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# The business starter journey

**IN LUXEMBOURG**



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# CHECKLIST

This check-list is applicable to commercial professions in general. Other qualifications, guarantees or insurance may be required for specifically regulated professions. To double check which elements are needed for your business, please contact us via [info@houseofentrepreneurship.lu](mailto:info@houseofentrepreneurship.lu) or attend our workshop "How to start your business in Luxembourg?".

## A. RESIDENT FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS

### Main form

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- Completed form relating to the business permit

### Proof of integrity

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- copy of a recent criminal record in Luxembourg (record no. 3)
- completed "sworn declaration" form<sup>1</sup>

### Proof of qualifications

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- documentation demonstrating qualifications for all regulated activities

### Proof of fixed premises

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- either a copy of the lease agreement, or equivalent, or a residence certificate (as the case may be)

### Other attachments

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- copy of your identity card or residence permit<sup>2</sup>
- proof of payment of the administrative fee of 50€ per application<sup>3</sup>
- articles of association if available, if not, draft articles of incorporation or draft statutes (companies only)<sup>4</sup>

## B. RESIDENT FOR LESS THAN 10 YEARS OR NON-RESIDENT

### Main form

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- Completed form relating to the business permit

### Proof of integrity

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- copy/copies of a recent criminal record(s) in the country/countries of residence for the last 10 years
- notarial declaration of non-bankruptcy
- completed "sworn declaration" form<sup>1</sup>

### Proof of qualifications

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- documentation demonstrating qualifications for all regulated activities

### Proof of fixed premises

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- either a copy of the lease agreement, or equivalent, or a residence certificate (as the case may be)

### Other attachments

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<sup>1</sup> The form should be downloaded and filled out separately for online applications. However, if you are submitting a paper application, this document is already included in the main application form.

<sup>2</sup> Any third-country citizens (from outside the EU) who would like to settle in Luxembourg for more than three months to operate a self-employed activity need to follow a specific procedure, unless they are a family member of an EU citizen or deemed a resident of Luxembourg ; have a long-term residence status ; or have international protection in Luxembourg. Contact organisation : Immigration Department - Foreign Services.

<sup>3</sup> Transfer 50€ to the account LU76 0019 5955 4404 7000, BIC code: BCEEULLL of the Diekirch Revenue Office, with the following communication: "business permit".

<sup>4</sup> Most companies, except the simplified limited liability company (Sàrl-s), must then be constituted before a notary.

## OVERVIEW

The overall timeframe for obtaining a business permit may vary depending on the chosen legal form and nature of the concerned activity. Indeed, additional procedures may be involved.




 +/- 1 to 4 weeks \*

Obtaining the final business permit after submission of the complete application to the Ministry of the Economy (See check-list opposite)

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 24 hours \*

Registering the company with the Luxembourg Business Registers (LBR) depending on the nature of the activity and registering beneficial owners  
[www.lbr.lu](http://www.lbr.lu)

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 +/- 1 week \*

Obtaining a letter confirming the affiliation to the Joint Social Security Centre further to the registration  
[www.ccss.public.lu](http://www.ccss.public.lu)

< 3



 +/- 2 to 4 weeks \*

Filing the initial declaration with the Duties, Estates and VAT Authority (Indirect tax authority - AED) and opting for the standard or exemption scheme  
[pfi.public.lu](http://pfi.public.lu)

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# 1

## BUSINESS PERMIT



### LAW OF JULY 26, 2023\*



**Commercial  
& industrial  
activities**



**Liberal  
professions**



**Artisanal  
activities**

#### **Examples:**

Trader, Travel agent, restaurateur-coffee owner,  
Real estate agent, Int. carrier

#### **Examples:**

Architect, Consulting-engineer, Chartered  
accountant (CPA)

#### **Examples:**

Baker, Hairdresser, Caterer, Beautician

### LEGAL REQUIREMENTS TO DO BUSINESS IN LUXEMBOURG



- **Professional integrity**
- **Professional qualification**  
in line with the planned activity
- **Physical premises in Luxembourg**
- Effective and permanent  
**management** of the business  
**by the business permit holder**
- **Compliance with tax  
and business obligations**

### FOCUS ON PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY

- **Recent criminal records** of all countries  
where applicant has lived in the last 10 years
- **Notarial declaration of non-bankruptcy**  
if residing in Luxembourg **for less than  
10 years** or for non-residents

### ABOUT FIXED PREMISES AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT

- **Physical installation in Luxembourg** that  
includes an infrastructure suitable for the  
nature and scale of the concerned activity
- **The business permit holder personally  
and regularly ensure the day-to-day  
management** and direction of the business
- **The business permit holder must be  
connected** to the business

\* Amended Law of September 2, 2011 regulating access to the professions of craftsman, trader, industrialist and certain liberal professions.

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## LEGAL FORM



### Preliminary thoughts

- **Which legal form is better** suited to my situation (sole proprietorship vs business partnership)?
- **What about taxation** according to the chosen legal form?
- **Do I have the necessary managerial skills** to run a business?
- **What are my responsibilities and legal obligations** as an entrepreneur?

	<b>Sole proprietorship (self-employed)</b>	<b>Limited liability company</b>	<b>Simplified limited liability company</b>
<b>Incorporation</b>	/	Notarial deed	Notarial or private deed
<b>Legal personality</b>	No legal personality Only the entrepreneur has the legal personality as a natural person	Distinct legal personality has a legal form distinct from that of the partners in it Personnalité juridique distincte	
<b>Minimum capital required</b>	/	€ 12,000	From € 1 and € 11,999
<b>Legal obligation towards the RCSL</b>	Publication of the annual declaration if annual turnover exceeds € 100,000	Annual accounts registered with the Luxembourg Business Registers	
<b>Taxation</b>	IR MBT (commercial activity)	CIT MBT NWT	CIT MBT NWT

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## REGISTERING WITH THE AUTHORITIES



### ACTIVATING THE BUSINESS PERMIT



LUXEMBOURG  
BUSINESS  
REGISTERS



CENTRE COMMUN  
DE LA SÉCURITÉ SOCIALE



LE GOUVERNEMENT  
DU GRAND-DUCHÉ DE LUXEMBOURG  
Administration de l'enregistrement,  
des domaines et de la TVA

#### Luxembourg Business Registers

- Registration of any activity governed by the law of 19 December 2002 (online filing)
- Registration of beneficial owners with RBE

#### Joint Social Security Center (CCSS)

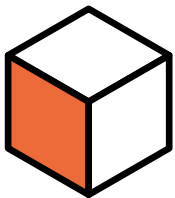
- Affiliation of the self-employed person or director of the company
- Employer's registration and affiliation of salaried workers (if hiring employees)

#### Duties, Estates and VAT Authority (Indirect tax authority)

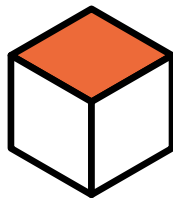
- Initial declaration for VAT
- Choice of the standard or exemption scheme

### SOCIAL PROTECTION

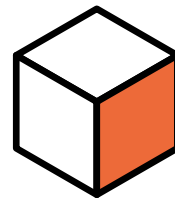
#### General framework



Monthly contribution of 25% out of the Luxembourgish minimum social salary



Adjustment of the contribution base possible if revenues differ from the standard basis



Exemption possible if revenues are lower than 1/3 of the minimum social salary



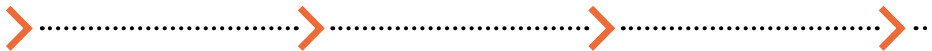
**Salaried** and **self-employed workers** are covered in the event of: illness, work-related accidents or illnesses, maternity, pension insurance, disability and dependency.

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## TAXATION IN LUXEMBOURG



### SELF-EMPLOYED OR COMPANY?

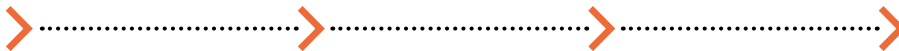


**Company =  
moral person**

– Corporate Income Tax (CIT/IRC): 16,05% on profit according to commercial balance sheet if profit <€ 175,000/year (increased rate to 18,19% if profit >€ 175,000/year) (contribution to employment fund included)

– Municipal Business Tax (MBT/ICC): between 6% and 12% depending on the municipality (starting at € 17,500)

– Minimum Net Wealth Tax (Min NWT/IFM): progressive minimum income tax, depending on total assets and structure of balance sheet € 535 to € 32,100



**Self-employed =  
natural person**

– Income Tax (IR): from 0% to 42%

– Municipal Business Tax (MBT / ICC) between 6% and 12%, depending on the municipality (Starting at € 40.000) Not applicable to liberal professions

#### Topics covered by the House of Entrepreneurship and its partners:

- Personalised advice according to your needs throughout your entrepreneurial journey
- Free workshops on various topics: starting a business, development, financing and digitalisation
- Access to funding & state aids
- Networking & meet ups with experts

#### Useful resources

- [www.guichet.lu](http://www.guichet.lu)
- [www.cc.lu](http://www.cc.lu)
- [www.ccss.public.lu](http://www.ccss.public.lu)
- [pfi.public.lu](http://pfi.public.lu)
- [www.impotsdirects.public.lu](http://www.impotsdirects.public.lu)
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