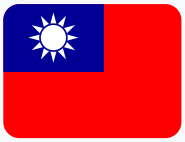
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Common form	Company limited by shares
Registry	Ministry of Economic Affairs (company registration)
Minimum capital	No statutory minimum
Directors	1 director (or a board)
Local director	Foreign investors need prior approval from the Department of Investment Review
Corporate tax	20%
VAT / sales tax	Business tax 5%
Typical timeline	Usually 3–6 weeks
Tax treaties	Domestic rates and treaty list [5]
Currency	New Taiwan dollar (TWD)

In short: To set up a company in Taiwan, most founders form a company limited by shares, registered with the Ministry of Economic Affairs (company registration). Minimum capital: no statutory minimum. Corporate tax: 20%. Registration: usually 3–6 weeks (as of November 2026).

Short guide. Tax figures come from PwC Worldwide Tax Summaries (reviewed 20 August 2026); company-law details summarise official guidance and can change. Confirm requirements with the Ministry of Economic Affairs (company registration) before filing.

Foreign investors in **Taiwan** first obtain approval from the Ministry of Economic Affairs' investment review department, then register the company with the Ministry. Corporate tax is 20%, and business tax (VAT) is 5%.

Business structures

Most founders in Taiwan form a company limited by shares, registered with the Ministry of Economic Affairs (company registration). Other forms are listed below.

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

Requirements

Minimum share capital in Taiwan (2026): no statutory minimum. Directors required: 1 director (or a board). Local resident director: foreign investors need prior approval from the Department of Investment Review.

- A company name that is available, checked with the registry.
- Share capital: no statutory minimum.
- Directors: 1 director (or a board).
- Local residency: foreign investors need prior approval from the Department of Investment Review.
- A registered office address in Taiwan.
- Articles of association; standard templates are often available.

Registration process

Typical time to register a company in Taiwan (2026): usually 3–6 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 Ministry of Economic Affairs (company registration).
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 Ministry of Finance (National Taxation Bureaus).

Taxation

The corporate tax rate in Taiwan in 2026 is 20%. Standard VAT or sales tax: business tax 5%.

Tax	Rate and notes
Corporate income tax	20%
VAT / indirect tax	Business tax 5%
Withholding tax on dividends to non-resident companies	21%

Ongoing compliance

Annual compliance in Taiwan: Companies file annual financial statements and tax returns with the Ministry of Finance (National Taxation Bureaus), and keep their details up to date with the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

Double tax treaties

Taiwan 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
21%	15 or 20%	20%

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

Typical registration time in Taiwan: usually 3–6 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 Taiwan?

Minimum share capital in Taiwan: no statutory minimum (as of November 2026).

What is the corporate tax rate in Taiwan in 2026?

The corporate tax rate in Taiwan in 2026 is 20%. See the Taxation section for reduced rates and other taxes.

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

Yes, for most activities, though some sectors restrict foreign ownership or require approval. Local director rule in Taiwan: foreign investors need prior approval from the Department of Investment Review.

What withholding tax applies to dividends paid from Taiwan?

Taiwan withholds 21% 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

The official websites of the Ministry of Economic Affairs (company registration) and the Ministry of Finance (National Taxation Bureaus) 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

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