

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

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Quick answer

Filing your Articles of Organization with the Georgia Secretary of State, Corporations Division costs \$100 online [file online](#). Georgia estimates about 7 business days for online filings.

Step 1: Check that your LLC name is available

Search the Georgia Secretary of State'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 registered agent if you are a person located in Georgia, or you may choose another entity located in Georgia. The LLC itself cannot be its own agent. The registered office must be a physical street address in Georgia where the agent can be personally served; PO boxes, drawers, mail drops, or rural routes alone are not allowed.

Step 3: File your Articles of Organization for LLC (Form CD 030)

Submit your Articles of Organization for LLC (Form CD 030). Paper filings also include the Transmittal Form - Limited Liability Companies (Form 231). Online filings cost \$100. Paper filings sent by mail cost \$110.

Step 4: Create an operating agreement

Draft an operating agreement to outline how your LLC will operate. This document typically covers ownership percentages, member roles and responsibilities, voting procedures, and what happens if a member leaves the company.

Step 5: Get your EIN from the IRS

Obtain your Employer Identification Number from the IRS. This service is free. You can apply at <https://www.irs.gov/ein>.

Step 6: Keep your LLC in good standing

File an Annual Registration with the Secretary of State. This report is required annually, though you may prepay for 1-, 2-, or 3-year registration periods. The filing window is between January 1 and April 1 each year, starting the year after your LLC is formed.

Georgia does not have a separate initial report requirement. Your first Annual Registration is due between January 1 and April 1 of the year after your LLC is formed.

Regarding taxes, Georgia's net worth tax applies to an LLC only if it is treated as a corporation for income tax purposes. There is no minimum tax that applies to all LLCs as such. This tax is administered by the Georgia Department of Revenue and is separate from the Annual Registration.

Frequently asked questions

How much does it cost to form an LLC in Georgia?

The filing fee is \$100 if you file online. If you file by mail, the fee is \$110.

When is the Annual Registration due?

You must file your Annual Registration between January 1 and April 1 each year. This requirement begins the year after your LLC is formed.

Can I be my own registered agent in Georgia?

Yes, you may serve as your own registered agent if you are a person located in Georgia. The registered office must be a physical street address where you can be personally served.

Does Georgia charge a franchise tax for LLCs?

Georgia does not have a minimum tax that applies to all LLCs. A net worth tax may apply only if the LLC is treated as a corporation for income tax purposes.

How long does it take to process my filing?

Georgia estimates about 7 business days for online filings and 15 business days for mail filings. In-person processing times vary. Actual times may differ from these estimates.

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

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

Sources

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