Register a company in an EAC member state

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Each EAC member state has its own company registration procedure, usually through a national business registry or the one-stop shop of the investment promotion agency. The general steps are similar across member states, but timelines, costs and platforms vary.

Steps	Total time	Published fixed costs	Responsible institution
4	**Not communicated**	**Not communicated**	**RDB**

4 proportional, variable or unpublished cost(s)

Prerequisites

- Have an available company name

Steps

1. Name search and reservation

In Kenya this is done via the eCitizen portal of the Business Registration Service; in Rwanda via RDB's one-stop shop; in Uganda via the Uganda Registration Services Bureau. The exact entry point depends on the chosen member state.

Institution RDB **Channel** Online **Cost** Not communicated

2. Filing of statutes and registration

The statutes and information on shareholders and directors are submitted to the registration authority, which issues a certificate of incorporation.

Institution RDB **Channel** Online **Cost** Not communicated

3. Tax registration

The company registers with the national revenue authority (for example RRA in Rwanda, KRA in Kenya, URA in Uganda) to obtain a tax identification number.

Institution RRA **Channel** Online **Cost** Not communicated

4. Social security affiliation and local permits

Depending on the activity, the company affiliates with the applicable social security schemes and obtains any required local operating permits.

Channel At the counter **Cost** Not communicated

Sources

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