

# Entity Comparison Chart

Tax Forms	1040	1065	1120	1120 S	It Depends on tax status
	<b>Sole Proprietorship</b>	<b>Partnership</b>	<b>C-corp</b>	<b>S-corp</b>	<b>LLC</b>
<b>Legal status</b>	Same entity as owner	Separate entity from owner	Separate entity from owner	Separate entity from owner	Separate entity from owner
<b>Separate taxable entity from owner</b>	No	No	Yes	No	Depends on tax status as sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation
<b>Ease of formation</b>	Easy	Partnership agreement is helpful	Articles of incorporation generally required	Articles of incorporation generally required	Articles of organization generally required
<b>Management</b>	Owner	May be divided among partners	Board of directors	Board of directors	Per articles of organization
<b>Continuity of life</b>	Terminates with death of owner	Cessation of business; ceasing to operate as a partnership; may terminate with death of partner if agreement specifies	Continuous	Continuous	Per articles of organization
<b>Number of owners</b>	One	Unlimited	Unlimited	100	Depends on tax status as sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation
<b>Eligible owners</b>	Individuals	Unlimited	Unlimited	Some limitations	Depends on tax status as sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation

This chart is for informational purposes only and may not include all aspects of tax law. Care must be taken to ensure all federal and state laws are being considered.