

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Miami, showing a dense cluster of high-rise apartment buildings along a sandy beach. The ocean is visible on the left, and a large body of water with several islands is in the background. The sky is overcast. A red rectangular box is overlaid in the top left corner, and a dark blue rectangular box is overlaid at the bottom.

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**DOING BUSINESS IN  
CAYMAN ISLAND**



# INTRODUCTION

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The Cayman Islands, a British Overseas Territory located in the Caribbean Sea, is a prominent international financial center known for its stability, tax advantages, and well-established legal system. It's a sought-after jurisdiction for businesses and financial services globally. When it comes to doing business in the Cayman Islands, several key aspects stand out:

However, while the Cayman Islands presents numerous advantages for business, navigating its legal and regulatory landscape requires understanding its specific laws, compliance requirements, and potential challenges. Seeking guidance from legal and financial professionals familiar with the jurisdiction is essential for successful business operations in the Cayman Islands.



# ECONOMIC OVERVIEW



The Cayman Islands is a top-ranked international financial center. This is enabled by the country's reputation as a transparent, trusted, and tax-neutral hub in the global market. **Gross Domestic Product "GDP"** The GDP for the Cayman Islands was \$5.9 billion, an increase of 5.16% over 2021, and a 6.69% increase over the last five years.

**Gross Domestic Product Per Capita ("GDP")** The GDP per Capita for the Cayman Islands was \$86,569, an increase of 3.89% over 2021, and a 1.57% increase over the last five years. **Unemployment Rate** The unemployment rate was 5.7%, which is up slightly from 5.2%.

Backdated information.





# DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR DOING BUSINESS IN CAYMAN ISLAND

The Cayman Islands Company mentioned below refers to an Exempted Company (limited by shares) formed and registered by the Companies Law (Revised) (Companies Law), and partnerships registered by the Partnership Law (Revised) (Partnership Law) of the Cayman Islands.

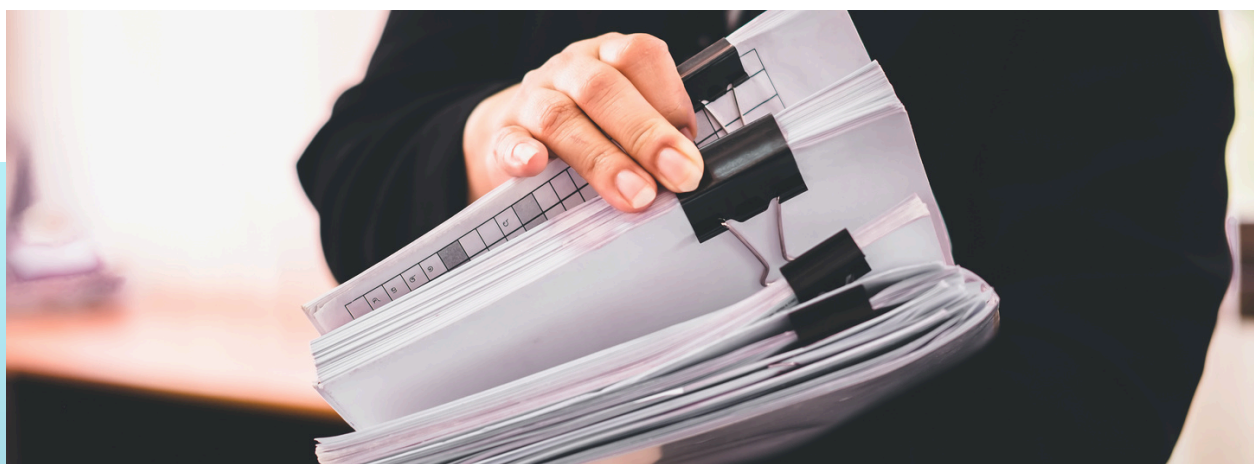
If an individual will be a director, shareholder, or partner, the client needs to provide the following identification documents for incorporation:

A certified true copy of the personal passport, the page of the passport shall bear the photography and information of the holder.

Certified true copy of proof of the personal residence addresses, the acceptable address proof can be a water and electricity bill, or bank statement, which includes the holder's full name, residential address, issuing date, name of issuing authority, etc.

If the director, shareholder, or partner is another corporation, the following corporate documents:

- Certificate of Incorporation
- Certificate of Incumbency or Certificate of Good Standing
- Articles of Association
- Latest register of directors and register of members
- The identification documents and residential address proof of all Director, Shareholders, and Ultimate Beneficial Owner holding more than 10% of shares in that company
- A copy of a mandate authorizing the company to establish the company or partnership.



## **Partnership**

If a partnership will be the shareholder or partner, please provide the following documents:

- Copy of the Partnership Agreement
- The identification documents and residential address proof of all partners and owners in that partnership.
- A copy of a mandate authorizing the partnership to establish the company or partnership.
- Other Information and Documents required.
- Required to provide the amount of share capital (unless otherwise advised, all company will be incorporated with a standard share capital of 50,000 shares), and the percentage of shareholding by each shareholder, if more than one shareholder.
- For registration of Cayman Islands Exempted Company, each director and shareholder who holds more than 10% of shares of the Company, that required to provide one reference letter from professional advisors or bankers who have known them for at least two years, detailing the full name and address of the person on whom reference is being given.
- For registration of Cayman Islands partnerships, each holding more than 10% of shares of partner of the Partnership, that required to provide one reference letter from professional advisors or bankers who have known them for at least two years, detailing the full name and address of the person on whom reference is being given.
- Filling the "KYC Questionnaires" and "Offshore Company Incorporation Order Form" for a detailed understanding of the purpose of the company and its partnership with its intended operations together with detailed information on the source of the Company's funds.
- The latest organization chart certified by the director for identification of ultimate beneficial owners.

# FOREIGN DIRECT POLICY

The Cayman Islands generally have an open approach to Foreign Direct Investment “FDI” and welcome foreign investors. However, it's important to note that while the Cayman Islands encourage FDI, there are regulations and policies in place that govern certain aspects of foreign investment:

- **No Restrictions on Foreign Ownership:** Generally, there are no specific restrictions on foreign ownership in the Cayman Islands. Foreign individuals and entities can fully own companies and properties without any limitations.
- **Legal and Regulatory Framework:** The Cayman Islands have a well-established legal framework that governs foreign investment. Investors need to adhere to these regulations, which often involve proper registration, compliance with anti-money laundering laws, and transparency in business operations.



**Investment Incentives:** The government of the Cayman Islands doesn't offer specific incentives or subsidies for foreign investors. However, the tax-neutral environment, political stability, and business-friendly policies serve as incentives in themselves for FDI.

- **Sectors with Restrictions:** While there aren't broad restrictions on FDI, certain sectors might have specific regulations. For instance, the financial services sector may have more stringent regulations due to its international nature and need for compliance with global financial standards.
- **Real Estate:** There might be some restrictions on foreign ownership of certain types of real estate, especially properties designated for local housing or certain protected areas.
- **Work Permits and Employment:** Companies in the Cayman Islands hiring foreign workers need to comply with work permit regulations. These permits are required for non-Caymanians working on the islands and involve specific documentation and processes.



# Key Sectors

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The Cayman Islands boast several key sectors that drive its economy and make it an attractive destination for doing business:

- **Financial Services:** This sector is the cornerstone of the Cayman Islands economy. It includes offshore banking, investment funds, insurance, and wealth management. The jurisdiction is renowned for its stability, tax advantages, and robust regulatory framework, attracting financial institutions and investors globally.
- **Tourism and Hospitality:** The Cayman Islands are a popular tourist destination, known for their pristine beaches, crystal-clear waters, and vibrant marine life. The tourism sector encompasses hotels, resorts, restaurants, water sports activities, and cruise tourism, contributing significantly to the local economy.
- **Real Estate:** The Cayman Islands' real estate market is buoyant, driven by both local and international demand. The jurisdiction attracts investors interested in residential and commercial properties, especially luxury real estate, due to its stable market and attractive surroundings.
- **Legal and Professional Services:** With its well-established legal system based on English common law, the Cayman Islands host a robust legal and professional services sector. Law firms, accounting firms, corporate service providers, and financial advisors cater to the needs of international businesses operating in the jurisdiction.

Each of these sectors contributes to the economic landscape of the Cayman Islands and presents opportunities for businesses and investors looking to establish a presence in a stable and well-regulated jurisdiction. Understanding the nuances of these sectors and aligning business strategies accordingly can be crucial for success in the Cayman Islands.





## ADVANTAGES OF DOING BUSINESS

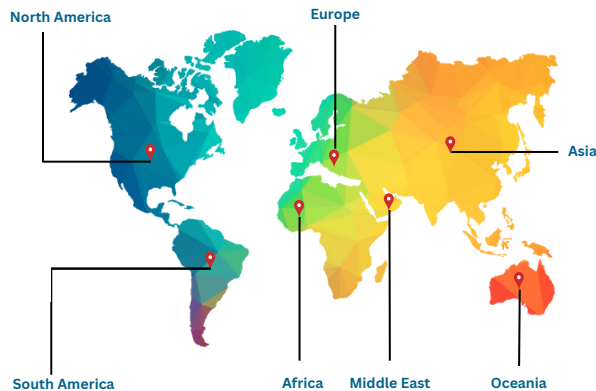
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Incorporation is quick and easy: Incorporating a business in the Cayman Islands is indeed known for its swift and straightforward process, offering entrepreneurs a hassle-free pathway to establish their companies.

- Companies Law is based on English law – The Companies Law of the Cayman Islands draws heavily from English company law principles, providing a familiar legal framework for businesses and investors. Here's how the influence of English law manifests in the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands.
- Tax advantages. The Cayman Islands offer several notable tax advantages for businesses and individuals, making it an attractive jurisdiction for incorporation and financial activities.
- No exchange controls: this is a key advantage of doing business in the Cayman Islands, as it provides businesses and individuals with unparalleled flexibility and freedom in managing their finances and conducting international transactions.
- Stable political regime due to a democratically elected local government and status as a British Overseas Territory: The stable political regime in the Cayman Islands, bolstered by its democratically elected local government and status as a British Overseas Territory, provides a conducive environment for businesses and investors



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