

Comparing Business Structures

The following chart provides a high-level comparison of the most popular business forms across important attributes to consider when forming your business:

	Sole Proprietor	General Partnership	C-Corp	S-Corp	LLC
Formation	No Filing Required	No Filing Required	State Filing Required	State Filing Required	State Filing Required
Limited Personal Liability	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Transferability of Interest	NO	NO	YES	Generally Limited	YES, Often Limited
Duration	Until withdrawal or death of owner	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Pass-Through Taxation	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES, Unless election made otherwise
Ability to Raise Capital	Not as a separate entity	YES	YES	Yes, but shareholder limits	YES
Limits on number of owners	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO