

How to Form an LLC in Arizona Yourself (2026 Costs and Steps)

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Quick answer

The filing fee is \$50 online or by mail, plus a 2.2% card fee (\$2 minimum) when paying online. File with the Arizona Corporation Commission, Corporations Division at [file online](#). Regular processing takes an estimated 14-16 days. Expedited options are available for additional fees if you need faster review.

Step 1: Check that your LLC name is available

Search the Arizona Corporation Commission's business name records before filing to ensure your desired name is available.

Step 2: Choose a registered agent

You may serve as your own statutory agent if you are an individual who resides in Arizona and is at least 18 years old. Your agent must have a physical street address in Arizona (a P.O. Box is not acceptable for the street address). The mailing address can be a P.O. Box. You must accept the appointment, which can be done online via the ABC dashboard or by using form M002 with paper filings.

Step 3: File your Articles of Organization (form L010), with Member or Manager Structure Attachment (L041/L040) and Statutory Agent Acceptance (M002)

File the required forms with the Arizona Corporation Commission, Corporations Division. The filing fee is \$50 whether you file online or by mail, plus a 2.2% card fee (\$2 minimum) when paying online. You may choose expedited review for an additional cost. Expedite for Articles of Organization is \$35 in addition to the filing fee; estimated processing typically 3-5 days. The ACC also lists these faster services for most filing types:

- Next Day Service: \$100 in addition to the filing fee; reviewed by close of business the following business day (must be received before 5pm).
- Same Day Service: \$200 in addition to the filing fee; reviewed by 5pm the same business day (must be received before 10am).
- 2-Hour Service: \$400 in addition to the filing fee; reviewed within 2 hours of receipt

(available 8am-3pm).

Step 4: Create an operating agreement

Create an operating agreement to outline ownership, roles, voting procedures, and what happens if a member leaves.

Step 5: Get your EIN from the IRS

Get your Employer Identification Number from the IRS for free at <https://www.irs.gov/ein>.

Step 6: Keep your LLC in good standing

Arizona LLCs are not required to file annual reports; only corporations file them. There is no initial report requirement for LLCs.

Within 60 days after the ACC files the articles, a notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of the statutory agent's street address for three consecutive publications. This requirement does not apply if that address is in a county with more than 800,000 people (Maricopa, Pima), in which case the ACC posts the information to its database instead. The ACC notifies you by letter if publication is required. Filing the Affidavit of Publication with the ACC is optional.

Frequently asked questions

How much does it cost to file an LLC in Arizona?

The filing fee is \$50 for both online and mail filings, plus a 2.2% card fee (\$2 minimum) when paying online. Expedite is \$35 in addition to the filing fee. Faster services listed for most filing types cost \$100 to \$400 in addition to the filing fee.

How long does processing take?

Regular processing takes an estimated 14-16 days. Expedite typically takes 3-5 days. For most filing types, the ACC also lists faster services: Next Day Service is reviewed by the close of business the following business day (if received before 5pm), Same Day Service is reviewed by 5pm the same business day (if received before 10am), and 2-Hour Service is reviewed within 2 hours (available 8am-3pm).

Do I need to file an annual report?

No. Arizona LLCs are not required to file annual reports; only corporations file them.

Is publication required for all LLCs?

Publication is required unless the statutory agent's street address is in a county with more than 800,000 people (Maricopa or Pima). The ACC will notify you by letter if publication is required.

Want us to file it for you? \$249 plus state fees.

Want the whole business set up? Book a call with BusinessOwner.com.

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