

Business Type Comparison Table

This table provides an at-a-glance reference for comparing the most common business entity types.

	Sole Proprietorship	General Partnership	C Corporation	S Corporation	Limited Liability Company	Limited Partnership	Limited Liability Partnership
State filing (& filing fee) required for creation			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ongoing state filings and fees			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Limited liability protection			✓	✓	✓	maybe	✓
Perpetual duration of the business			✓	✓	maybe	✓	maybe
Strict ongoing corporate formalities			✓	✓			
Flexibility in who manages the business					✓		✓
Business taxed at entity level			✓		maybe		
Pass-through income/loss	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Double taxation			✓				
Ease of raising capital			✓	✓	maybe		
Ease of adding owners/transferring ownership interest			✓	✓	maybe	maybe	maybe