan in 2026 is up to 30% (10% to 30% depending on business size). See the Taxation section for reduced rates and other taxes.

**Can a foreigner own 100% of a company in South Sudan?**

Yes, for most activities, though some sectors restrict foreign ownership or require approval. Local director rule in South Sudan: some activities are reserved for South Sudanese citizens.

## Official registries and resources

The official websites of the Business Registry (Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs) and the National Revenue Authority 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 South Africa
- Company formation in Mauritius
- Company formation in Angola
- Company formation in Botswana
- 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.

1. Country tax rates (January 2026 update, compiled from PwC and KPMG) . Damodaran Online, NYU Stern. Accessed November 2026.
2. VAT, GST and sales tax rates by country . VATCalc. Accessed November 2026.

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