

Your company setup brief

Self-reported facts, fees to verify and next actions.

Planning brief

DO THIS FIRST

Confirm the entity and state, then form the LLC before applying for its EIN.

Your facts and the working scenario

Self-reported inputs. Classification, ownership, formation dates and operating locations require confirmation. Country and state suggestions are comparison starting points.

Residence	China / Hong Kong / Taiwan
Business	e-commerce seller
Market	U.S. customers
Goal	Stripe / payouts
EIN	no EIN yet
Address	not sure yet

Costs to verify before you pay

\$160+ state base budget; agent, provider and tax costs to confirm.

An incomplete budget is not a total quote. Recurring amounts below are shown separately from one-time fees; actual payment dates depend on formation and tax year.

Wyoming Articles of Organization: \$100 (one time)

State filing fee; online payment convenience charges are additional.

Wyoming annual license tax: At least \$60 (annual)

Greater of \$60 or $0.0002 \times$ assets located and employed in Wyoming; due the first day of the anniversary month. Payment charges may apply.

IRS EIN application fee: \$0 (one time)

The IRS charges no EIN fee. Any provider charge is for assistance. Form the LLC/corporation first; track an existing pending application.

Registered agent / local registered office: Quote / confirmation needed (annual)

Confirm an eligible agent and any commercial service price. An agent may be included in a provider plan; do not count it twice.

Optional formation / EIN assistance: Quote / confirmation needed (as needed)

Confirm the current plan, state-fee inclusions, agent inclusions and renewal terms. Provider comparison pricing retains its June 2026 review date; it is not a current quote.

Tax preparation and accounting: Quote / confirmation needed (annual)

Obligations and professional fees depend on ownership, transactions, elections and jurisdictions. Obtain a scoped quote; no amount is included here.

Other taxes, licenses and state registrations: Quote / confirmation needed (as needed)

Income, activity, assets and operating locations can create additional obligations. The state base budget is not a tax estimate.

Optional address, expedited handling and document services: Quote / confirmation needed (as needed)

Add only services you actually select. A registered-agent or mail address does not establish bank eligibility.

Next actions**Formation comes before the EIN application**

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Questions to take to your adviser

Which entity classification and owner residency facts apply? Confirm any tax election and the exact ownership structure.

Where will the business operate or hold inventory? Does another state or country require registration or reporting?

What owner contributions, reimbursements, loans or distributions need records? Confirm whether Form 5472 applies to this tax year.

Which government fees, registered-agent renewals, tax preparation and optional services are included in the written quote?

What documents and physical address will the bank accept? Confirm with the provider before paying for a package.

Your saved checklist

Action checklist progress:

- 0 of 5 checklist items marked

- ☐ Registered-agent address is not a bank-acceptable physical address: Line up a bank-acceptable physical business address before any bank or Stripe application.

- ☐ Form 5472 scope review: Confirm tax classification, ownership, reportable transactions, and filing exceptions with a tax preparer before adding the applicable return and deadline to your calendar.

- ☐ The shortlist is built on source-checked data: Skim the top shortlist trade-offs and confirm the cost-critical figures before filing.

- [] Wyoming is a state scenario to compare: Confirm Wyoming's current filing and annual fees on the official Secretary of State site before filing.

- [] Your company jurisdiction does not erase your home-country tax: Ask a local advisor how your residence country taxes this company and any owner distributions.

Notes from your adviser or provider

Name / date _____

Quoted setup cost _____

Renewals / exclusions _____

Facts still to confirm _____

Sources and verification scope

WY, DE and CA government fee sources were reviewed on September 10, 2026. Undated links are background references, with no new review claimed. Other jurisdiction assumptions retain their earlier scope. Your documents and filing obligation remain unverified.

Wyoming Secretary of State - Articles instructions

Stated fee scope checked 2026-09-10.

<https://sos.wyo.gov/Forms/Business/LLC/LLC-ArticlesOrganization.pdf>

Wyoming Secretary of State - annual report FAQ

Stated fee scope checked 2026-09-10.

<https://sos.wyo.gov/faqs.aspx?root=BUS>

IRS - EIN fees and application order

Stated fee scope checked 2026-09-10.

<https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/get-an-employer-identification-number>

Lanzamo provider comparison - verify current pricing

<https://lanzamo.com/best-llc-service-for-non-residents>

Company address requirements

<https://support.mercury.com/hc/en-us/articles/28769699533588-Company-address-requirements>

IRS Form 5472 instructions (12/2024)

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<https://www.irs.gov/instructions/i5472>