

France Company Registration

The key features of a France Company Formation are:

- The company only needs one Director and one Shareholder
- The Directors and Shareholders can be any nationality and can reside anywhere
- A visit to France is not required to form your company
- Shareholders of a French company can be natural persons or corporate entities
- Shareholders are liable up to the limit of their capital contribution

France is located in Western Europe and shares borders with Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Monaco, Spain and Andorra.

A private limited liability company, the French SARL (societe a responsabilite limitee) is formed by at least two individuals or corporate bodies, with 1 Euro as a minimum share capital. A Limited Liability Company is a legal entity that is separate from the individuals who run it.

To request a free consultation about your France company formation with our experienced team, please call us on +44 (0)1302 729041 or email cfs@cfsformations.com. Alternatively, use the live chat facility on our website.

Why not take a look at our article on [offshore company benefits?](#)

What's included for **£3399.00**

- France Company Registration
- French Government Registration Fees
- Registered Agent for 1 Year
- Bank Account Introduction (A visit to France is required and the share class deposit must be paid)
- VAT Registration
- Certificate of Incorporation
- Memorandum and Articles of Association
- Register of Directors
- Register of Shareholders

Timescale

Once all the required identification documents are produced, the France company formation process will

take approximately 2 weeks

Offshore Bank Account

After forming your company you may wish to open an Offshore Business Bank Account. CFS International Formations have a close working relationship with many Offshore Bank Accounts.

The Banks we have chosen to work with meet our high standards of confidentiality has a high reputation and offers a wide range of banking services which we believe will best suit your requirements.

To apply for an Offshore Bank Account, you will need to comply with the identification requirements. Like us, the Bank must ensure they are complying with the authorities, as this will help to reduce the chances of Money Laundering.

Listed below are the Accounts we are able to offer you for your France Company:

	Initial Deposit	Timescale (working days)	Visit to country required?	Price
Mauritius Bank Account	5,000 GBP	3-5	No	£400.00 More Info >
Monetary Account	250 EUR	1	No	£49.95 More Info >
Puerto Rico Bank Account	500EUR	3-5	No	£450.00 More Info >
Switzerland Bank Account	10,000 EUR	4 weeks	No	£649.00 More Info >

Why Form a Company in France

France is the third-largest country in Europe and the second most populated in the European Union. As one of the top ten economies in the world, France is the home to an impressive number of foreign companies and it is one of the top foreign investments in Europe.

If you are planning to further develop your business within the next few years, a France Company Registration is a great start, as it will enable you to add more shareholders in the future. The main advantage of registering a French Societe a Responsabilite Limitee (SARL) is that it will enable you to protect your personal asset. Registering a French SARL, means that the business is its own legal entity, meaning you will not be liable for any debts generated by the business.

Tax Information for your France Company Registration

Company tax in France is called Impôts sur les sociétés. Corporate income tax is just one of the taxes companies must pay whilst they are doing business in France. The standard corporate tax rate in France is 33.33%, this has a surtax of 3.3% which equals 36.63%.

Corporate Tax in France is levied on all French profits made during the year by corporations and other legal entities. The types of companies that are liable for corporate tax are those which are registered and

managed in France.

Similar to most of the EU, the French tax system offers very competitive measures to encourage the creation of new businesses in France. French income tax is calculated on your personal earnings, whether you are an employee or self-employed in France.

When registering a Societe a Responsabilite Limitee (SARL) in France you can choose whether you wish to be taxed on personal income tax system for the first five years of business. This only applies to small or certain family ran businesses, otherwise you will be taxed through the French Corporation Tax.

The tax authorities in France do not allow France Companies to complete transactions relating to companies that are from traditional tax havens.

Company Name

When choosing a company name for a France company formation, you must ensure that all words within the name are in English or French. The name must end with a word, phrase or abbreviation such as the equivalent of Limited (LTD) which is SARL.

France can be quite strict when it comes to your company name. Most company names are allowed as long as it is not being used or isn't similar to another company registered within the same industry.

Directors, Shareholders and Secretary

A France Company Formation requires at least one person to act as Director and one person to act as Shareholder. The Director and Shareholder can be of any nationality and they do not need to reside in France, corporate officers are also permitted.

The name of the Director and Shareholder are displayed on the public registry.

You are able to add a maximum of 50 Shareholders to a France Company and if there is fewer than 25 Shareholders, no annual general meeting of Shareholders is required.

Share Capital

The standard currency for a France Company formation is EURO, and the minimum share capital amount is 1 Share worth 1.00 EURO.

The share capital of your French Company must be indicated within your company bylaws (also known as the company Articles of Association). The share details must also be displayed within your company documents. The shares within your company are usually held with a Notary or Bank during the formation of the French Company.

Annual Requirements for your France Company Registration

For a France company registration, annual requirements are minimal. On a yearly basis it is a requirement that a France Company is renews their Registered Office Address and the Registered Agent service. These services are included in the CFS annual renewal cost.

A French Company is also required to keep company books and they are required to comply with certain accounting requirements. Accounts must be audited in line with the statutory requirements. These fees are not included in CFS annual renewal cost, please contact us for additional information.

Yearly Renewal **£1,100.00**

On a yearly basis a France Company must renew their Registered Office Address.

Discover France

France, in Western Europe, encompasses medieval cities, alpine villages and Mediterranean beaches. Paris, its capital, is famed for its fashion houses, classical art museums including the Louvre and monuments like the Eiffel Tower. The country is also renowned for its wines and sophisticated cuisine. Lascaux's ancient cave drawings, Lyon's Roman theatre and the vast Palace of Versailles attest to its rich history.

Additional Services

If you would like an Additional Service for a France Company Formation, please contact our office with your requirements and we will be happy to assist you.

Ready Made Offshore Companies

A Ready Made Company is a company which has previously been formed and been stored as a non trading company. By purchasing a Ready Made Company you can:

- **Boost your business with an established company**
Appear to be a reliable company that has been in business for several years
- **Establish Business Relationships Easily**
Business and Banking relationship are easily established with an older previously registered company
- **Gain Confidence from customers**
New and existing clients will feel more confident in dealing with you as your company has a history
- **Be Reassured**
All our Ready Made Companies are non trading companies, are totally clean and clear of any business debts and liabilities

Please [click here](#) to view more information about Offshore Ready-Made Companies and how they may benefit you. You will also be able to view a list of the countries where we can offer Offshore Ready-Made Companies. Unfortunately, the list of company names is always changing due to customer purchases. Therefore, we are unable to provide an exact list of the available company names on our website. To obtain the most recent list of available companies, please [contact us](#).

Why use CFS for your France Company Registration

CFS have been dealing with France company formations for over 9 years and we pride ourselves on not only the speed in which we can incorporate but also the efficiency of the service we provide. All work carried out by our specialist team for your France company registration is done with the utmost confidentiality and urgency.

Our France company formation package includes the requirement of a registered agent in France. We also provide fully completed company documents confirming the existence of the company. We have one of the lowest prices for the annual renewal of the company.

We have an easy to use online order form which can be used for a France company registration, this reduces the need for lengthy forms to be completed.

Once you place an order you will have a dedicated business administrator who will deal with all the necessary requirements of the France company formation on your behalf.

FAQ's

What Identification (Due Diligence) documents are required for each company officer and beneficial owner?

- Certified Passport Copy or ID Card
- Certified utility bill dating within the last 3 months - this could be a Bank Statement, Gas or Electricity Bill

Do I need to provide original Due Diligence Documents?

To Incorporate the Company quickly we will be able to accept scanned copies of the certified Due Diligence Documents.

However, in order to release the Company Documents to you, we will require your original certified documents posting to us.

How long does it take to set up a France Company Formation?

The process to register a company in France approximately takes 2 weeks, however we always try to ensure that the registration is completed as quickly as possible

Testimonial

'I am very pleased with the service CFS provided for my France Company Formation, my company was incorporated in less than the quoted period. CFS were there to help me during the whole incorporation process, even when I wasn't sure what was needed. I would certainly recommend using CFS for your France Company Registration'

Individual from Norway