



MYANMAR *Fact Sheet*



GENERAL INFORMATION

Myanmar, officially Republic of the Union of Myanmar, is situated in Southeast Asia bordered by China, Thailand, Laos and Bangladesh. Yangon is the capital city and gateway to Myanmar. The country has been under military control since 1962 and current undergoing reforms and transition towards democracy.

Myanmar is a country rich in natural resources such as precious stones, oil, natural gas, timber and other mineral resources. Its economy is dominated by natural resources and commodities with natural gas being its largest exports. The country adopted a market oriented economic system and substantial stabilization and reform measures had been undertaken to be in line with this economic system. In 2012, it has taken further step towards a more liberalized economy by changing its foreign investment law which allows foreigners to start business in the country without local partner, subject to certain conditions and restrictions.

Other Basic Facts:	Land Area	Approx. 677,000 sq km
	Time Zone	GMT + 6.3
	Language	Burmese
	Currency	Myanmar Kyat

KEY CORPORATE FEATURES OF PRIVATE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Type of company	
Limited Liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For foreign enterprises, the most normal method of doing business in Myanmar is through a limited company 100% foreign equity ownership is allowed according to the Myanmar Foreign Investment Law (“MFIL”), except certain industries that are closed to private investment and can only be carried out by the government Foreign investor may enter into a joint venture, either as a partnership or a limited company with any individual, firm, co-operative, or State-owned enterprise of Myanmar
Shelf company availability	No
Incorporation time frame	<p>If one share is owned by a foreign partner, the company shall come under the definition of a foreign company. Registration of foreign investment under the MFIL involves the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> apply for a permit to trade from the Myanmar Investment Committee apply for a Permit To Trade from the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) apply for registration with the Companies Registration Office <p>Estimated time frame for this incorporation process is 4-6 months</p>
Share Capital	
Permitted Currencies	Any foreign currency
Minimum issued capital	<p>Minimum foreign share capital for companies registered under MFIL is US\$500,000 for manufacturing and US\$300,000 for service companies</p> <p>The minimum capital set out have to be brought into Myanmar in two installments: the initial half before issuance of the Permit To Trade and the second half within twelve months after.</p>
Authorised capital	N/A
Par / Nominal value	N/A
Directors	
Minimum	Two (2)
Corporate directors	Not Allowed
Local directors requirements	None
Location of meeting	Anywhere
Minimum numbers of meeting	Per Articles of Association
Publicly accessible records	Yes



Shareholders	
Minimum	Two (2); Maximum Fifty (50)
Bearer shares	Not Allowed
Corporate shareholders	Allowed
Local shareholders requirements	None
Location of meeting	Anywhere
Minimum numbers of meeting	One (1) annually
Publicly accessible records	Yes
Company Secretary	
Minimum	Not required
Registered Office	
Requirements	Must be in Myanmar
Accounts	
Records	Kept in Myanmar
Preparation of accounts	Yes
Audit requirements and filing	Yes
Publicly accessible records	No
Annual Requirements	
Annual Return	Yes
Tax Filing	Three (3) months from the end of the fiscal year which starts on 1st April and ends on 31st March the next year
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Legal System	Common law and customary law
Corporate Redomiciliation	No
Double Taxation Treaty Access	Yes
Exchange Control	Yes
Taxation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporations incorporated in Myanmar are treated as resident and taxed on a worldwide basis at the rate of 25%. MFIL companies are treated as resident companies, however, MFIL companies are not taxed on their foreign income • No withholding tax on dividends

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