



※ While investing in Taiwan, you have four choices at your discretion. The characteristics and difference are analyzed below to facilitate the most suitable selection:

	Company limited by shares	Limited company	Branch company	Rep-Office	Store
Capital structure	Where the shareholders are foreign judicial (corporate) persons or individuals	Where the shareholders are foreign judicial (corporate) persons or individuals	Where the head office is a foreign corporation	Where the head office is a foreign corporation	Where the shareholders are individuals
Eligible to operate business?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Eligible to import and export?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Eligible to be a judicial (corporate) person?	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Minimum number of shareholders	Two natural persons (individuals) or 1 judicial (corporate) person minimum	One natural person (individual) or 1 judicial (corporate) person minimum	Nil	Nil	One natural person
Minimum number of key personnel	1 directors, 1 supervisor	1 director,	1 responsible person, 1 manager	1 representative	1 investor
Registration address	Any legal building.	Any legal building.	Any legal building.	Any legal building.	Any legal building.
Suggest minimum capital required	NT\$50,000 which must be remitted into Taiwan from a foreign territory	NT\$50,000 which must be remitted into Taiwan from a foreign territory	NT\$50,000 which must be remitted into Taiwan from a foreign territory	Nil	NT\$50,000 which must be remitted into Taiwan from a foreign territory
Eligible to issue stocks to public?	Yes	No, must chage type	No	No	No
Eligible to provide labor insurance/national health insurance for employees?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eligible to open bank account?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eligible to open account to invest in stocks?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Application for foreign worker permit	Managers, technicians	Managers, technicians	Managers, technicians	Representative	No
Uniform invoice required?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Tax Filling	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Ratio of business tax (VAT)	5%	5%	5%	Nil	5%
Ratio of income tax	20%	20%	20%	Nil	20%
loss carry forward	10 Years	10 Years	10 Years	Nil	Nil
Ratio of withholding from earning allocation	21%	21%	No withholding	Nil	21%
Ratio of extra tax on unappropriated retained earnings	5%	5%	Nil	Nil	5%
Applicable targets	• A good choice for large,	• A good choice for small and	• A good choice for all sorts of	• A good choice for a business	• A good choice small business



	<p>medium sized enterprises to invest in Taiwan and make profit, and to invest in the entire world through public issuance of stocks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good choice for a foreign individual to obtain work permit in Taiwan by means of investment • May invest in stock market and real estate in Taiwan • A good choice for small and medium enterprises which can accept taxation up to 36.8%. 	<p>medium enterprises which can accept taxation up to 36.8%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good choice for a foreign individual to obtain a work permit in Taiwan by means of investment • May invest in stock market and real estate in Taiwan 	<p>enterprises which intend to gain high profits and high level tax savings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good choice for small and medium enterprises which can accept taxation up to 17% . • May invest in stock market and real estate in Taiwan 	<p>which is not required to import and export or invoice in Taiwan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good choice for Taiwanese employees of Taiwan investors assigned to station in Mainland China but receive pay and get insured for labor insurance/national health insurance in Taiwan. • A good choice for a business which engages in offshore trade or render offshore technological services. 	<p>which with low business risk.</p>
Development & restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May issue stocks to public and go listing in Taiwan Stock Exchange Corporation (TSEC) and OTC in Taiwan. • May set up branch(es) of its own in Taiwan. • Difficult to obtain loans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not permitted to issue stock to public until having been reorganized into a company limited by shares. • May set up branch(es) of its own in Taiwan. • Difficult to obtain loans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May only have working capital in Taiwan but have no concept of shares. Not permitted to issue stocks to public. • The Head Office may set up multiple branches in Taiwan. • Difficult to obtain loans and Government Procurement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not permitted to operate business. • May only have working capital in Taiwan but have no concept of shares. Not permitted to issue stocks to public or to list in Taiwan Stock Exchange Corporation (TSEC) or OTC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can not change to company. • Can not hire foreign worker. • Multi owner cannot change to sole owner.