

Introduction

Over the past three decades, the Cayman Islands have matured into one of the world's largest international financial centres. The Cayman Islands are located in the Caribbean 460 miles south of Miami, Florida. The Cayman Islands are a British Overseas Territory and derives all of its security and political stability through its connection with Great Britain. Cayman's legal system is British common law modified by local legislation. A governor, who is appointed by the Crown of England, heads the government. Cayman's official language is English and has a population of approximately 31,200.

The Cayman Islands make up one of world's largest international financial centres, the second largest captive insurance domiciles, and is a leader in offshore mutual funds. There are over 1900 mutual funds and nearly 600 banks and trust companies. Forty-five of the world's fifty largest banks have subsidiaries or branches in the Cayman Islands. Cayman Islands Stock Exchange (the "CSX") is one of the world's fastest growing international stock exchanges. Cayman's success as a financial centre is built upon its high calibre of professionals, political and social stability, excellent communications, progressive legislation, and sound regulatory regime. General Information.

Currency:	Caymanian Dollar
Minimum Capital:	There is no minimum or maximum capital.
Capital / duty:	The minimum share capital is \$1, but it is normal to incorporate a company with an authorised share capital of \$50,000 divided into 50,000 voting shares of \$1 each, this being the minimum capital duty payable to the Companies Registry.
Type of Company:	Exempt companies
Availability of shelf Co's:	Yes
Bearer / nil par value shares:	Bearer shares are permitted. Registered shares of par or no par value, preference shares, redeemable shares and voting or non-voting shares.
Shareholders:	Minimum of one shareholder. No maximum number.
Directors:	Minimum of one Director. Corporate Directors are permissible.
Secretaries:	Permitted but not required
Company Registers / Records:	Details of the Registered Office and a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
Registered Office:	A Registered Office and a Registered Agent must be maintained within The Cayman Islands.
Statutory Submissions:	There is no requirement to file annual accounts for an Exempt Company, but there is requirement to file an annual return with a finance tax report.
Double Taxation Treaties:	The Cayman Islands have no double taxation treaties with any other countries.
Directors Meetings / AGM's	One Directors meeting per year must be held in the Cayman's. Annual General Meetings are not required
Public Records:	Details of Directors only are listed on the public record. There is no requirement to disclose the Beneficial Ownership of the company to the authorities.

Annual Government Fees/Duties: US\$575 Not exceeding \$50,000. US\$700 Not Exceeding US\$ 2 Million.

Advantages:

The Cayman Islands have no exchange controls.
The Cayman Islands are politically, socially and economically very stable and the legal system is based on the English common law.
There are no income or capital gains or estate taxes.
The company legislation is very flexible towards International Business Companies (IBC's) and its owners.
The Cayman Islands provide very good banking facilities and 80% of the world's banks have presence in the jurisdiction.
The Cayman Islands are located in the Caribbean and the communications worldwide are excellent.
Complete absence of direct taxation - no corporation, capital gains, payroll, property or withholding taxes - and this can be backed by a 30-year Government guarantee.

Disadvantages:

Cannot trade within the Cayman Islands or own real estate in the Cayman Islands.
Cannot undertake the business of banking, insurance business or mutual fund business unless licensed.
Cannot solicit funds from the public.
Can be expensive compared with other Caribbean jurisdictions.

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