

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

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Quick answer

The total state cost to file by mail is \$100 with the Indiana Secretary of State, Business Services Division. You can [file online with the Secretary of State](#).

Step 1: Check that your LLC name is available

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

Step 2: Choose a registered agent

An individual who resides in Indiana may serve as registered agent. The registered office must be an Indiana street address; a P.O. box is not sufficient unless accompanied by a rural route reference. The LLC itself cannot serve as its own registered agent.

Step 3: File your Articles of Organization, Domestic Limited Liability Company (State Form 49459)

Submit the required form to the Indiana Secretary of State, Business Services Division. If you file by mail, the filing fee is \$100. The total state cost to file by mail is \$100. If you file online through INBiz, you must pay a mandatory INBiz payment processing fee (minimum \$1, not to exceed 2.15%).

Step 4: Create an operating agreement

Create an operating agreement that covers ownership interests, member roles and voting rights, profit distribution, and what happens if a member leaves the LLC.

Step 5: Get your EIN from the IRS

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

Step 6: Keep your LLC in good standing

File a Business Entity Report every 2 years by the end of the month in which the LLC was

formed. The first report is due two years after formation. The fee is \$32.00 on INBiz or \$50.00 by paper. Failure to file results in administrative dissolution. No initial report is required at formation.

Frequently asked questions

How much does it cost to file the Business Entity Report?

The Business Entity Report costs \$32.00 if filed online via INBiz and \$50.00 if filed by paper.

When is the first Business Entity Report due?

The first Business Entity Report is due two years after your LLC is formed.

Can I file my Articles of Organization online?

Yes, you can file online through INBiz. Online filings require a mandatory INBiz payment processing fee (minimum \$1, not to exceed 2.15%).

What happens if I fail to file the Business Entity Report?

Failure to file the Business Entity Report results in administrative dissolution of the LLC.

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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