

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

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Quick answer

The cost to file with the Arkansas Secretary of State, Business and Commercial Services Division is \$45 online or \$50 by mail. You can [file online](#) or by mail. The Division completes most filings within two business days of receipt; in-person drop-offs currently have a 48-hour turnaround.

Step 1: Check that your LLC name is available

Search the Arkansas Secretary of State's business name records before filing to ensure your desired name is available.

Step 2: Choose a registered agent

The Certificate of Organization requires the registered agent's name and physical street address. The registered agent may or may not be an owner or officer.

Step 3: File your Certificate of Organization for Limited Liability Company (Form LL-01)

File Form LL-01 with the Arkansas Secretary of State, Business and Commercial Services Division. The filing fee is \$45 if you file online or \$50 by mail. You can [file online](#).

Step 4: Create an operating agreement

Create an operating agreement that covers ownership percentages, member roles and voting rights, and procedures for what happens if a member leaves the LLC.

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

File an Annual LLC Franchise Tax Report on or before May 1 each year, starting the year following formation. The fee is \$150. This payment covers the Arkansas LLC Franchise Tax.

Penalty and interest apply after May 1. No initial report is required. Form LL-01 includes a franchise tax contact page filed with the Certificate of Organization so the LLC receives its annual franchise tax form. No newspaper publication requirement applies.

Frequently asked questions

How much does it cost to file an LLC in Arkansas online?

The total state cost to file online is \$45.

How much does it cost to mail the filing?

The filing fee by mail is \$50.

When is the annual report due?

The Annual LLC Franchise Tax Report is due on or before May 1 each year, starting the year following formation. There are no extensions.

Is there a franchise tax separate from the annual report fee?

No. The Arkansas LLC Franchise Tax is the same payment as the \$150 annual report fee. It is not an additional charge.

Does Arkansas require a publication after filing?

No. No newspaper publication requirement applies to Arkansas LLCs.

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

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Sources

Official sources, last verified September 15, 2026:

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