



Forms of Ownership



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Sole Proprietorships





Sole Proprietorship Characteristics



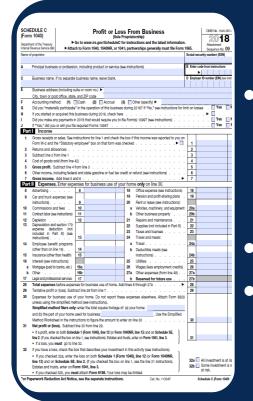
The simplest form of doing business.

No formal transfer of assets to start business.

Business' taxable year is the same as the owner's taxable year.



Sole Proprietorship Characteristics



Sole proprietors use Federal Schedule C to report the business' profit or loss on their Form 540 income tax returns whether distributed or not.
Losses generally offset other income.

• Sole proprietor is not considered to be an employee of the business.





General Partnerships





Partnership Characteristics

Two or more persons carrying on a business for profit. Flexible form of business and relatively easy to set up.

Partners decide the organization's structure and distribution of profits and losses.

A formal written agreement is advisable.



Partnership Characteristics

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- Not a separate taxable entity.
- Partnership files informational return using Form 565.
- Partners report profit or loss on their individual Form 540 income tax returns whether distributed or not.
- Losses may be limited.



Most Commonly Used Legal Entities

Corporations

Limited Liability Companies

There are other less common legal entities types available. For more information see our publication FTB 1123, *Common Forms of Ownership*.



California Legal Entities

Formed by filing the appropriate documents or forms with the California Secretary of State.



- Articles of Incorporation
- Various Forms
- Minimum Tax

Limited Liability Company

- Articles of Organization
- Form LLC-1
- Annual Tax and Fee

*Taxed annually until formally dissolved or cancelled.





C Corporations





C Corporation Characteristics

A separate legal entity owned by shareholders.

Must register with SOS before conducting business.



Can be costly to set up and maintain.

Option of choosing an income year other than the calendar year.



C Corporation Characteristics

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Files using Form 100.
Taxed annually on its earnings at a rate of 8.84% on net income.
Subject to \$800 minimum tax.
Shareholders taxed on distributed dividends.





S Corporations







S Corporation Characteristics



A separate legal entity owned by shareholders.



Must register with SOS before conducting business.



Election is made for S corporation status.



S Corporation Characteristics



No more than 100 shareholders.



Only one class of stock.



Shareholders can only be individuals, estates, or certain trusts.



S Corporation Characteristics

2	ARLE YEAR 2018 Franchise or Income Tax Return	100S
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Т	1 Ordinary income (loss) from trade or business activities from Schedule F (Form 100S, Side 4), line 22 or	
	federal Form 1120S, line 21. If Schedule F (Form 100S, Side 4) was not completed, attach federal Form 1120S, page 1, and supporting schedules	
2	2 Foreign or domestic tax based on income or profits and California franchise or income tax deducted	
tate Adjustments	3 Interest on government obligations	
Adju	4 Net capital gain from Schedule D (100S), Section A & Section B. Attach Schedule D (100S). See instructions • 4	1
State	5 Depreciation and amortization adjustments. Attach Schedule B (100S)	
	6 Portfolio income.	
	7 Other additions. Attach schedule(s). 7 8 Total. Add line 1 through line 7. 8	

• A hybrid business entity. • Files using Form 100S. • State tax rate of 1.5% of net income. Not subject to federal tax. Subject to \$800 minimum tax. Shareholders report profit or loss on their individual Form 540 income tax returns whether distributed or not.







Limited Liability Companies (LLC)





LLC Characteristics



A separate legal entity owned by members.



Must register with SOS before conducting business.



A hybrid business entity.



Restrictions may apply to professional services that require a license, certification, or registration.



LLC Characteristics



IRS partnership classification: follow partnership rules.



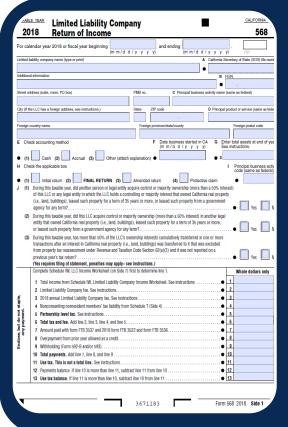
For California only. A single member classification: follow sole proprietor rules.



IRS corporation classification: follow corporation rules.



LLC Characteristics Single Member and Partnership



- Single or partnership classified LLCs file using Form 568.
- Subject to \$800 annual tax.
- Maybe subject to an LLC fee based on total income (gross income plus cost of goods).
- Members report their share of profit or loss on Form 540 income tax returns whether distributed or not.



LLC Characteristics C Corporation Classification

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FINA	AL RETURN? • Dissolved Surrendered (withdrawn) Merged/Reorganized IRC Section 338 sale QSub el	lectic
	Enter date (mm/dd/yyyy) ●	
1. 1	is income included in a combined report of a unitary group?]_
	f "Yes," indicate: Wholly within CA (R&TC 25101.15)	
	Within and outside of CA	
2.	s there a change in the members listed in Schedule R-7 from the prior year?] N
	Enter the number of members (including parent or key corporation) listed in the Schedule R-7, Part I, Section A,	
5	subject to income or franchise tax	_
	is form FTB 3544 and/or 3544A attached to the return?	N
0	During this taxable year, did another person or legal entity acquire control or majority ownership (more than a 50% interest) of this corporation or any of its subsidiaries that owned California real property (i.e., land, buildings), leased such property or a term of 35 years or more, or leased such property from a government agency for any term?] N
(During this taxable year, did this corporation or any of its subsidiaries acquire control or majority ownership more than a 50% interest) in another legal entity that owned California real property (i.e., land, buildings), leased such property for a term of 35 years or more, or leased such property from a government apeny for any term?] N
t	During this taxable year, has more than 50% of the voting stock of this corporation cumulatively transferred in one or more transactions after an interest in California real property (i.e., land, buildings) was transferred to it that was excluded from roorerty tax reasensement under RFS focklon 62/a1/21 and it was not reored on a previous way's tax return	٦,
(Yes requires filing of statement, penalties may apply - see instructions.)	
	Net income (loss) before state adjustments. See instructions	0
	Amount deducted for foreign or domestic tax based on income or profits from Schedule A	0
4	Interest on government obligations	0
	Net California capital gain from Side 6, Schedule D, line 11.	0
	Net income from corporations not included in federal consolidated return. See instructions	0
9	Uner abditions, Attach schedule(s)	t

- C Corporation classified LLCs file using Form 100.
- Taxed annually on its earnings at a rate of 8.84% on net income.
- Subject to \$800 minimum tax.
- Members receive profits and losses like C corporation shareholder.



LLC Characteristics S Corporation Election

or	cal	lendar year 2018 or fiscal year beginning (, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,]
Corp	ona	tion name California corporation number FEIN	
dd	ion	al information. See instructions.	ber
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		FINAL RETURN? Dissolved Surrendered (withdrawn) Meroed/Reorganized IRC Section 338 sale QSub	alactic
		Enter date (mm/dd/yyyy).	
	2.	Is the S corporation deferring any income from the disposition of assets?	
		If "Yes" enter the year of disposition (yyyy)	
	3.	Is the S corporation reporting previously deferred income from:	Oth
int	During this taxable year, did another person or legal entity acquire control or majority ownership (more than a 50%, interest) or this corporation or any or its subsidiaries that owned California real property (u.e., land, buildings), lessed such property for a term of 35 years or more, or leased such property from a ownerment agency for any term?],	
		During this taxable year, did this corporation or any of its subsidiaries acquire control or majority ownership (more than 50% interest) in another legal entity that owned California real property (i.e., land, buildings), leased such property for a term of 35 years or more, or leased such property from a government agency for any term?.],
1		During this backle year, has more than 50% of the voting stock of this corporation cumulatively transferred in one or more transactions after an interest & california near property (e.g., land, buildings) and stransferred to it that was used for the property reasonament and there and a trade to colescion (2016) and it was not reported on provide system stars starting?	_,
	1	Ordinary income (loss) from trade or business activities from Schedule F (Form 1005, Side 4), line 22 or federal Form 11205, line 21. 11 Schedule F (Form 1005, Side 4) was not completed, attach federal Form 11205, page 1, and supporting schedules 1	
state Adjustments	2	Foreign or domestic tax based on income or profits and California franchise or income tax deducted	
	3	Interest on government obligations	
	4	Net capital gain from Schedule D (100S), Section A & Section B. Attach Schedule D (100S). See Instructions • 4	0
		Depreciation and amortization adjustments. Attach Schedule B (100S)	- 0
		Portfolio Income.	-
		Other additions. Attach schedule(s)	0
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Forms of Ownership Information

Franchise Tax Board's Guide to:

Common Forms of Ownership

FTB Publication 1123, Franchise Tax Board's Guide to Common Forms of Ownership

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