

Isle of Man Partnerships and LLCs

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Below, we have examined two of the most commonly used structures to provide a brief introduction.

Limited Partnership

Limited Partnerships are a more formalised trading structure than General Partnerships, providing limited liability to Limited Partners who give up a degree of management and control. Features include:

- Governed by the Partnership Act 1909
- 2 - 20 Partners - there must be a minimum of one General Partner (can be a corporate entity) and one Limited Partner (exemptions apply on the total number of partners, depending on the nature of activity)
- At least one Partner must be an Isle of Man resident
- Must register with the Isle of Man Companies Registry
- Limited Partnerships can elect to have separate legal personality under the Limited Partnership Act 2011
- The Limited Partner's liability is fixed at outset and restricted to the capital or property contributed
- The Limited Partner cannot participate in the day-to-day management of the Limited Partnership - If in default, the Limited Partner will be considered a General Partner
- The General Partner has unlimited liability and is engaged in the day-to-day management
- Annual declaration required

- Gains are realised on the Partner's personal rates of taxation (e.g. income tax, Inheritance Tax etc.)

Limited Liability Company

Limited Liability Companies (LLCs) are a more modern and formalised structure, and are comparable to a Limited Liability Partnership. A hybrid entity combines some of the features of a Limited Company with the flexibility of a Partnership. Features include:

- Governed by the Limited Liability Companies Act 1996
- There must be two or more members, and there is no limit to the number of members
- Members' liability is limited to the capital or property contributed
- The management powers vested in a member is proportionate to their contributions
- Members share profits in proportion to their contributions
- The LLC has Separate legal personality, therefore can enter into contracts, sue and be sued in its own right
- A LLC's Constitutional documents include the Articles of Organisation (publicly available) and Operating Agreement (private)
- No requirement for Directors, or separation between management and ownership.
- Certificate of Organisation issued on registration
- Isle of Man Registered Office and Registered Agent required
- Annual Return required
- Accounting records must be maintained
- No requirement for annual meetings
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Common Uses for a Limited Partnership

Apart from flexibility, many of the benefits of Limited Partnerships relate to the structure's separation between management and ownership. It gives the entity the ability to raise capital without giving up control. Uses of this feature include:

- Investments, such as Hedge Funds, Exempt Funds or even direct trading into securities and other assets
- Commercial and residential property
- Luxury/depreciating assets
- Provides operational and tax transparency – paying personal rates of taxation rather than corporate rates

Common Uses for a Limited Liability Company

LLCs benefit from the same simplified requirements as Partnerships whilst also gaining the limited liability of a Limited Company without giving up control. Uses of these

features include:

- Asset protection
- Start-ups and new ventures, ring-fencing certain activities or pursuits
- Where the investors want to participate in the management of the venture
- Provides operational and tax transparency – paying personal rates of taxation rather than corporate rates

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