

About **BRS**

Business Registration Service is a State Corporation in Kenya under the general supervision of the Office of the Attorney General and Department of Justice, established through an Act of Parliament, the Business Registration Act 2015 to administer policies and laws relating to the Business Names Act, Companies Act of 2015, Limited Liability Partnerships Act, Insolvency Act of 2015, Hire Purchase Act, and the Movable Property Security Rights Act of 2017.

The Business Registration Service (BRS), is the sole custodian of all companies and information for entities registered in Kenya and maintains registers, data and records on registrations carried out by the Service in a central database.

TYPES OF ENTITIES REGISTERED IN KENYA

Business Name

The Business Name is the simplest business form under which one can operate a business. The Business Name is not a legal entity. It simply refers to a person who owns the business and is personally responsible for its debts.

Private Limited Company

A company is limited by shares if the liability of its members is limited by the memorandum to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares respectively held by them. A Private Company is also a company that is restricted from inviting the public to subscribe to its shares. The membership of a Private Company is restricted to a maximum of 50 members.

Public Limited Company

Its Articles allow its members the right to transfer their shares in the company and the articles do not prohibit invitations to the public to subscribe for shares or debentures of the company. The name must end with the expression "Public Limited Company" or the abbreviation "PLC".

Company Limited by Guarantee

A company limited by guarantee (CLG) is an alternative type of corporation used primarily for non-profit organizations that require legal personality. This type of company does not have share capital and its members are guarantors rather than shareholders. The liability of members is limited to the amount they agree to contribute to the company's assets if it is liquidated.

Limited Liability Partnership

Limited liability partnerships commonly referred to as LLPs are unique forms of business association that combines elements of a company with those of a partnership. Upon registration, an LLP becomes a body corporate with a legal personality separate from its partners. [Click here to download LLP guide](#) Foreign Company,

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This type of a Company is a Branch of a Company registered outside of Kenya, that has established a place of business in Kenya.

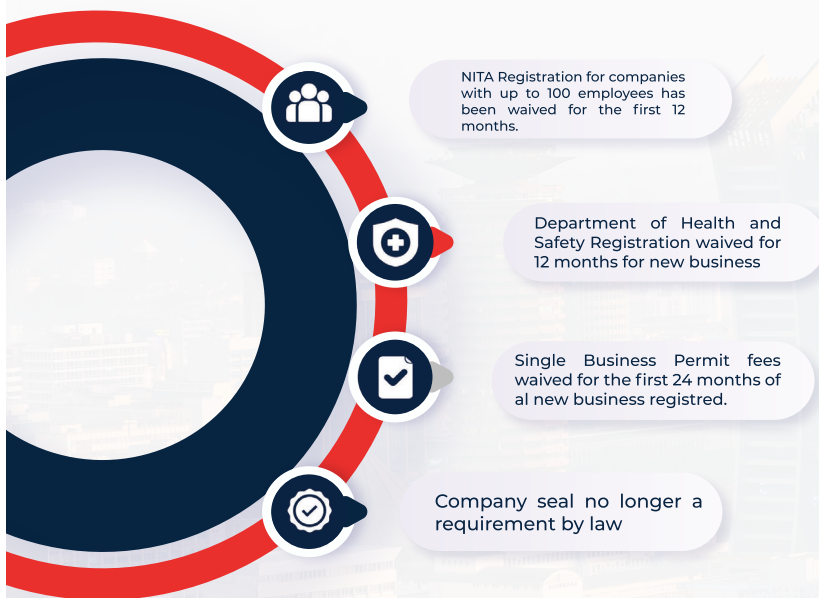
REGISTER YOUR BUSINESS

1 STEP REGISTRATION

The Name Reserved and business Registration process have been **MERGED** into one easy step.

Submit your choice of 3 preferred names and the full application online.

REFORMS TO EASE BUSINESS STARTUP



Obtain all the documents you need from one place

- Certificate of Incorporation
- Company PIN
- VAT, PAYE, NSSF and NHIF registration
- Official Search "CR12"



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