

NEPAL BUSINESS LAWS

Business Registration and Operation in Nepal

1. Company Registration:

- Companies Act, 2006 governs company formation
- Private Limited Companies require minimum 1 director and 1 shareholder
- Public Limited Companies require minimum 7 shareholders
- Registration through Office of Company Registrar

2. Business Registration:

- Business Registration Act, 2018
- Required for all business operations
- Registration through local government offices
- Renewal required annually

3. Tax Laws:

- Income Tax Act, 2002
- Value Added Tax Act, 1996
- Customs Act, 2007
- All businesses must register for tax purposes

4. Labor Laws:

- Labor Act, 2017
- Minimum wage requirements
- Working hours and conditions
- Social security contributions

5. Foreign Investment:

- Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer Act, 2019
- Automatic route for most sectors
- Foreign Exchange Regulation Act compliance
- Investment Board Nepal approval for large projects

6. Intellectual Property:

- Patent, Design and Trademark Act, 2022
- Copyright Act, 2002
- Protection for trademarks, patents, and copyrights

7. Banking and Finance:

- Nepal Rastra Bank Act, 2002
- Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2017
- Regulation of banking and financial services

8. Competition Law:

- Competition Promotion and Market Protection Act, 2007
- Prevents anti-competitive practices
- Merger control provisions

9. Consumer Protection:

- Consumer Protection Act, 2018
- Rights of consumers
- Product liability and safety standards

10. Environmental Compliance:

- Environment Protection Act, 2019
- Environmental Impact Assessment requirements
- Waste management regulations