



California



OVERVIEW

Capital city

Sacramento

Other major cities

Los Angeles,
San Francisco,
San Diego

Main languages

English

Population

Around 39.0 million
people

Currency

United States
Dollar (USD)

Size

423,967 sq km

GDP ⁽¹⁾

Approximately
USD 85,340
per capita

Top industries

Technology, entertainment & media,
manufacturing, biotechnology, agriculture,
professional services

Time zone

UTC - 8 (PST) / UTC - 7 (PDT in summer)

Typical office hours

Monday to Friday, 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM

Unemployment rate

Approximately 5.0%

Profits tax ⁽²⁾

Corporate income tax: 8.84% (state level)

Dialing code

+1 (U.S.)

Emergency numbers

911 (police, fire, and medical emergencies)



California: The Largest U.S. Business & Innovation Economy

World-leading economic scale

California is the largest state economy in the United States and, if considered independently, would rank among the world's largest economies. Its scale supports long-term business growth, deep supply chains, and access to a broad customer base across industries.

(1) bea.gov

Global innovation and technology hub ⁽³⁾

California is home to globally recognized innovation clusters such as Silicon Valley, Los Angeles, and San Diego, driving leadership in technology, life sciences, clean energy, and digital services. The state consistently attracts venture capital, talent, and research investment.

(2) census.gov

(3) bls.gov

Access to global markets

With major seaports, international airports, and integrated trade corridors, California provides direct connectivity to Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and global markets, supporting international trade and cross-border operations.

Large and diverse consumer market

California's population size, income levels, and demographic diversity create sustained demand across consumer goods, technology, professional services, and digital platforms, making it an attractive base for market-driven businesses.



Market profile

California is a strategic U.S. business jurisdiction distinguished by its economic scale, innovation ecosystem, and strong integration into global trade networks. Companies operating in California benefit from proximity to capital markets, research institutions, and international customers.

The state supports a wide range of business structures across technology, entertainment, manufacturing, life sciences, agriculture, and international trade, enabling companies to scale across multiple sectors within a single jurisdiction.

California's regulatory and legal framework is designed to support long-term business operations, with established systems for corporate registration, compliance, and regulatory oversight suitable for complex and growth-oriented enterprises.

With access to skilled talent, developed infrastructure, and international connectivity, California remains a primary destination for companies seeking innovation-driven growth and market expansion.

5 *Reasons* to do business in California

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Largest State Economy in the U.S.

California offers unmatched economic scale within the U.S., providing stability, long-term opportunities, and access to one of the largest sub-national markets globally.

Global Innovation & Technology Leadership

The state leads in technology, biotechnology, and digital industries, supported by research institutions, venture capital, and global innovation clusters.

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Access to International Markets

California's logistics, ports, and transportation infrastructure support international trade and efficient access to global supply chains.

Diverse & Skilled Workforce

California maintains one of the most diverse and highly skilled labor markets in the United States, supporting advanced industries and knowledge-based businesses.

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Established Legal & Business Infrastructure

The state provides a mature and well-developed legal, regulatory, and business environment suitable for companies with complex operations and long-term plans.

Key Information for California

C-Corp or S-Corp

Name Rule

- ▶ **Mandatory Suffixes:** The name must contain the word "Corporation," "Incorporated," or "Limited," or the abbreviations "Corp.," "Inc.," or "Ltd."
- ▶ **Uniqueness:** The name must be distinguishable in the records of the Secretary of State from any existing corporate name.
- ▶ **Restricted Words:** The name cannot contain words like "bank," "trust," or "trustee" without prior approval from the Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation.



Share Capital	
Standard Currency	USD
Permitted Currencies	Any
Usual Minimum Issued Capital	0 USD
Usual Authorized Capital	1,000,000 shares

Director	
Minimum Number	Equal to the number of Shareholders (Min 3 if there are 3+ Shareholders)
Local Requirement	No
Publicly Accessible Records	Yes (via Statement of Information)
Location of Meetings	Anywhere

Shareholder	
Minimum Number	
Publicly Accessible Records	No
Location of Meetings	Anywhere

Registered Agent	
Appointment Requirement	Yes
Qualified by regulatory authority	Yes

Legal and Compliance Requirement

Annual Requirements	
Economic Substance Filling	No
Annual Return Filling	<p>Both California C-Corporations and S-Corporations are required to file an annual tax return with the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-Corporation: Files California Form 100. • S-Corporation: Files California Form 100S. • Minimum Franchise Tax: USD 800 per year, payable even if the company is inactive or has no income. • Deadline: Generally 15 April (or the 15th day of the 4th month after fiscal year-end).
Accounting & Auditing Report	Accounting records must be kept, but audits are not legally required in California.
Company Accounting Record	<p>California corporations must maintain complete and accurate accounting records, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income and expense records • Bank statements • Invoices, receipts, and contracts • Payroll and tax records (if applicable) <p>These records must be retained for statutory periods and be available for tax audits or regulatory review by the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) or the IRS.</p>
Annual Renewal Company	Yes
Annual Renewal Deadline	Anniversary date
KYC Requirement	<p>Yes</p> <p>Valid KYC docs (passport + address proof) of all members, corporate shareholders</p>
Tax duties	Yes, must complete before renewal
Re-Active	Contact us for further checking and details

Annual Tax Filing Requirements

Profit Tax Return Filing

Annual state tax filing with the California FTB is mandatory.

Employer's Return Filing

Employer filings apply only when employees exist.

Tax Policies

Profits Taxation

C-Corps are taxed on profits; S-Corps pay a reduced franchise tax.

Personal Income Tax

Personal tax depends on shareholder status and income source.

Property Tax

Property tax applies only to California-located real estate.

Tax on Dividends Paid

Dividend taxation is governed mainly by U.S. federal rules.

Double Taxation Treaty Access

Treaty access depends on entity type and federal tax status, not California law.

Fee Structure

Fee Structure of C-Corp or S-Corp

Fee Structure	Service Fee	Government Fee
Incorporation Fee	USD 790	USD 550
Renewal Fee	USD 715	USD 499

Note: Fees may vary based on the company's structure and compliance status at the time of renewal. The fees exclude government taxes, statutory duties, and any changes to the company structure or member information.

Accompanying Services



Company Formation

We provide comprehensive company incorporation services to establish a legally compliant entity in the jurisdiction that fits your goals. You need a structure that aligns with regulatory requirements and supports your business objectives - we handle the entire setup for you.



Nominee Services

We provide nominee directors and shareholders where required by local regulations or privacy needs. You need to maintain compliance while protecting your identity - we take on the nominee role while you retain full control.



Change Agent

We facilitate the change of your Registered Agent or Secretary. You provide your current company documents and the required resolution; we prepare the paperwork and update the new agent or secretary with the government registry within 1 - 3 business days.



Company Renewal

We take care of all mandatory annual renewal procedures. You need your company to remain legally valid, compliant, and fully operational - we ensure timely renewal every year.



Business Bank Account Opening Support

We provide tailored advisory for opening a business bank account. You need a banking strategy suited to your industry, well - structured KYC/AML documents, and support throughout the application - we guide you from preparation to onboarding.



Tax – Accounting & Auditing

We deliver accounting and auditing services that meet regulatory and financial reporting standards. You need accurate books, compliant statements, and reports required by authorities or financial institutions - we support every step.



Shelf Company

We offer pre-registered Shelf Companies ready for immediate use. You need a company that can start operating without delays - we review, update, and transfer the entity to you in full compliance.



Serviced Office

We provide compliant registered office addresses for company formation, bank account opening, and ongoing legal needs. You need a reliable corporate address - we supply a fully compliant solution.



Trademark Registration

We assist in registering and protecting trademarks across key jurisdictions. You need to secure your brand and intellectual property - we ensure legal protection and commercial safety.



Trust & Foundation Services

We set up trust and foundation structures for asset protection and complex ownership requirements. You need secure and strategic asset management - we create the right structure for you.



Company Strike-Off

We assist in legally striking off companies that are no longer active. You need a clean, compliant exit - we manage the formal closure process.



Certificates

We obtain corporate certificates required for banking, licensing, audits, and international transactions. You need valid documents quickly - we deliver them efficiently.



Certify / Notarize / Apostille

We provide full certification, notarization, apostille, and legalization services. You need documents accepted by banks, authorities, and global partners - we ensure international legal validity.



Other Filings

We handle all post-incorporation regulatory filings, including economic substance and tax compliance requirements. You need your company to remain compliant and operational - we manage the filings for you.

We know you have many choices

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Clients Worldwide

Trusted by 10,000+ clients worldwide, our proven track record ensures USA businesses receive services that meet the highest federal and state standards.

50+

Professional Consultants

Serving 1,500+ new clients annually across various sectors - from startups to multinational corporations - delivering tailored, lawful solutions.

32+

Branches Representative Offices

Supported by 32+ representative offices and partners globally, we serve a diverse range of industries, offering unparalleled insights for USA businesses.

10+

Years Experience

With over 10 years of global experience, we've guided businesses worldwide, bringing seasoned expertise to ensure legal compliance in the USA with IRS and SBA standards.

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