

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

A free step-by-step guide from BusinessOwner.com. State information verified from official sources on September 15, 2026.

Quick answer

The filing fee for the Articles of Organization in Hawaii is \$50. You can file online with the Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Business Registration Division at <https://cca.hawaii.gov/breg/registration/dllc/>. An additional \$25 expedited review fee is available if you need faster processing.

Step 1: Check that your LLC name is available

Search the Hawaii business name records before filing to ensure your desired name is available.

Step 2: Choose a registered agent

You may choose an individual who resides in Hawaii, a domestic entity, or an authorized foreign entity as your registered agent. The agent must be physically present in the State with a Hawaii street address for its place of business. An LLC cannot be its own registered agent. A resident member qualifies as an individual who resides in Hawaii.

Step 3: File your Articles of Organization for Limited Liability Company (Form LLC-1)

File the Articles of Organization for Limited Liability Company (Form LLC-1) with the Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Business Registration Division. The filing fee is \$50 whether you file online or by mail. If you need expedited processing, you may pay an additional \$25 for expedited review.

Step 4: Create an operating agreement

Create an operating agreement to outline ownership structure, member roles, 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. This service is free. You can apply at <https://www.irs.gov/ein>.

Step 6: Keep your LLC in good standing

File an Annual Report each year. The report is due by the end of the calendar quarter in which the LLC was registered (March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31), starting the year after registration. The fee for the Annual Report is \$15. The report does not require financial information. No initial report is required; an entity registered in the same year the annual report is due is not required to file for that year.

Frequently asked questions

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

The filing fee for the Articles of Organization is \$50. An additional \$1 State Archives fee may also apply. An expedited review option costs an additional \$25.

When is the Hawaii Annual Report due?

The Annual Report is due by the end of the calendar quarter in which the LLC was registered, starting the year after registration.

Can I be my own registered agent in Hawaii?

You may serve as your own registered agent if you are an individual who resides in Hawaii and are physically present in the State with a Hawaii street address for your place of business. The LLC itself cannot be its own registered agent.

Is there an initial report required for new LLCs in Hawaii?

No initial report is required. An entity registered in the same year the annual report is due is not required to file for that year.

How do I file my Articles of Organization in Hawaii?

You can file online at <https://cca.hawaii.gov/breg/registration/dllc/>. You may also file by mail using Form LLC-1.

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

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

Sources

Official sources, last verified September 15, 2026:

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