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# Company formation in Suriname

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| **Common form** | NV (naamloze vennootschap) |
| **Registry** | Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KKF) trade register |
| **Minimum capital** | Set by the articles |
| **Directors** | 1 director |
| **Local director** | Not required |
| **Corporate tax** | 36% |
| **VAT / sales tax** | 10% on goods and services (VAT introduced in 2023) |
| **Typical timeline** | Often 1–3 months |
| **Tax treaties** | Domestic rates and treaty list [2] |
| **Currency** | Surinamese dollar (SRD) |

**In short:** To set up a company in Suriname, most founders form an NV, registered with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KKF) trade register. Minimum capital: set by the articles. Corporate tax: 36%. Registration: often 1–3 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 Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KKF) trade register before filing.

Companies in **Suriname** are usually formed as a **naamloze vennootschap (NV)** by notarial deed and entered in the trade register of the **Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KKF)**. At 36%, Suriname has one of the highest corporate tax rates in the Americas.

## Business structures

**Most founders in Suriname form an NV, registered with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KKF) trade register. Other forms are listed below.**

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

## Requirements

**Minimum share capital in Suriname (2026): set by the articles. Directors required: 1 director. Local resident director: not required.**

- A company name that is available, checked with the registry.
- Share capital: set by the articles.
- Directors: 1 director.
- Local residency: not required.
- A registered office address in Suriname.
- Articles of association signed before a notary.

## Registration process

**Typical time to register a company in Suriname (2026): often 1–3 months. 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 Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KKF) trade register.
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 Tax Department (Belastingdienst Suriname).

## Taxation

**The corporate tax rate in Suriname in 2026 is 36%. Standard VAT or sales tax: 10% on goods and services (VAT introduced in 2023).**

| Tax | Rate and notes |
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| Corporate income tax | 36% |
| VAT / indirect tax | 10% on goods and services (VAT introduced in 2023) |
| 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 Suriname:** Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the Tax Department (Belastingdienst Suriname), and keep their details up to date with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

## Double tax treaties

Suriname 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

Domestic withholding rates on dividends, interest and royalties could not be confirmed from a current source for this short guide; confirm them with the Tax 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 Suriname?**

Typical registration time in Suriname: often 1–3 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 Suriname?**

Minimum share capital in Suriname: set by the articles (as of November 2026).

**What is the corporate tax rate in Suriname in 2026?**

The corporate tax rate in Suriname in 2026 is 36%. See the Taxation section for reduced rates and other taxes.

**Can a foreigner own 100% of a company in Suriname?**

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

## Official registries and resources

The official websites of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KKF) trade register and the Tax Department (Belastingdienst Suriname) 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.

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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