

— FREE GUIDE FOR JERSEY BUSINESSES

Starting a business in Jersey

The steps, the 2026 fees and a checklist

A few registrations come before the fun part. None of them is hard, but the order matters and some catch people out. This is the sequence we would follow.

Fees checked against gov.je, the JFSC and the JOIC in September 2026. We are a web studio, not business advisers: Jersey Business and the Business Hub give free answers for your situation.

The registrations, in order

Do these before you start trading. 2026 fees, checked in September 2026.

1

Get a business licence

Free for resident businesses

Most businesses need one, including most sole traders. Apply online through one.gov.je; the Business Hub aims to decide resident applications within five working days. Trading without a licence you need is a criminal offence.

2

Register a business name, or form a company

From £77

Trading under a name that isn't your own? Register it with the JFSC: £77, then £62 every three years. A limited company costs from £205 (five business days) to £856 (two hours) to incorporate, plus £220 a year for the annual confirmation.

3

Social Security, tax and GST

- **Class 2 Social Security:** £757.75 a month standard in 2026. The Startup Plan brings it to £252.58 a month for up to two years, so ask about it when you register.
- **Income tax:** tell Revenue Jersey when you start trading.
- **GST:** 5%, but you only have to register once taxable sales reach £300,000 a year.

4

Register with the JOIC

£70 a year

If you hold any customer details, and almost every business does, register with the Jersey Office of the Information Commissioner. £70 a year for fewer than ten staff; a 2026 consultation proposed lower fees, so check the current figure.

FREE HELP FIRST

Jersey Business offers free, confidential meetings with business advisers, a start-up checklist and a business plan template. One conversation before you register anything is worth it.

5. Then the online side, in this order

It does not need to be big. It needs to be yours.

Your domain, in your name

Registered to the business, not to whoever builds your site. A .je costs £49 a year direct from the registry.

Email on that domain

hello@yourbusiness.je reads as established in a way a free webmail address does not.

A Google Business Profile

Often how people find a new business first, even one without premises.

A simple website

What you do, where, roughly what it costs, and one obvious way to get in touch.

The legal pages

A privacy notice, cookie consent if you use analytics, and your business or company name and details.

THE SHORT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Business licence through one.gov.je (free for resident businesses)
- ☐ Business name registered, or company incorporated, with the JFSC
- ☐ Class 2 Social Security set up, and the Startup Plan considered
- ☐ Revenue Jersey told you have started trading
- ☐ GST checked (likely nothing to do under £300,000)
- ☐ JOIC registration (£70 a year under ten staff)
- ☐ Domain in your name, business email, Google Business Profile, then the website

Ready for your first website?

Builds from £100, hosting from £20 a month.

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