

SETTING UP A COMPANY IN TÜRKİYE

20-STEP CHECKLIST FOR SETTING UP A COMPANY IN TÜRKİYE

From project planning to registration: tick off each action once completed.

01 DEFINE AND APPROVE THE COMPANY REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Legal form: Choose between Ltd. Şti. (limited liability company) and A.Ş. (joint-stock company).
- ☐ Shareholding and governance: Identify shareholders, allocate equity and establish management arrangements.
- ☐ Legal representation: Appoint representatives and define signing authority.
- ☐ Company name and registered office: Check name availability and secure the company address.
- ☐ Capital and financing: Determine share capital and prepare a 12-month cash-flow budget.
- ☐ Banking: Select a bank and prepare for KYC and ultimate beneficial ownership checks.
- ☐ Business activity and regulations: Define the corporate purpose, NACE code and required permits.
- ☐ Local organisation: Select an accounting firm and arrange post-incorporation management.

02 PREPARE THE INCORPORATION DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Parent company documents: Obtain a recent trade register extract and articles of association.
- ☐ Shareholders and directors: Gather identification documents, legal details and authorisations.
- ☐ Powers of attorney and resolutions: Prepare the resolutions and mandates required for incorporation.
- ☐ International formalities: Arrange apostilles/legalisation and certified translations.
- ☐ Document review: Check that all information is consistent across the documents.

03 COMPLETE THE INCORPORATION FORMALITIES

- ☐ Tax identification: Obtain the necessary tax identification numbers.
- ☐ MERSİS registration: Enter the incorporation details into the system.
- ☐ Articles of association: Finalise the articles and representation arrangements.
- ☐ Capital and banking: Arrange the required capital payments for the chosen legal form.
- ☐ Administrative documents: Prepare signature documentation and required corporate records.
- ☐ Trade register: Sign and submit the complete registration file.
- ☐ Incorporation: Obtain registration and verify the official publications.

AFTER REGISTRATION: IS YOUR COMPANY READY TO OPERATE? Accounting, taxation, bank account activation, employment-related obligations, signing authority and operating permits must still be arranged according to your business activities.

For detailed guidance on each step, download our comprehensive guide "[Setting up a Company in Türkiye](#)"