

REGISTERING A COMPANY IN LATVIA

It is possible to register a company remotely if the applicant has a secure electronic signature approved in Latvia. Most EU electronic signatures are accepted, but we recommend checking through the official EU portals and sources or at the Register of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia — <https://www.ur.gov.lv/> Starting from 2020, the Register of Enterprises provides services only electronically or via post services.

For smooth business operations, we recommend applying for eID with eSignature in Latvia that will provide full access to all e-government services through the portal www.latvija.lv

If the secure electronic signature is not available, then signatures should be certified by a notary. The official website of sworn notaries in Latvia — <https://www.latvijasnotars.lv/>

Three main steps for setting up a company



1. Choose the most appropriate legal entity form. The most common one is the limited liability company or LLC (sabiedrība ar ierobežotu atbildību or SIA) with minimum equity of EUR 2800.

Tip: Legal advisory fees for company registration may vary, starting from a couple of hundreds to thousands of euros, depending on the planned entity structure, legal services, and client needs. Basic legal assistance with registration of a standard LLC should cost ~ EUR 100-250.

2. Prepare all the required documents for opening a temporary bank account and filing the forms to the Register of Enterprises.

Tip: Contact us to submit a short application form to start a matchmaking procedure with the banks. For non-residents, the KYC procedure at the bank may vary from two to six weeks. It is possible to start this procedure and receive consultations remotely.

3. Pay stamp duties, submit all the signed documents, register a company and agree on transforming the temporary bank account into a permanent one.

Tip: Consult with advisors on whether there is a need to register as a VAT payer or submit any additional application to the State Revenue Service.

Common legal entity forms for business in Latvia



	Limited liability company (SIA)	Limited liability company (SIA) with reduced equity	Joint-stock company (AS)	Individual merchant (IK)
Legal person	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Number of owners	1+	1-5	1+	1 natural person
A legal person may be the owner	Yes	No	Yes	No
Non-residents may be the owners	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Equity	≥2800 EUR	0,01-2799.99 EUR	≥ 35 000 EUR	–
Annual turnover restrictions	–	–	–	Obligatory if ≥284 600 EUR, or ≥28 500 EUR and ≥5 employees
The owner is liable with own property	No	No	No	Yes
VAT payer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Subject to Corporate Income Tax	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Subject to Personal Income Tax and MSSIC	No	No	No	Yes
May pay the micro-enterprise tax	No	No	No	Yes
Profit distribution	A part is paid as dividends	A part is paid as dividends	A part is paid as dividends	The owner retains the entire profit
Management	Shareholders' meeting and the board	Shareholders' meeting and the board	Shareholders' meeting, the council and the board	The owner takes decisions unilaterally
State fee for registration	75.00 EUR	20.00 EUR	85.00 EUR	30.00 EUR
Registration term	1-3 business days			

Other types of entities: Branch of a Foreign Company, Foreign Company Representation, European Company (SE), Limited Partnership, Association and others.

Source: The Register of Enterprises – <https://www.ur.gov.lv/en/register/compare-business-types/>