BUSINESS REGISTRATION AND INCORPORATION OF COMPANY

Registering the business activity
Registration of business activity is made with the Registrar of Companies. The steps are as follows:

1. **Decide on the company name**
   You may verify if the proposed company name is available online on the website of the Corporate and Business Registration Department [http://companies.govmu.org](http://companies.govmu.org).

2. **Register the business activity**
   Upon registration, the Registrar will issue a Business Registration Card with a Business Registration Number which is the unique identification number of the business.

   **Guide for registration of a business:**
   - Registration of a business by an individual - (Download BRF 1)
   - For an existing company or commercial partnership for obtaining a Business Registration Card - (Download BRF2)
   - Registration of a société, e.g. Firms, Joint ventures, Consortium, Trust - (Download BRF 3)

3. **Fees**
   The fee structure can be consulted from the website of the Corporate and Business Registration Department.

Incorporation of Company

Choosing a business structure
According to the Companies Act 2001, the following types of companies may be incorporated in Mauritius:

**Categories of Companies:**
- Domestic Company
- Category 1 Global Business (GBC 1)
- Category 2 Global Business (GBC 2)

**Nature of companies:**
- Public Company
Types of companies

- Company limited by shares;
- Company limited by guarantee;
- Company limited by shares and guarantee;
- An unlimited company;
- A foreign company;
- Limited Life Company;

A company incorporated in Mauritius can be 100% foreign owned with no minimum capital.

If you are an individual who would like to start a business as a self-employed, you will need to register your business activity only.

Further information on the business structure is accessing from the Guide to Companies Act 2001.

How to Incorporate a Company

1. Incorporation of companies can either be effected online or by submitting the required documents at the office of the Registrar of Companies.
   - For online incorporation please register with the Mauritius Network Services (our online service provider) on the following url: [https://portalmns.mu](https://portalmns.mu).
   - Any person who wishes to incorporate a company in Mauritius and Rodrigues should ensure that the name is available prior to incorporation.

2. Fill the prescribed form "Application for incorporation of a company" (form 1) and submit it to the Registrar of Companies together with forms 7, 8 or 9 where necessary.

3. The application form shall state:
   - Name of proposed company
   - The present full name, any former name and the usual residential address and the service address of every director and any secretary of the company
   - Particulars of any business occupation and directorships in any public company or subsidiary of a public company held by each director. Should the proposed director be director of several subsidiaries of a single group, it shall suffice to state the name of the holding company with the addition of the word ‘group’.
The full name, the usual residential address and the service address of every shareholder, the number of shares to be taken and the amount to be paid.

Whether the company is limited or unlimited

Whether the company is a private or a public company

The registered office address of the company

In the case of a one person company, the full name, the usual residential address and the service address of the person nominated by the proposed director to act as secretary who will call a meeting of heirs in the event of death of the sole director

The business activities, location of the business as per the Business Registration Act

That the information provided in the application is true and correct.

The full name of the applicant

The following documents shall accompany the application form:

Where the company has a constitution, a copy of that constitution certified by at least one applicant to be the company's constitution

The signed consent of every proposed director or secretary that they are not disqualified to hold office as such

The signed consent of every proposed shareholder containing the number and class of shares taken and the amount paid for those shares

In the case of a company limited by guarantee, a document signed by each member, signifying his consent to be member and the amount which such persons undertake to contribute in the event of the company's winding up

If the documents are signed by an agent representing the shareholder or member a form of proxy authorising the agent to so act.

Where the application for incorporation complies with the Act and on payment of the prescribed fee the Registrar will:

issue a certificate of incorporation

enter the particulars of the company on the Register give to the company a unique company number.

Further, the following documents should be submitted when applying for incorporation:

i) Original Copy of Certificate of Reservation (if any).

ii) Photocopy of ID Cards for Mauritians or Passport for non-residents.

iii) Copy of residence permit if the only director is a foreigner.

iv) Proof of director’s address (Ex: Utility Bill).

v) Proof of address of secretary in case of one person company.
Please note the following:

- At least "One Director" should be resident in Mauritius.
- For the Incorporation of a Company holding a Category 1 or 2 Global Business Licence, the incorporation is only effected after approval is received from the Financial Services Commission. Incorporation of a global business company is done through a management company. Please find link to the Financial Services Commission [www.fscmauritius.org](http://www.fscmauritius.org).