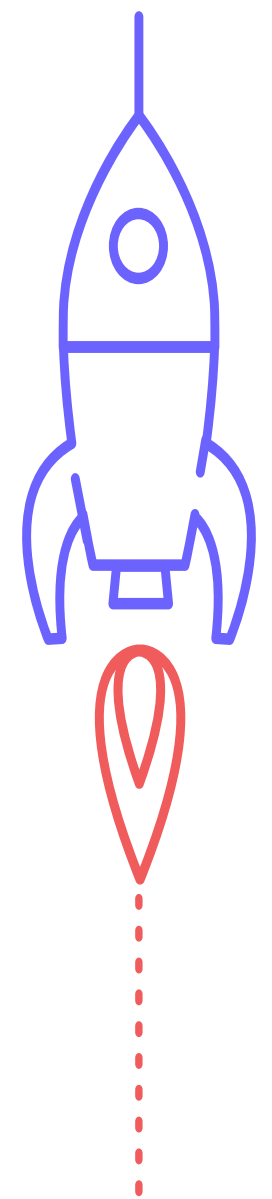


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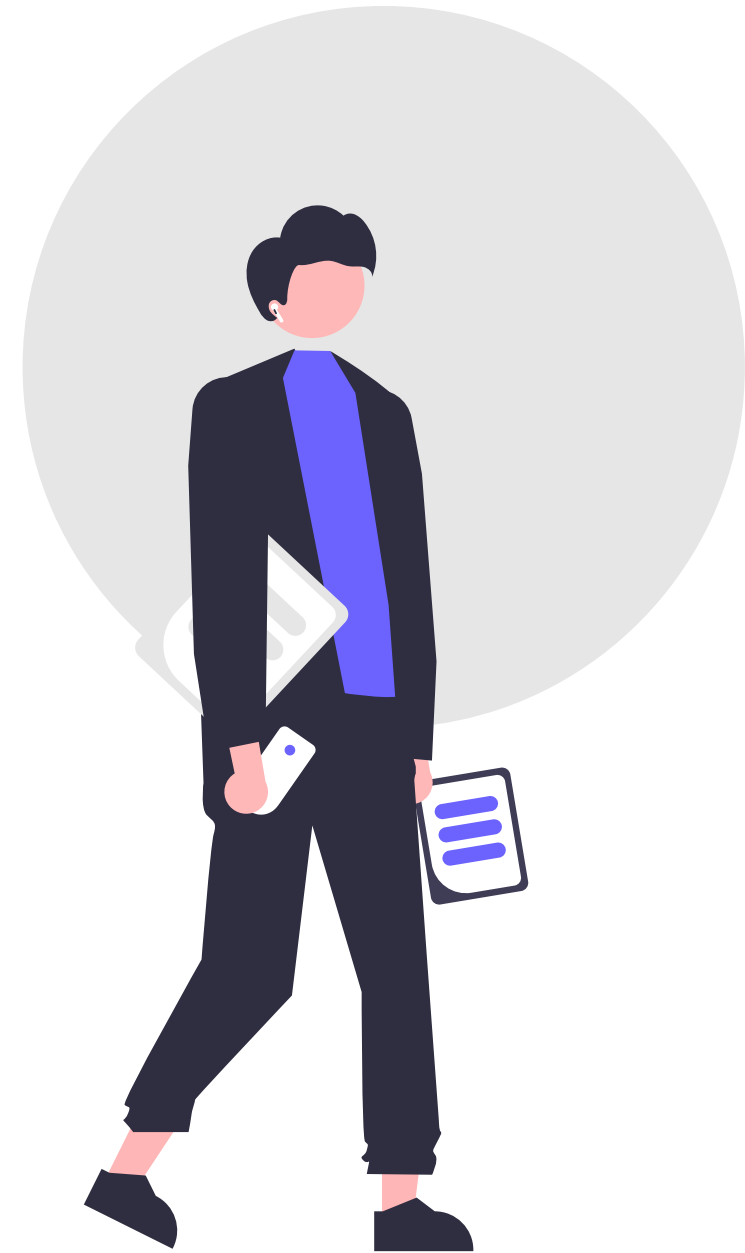
Understanding the legal requirements and compliance regulations is crucial for foreign businesses to operate smoothly in Saudi Arabia.



STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO COMPLIANCE

1: Business Structure and Licensing

Choose Your Business Structure and Obtain Licenses



- ➔ **Select Business Structure:** Options include Limited Liability Company (LLC), Joint Venture, or Branch.
- ➔ **Apply for a Commercial Registration (CR):** Required for all entities; issued by the Ministry of Commerce (MoC).
- ➔ **Obtain Necessary Licenses:** Specific licenses depending on business activity, from the Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA).





2: Foreign Investment Regulations

Understand Foreign Investment Regulations

- ➔ **Foreign Ownership Rules:** 100% foreign ownership allowed in most sectors.
- ➔ **Investment Restrictions:** Some sectors have restrictions or require local partnerships.
- ➔ **Minimum Capital Requirements:** Vary by sector; ensure compliance with SAGIA guidelines.





3: Corporate Governance and Management

Set Up Corporate Governance and Management

- ➔ **Appoint a Local Sponsor/Agent:** Mandatory for certain business types.
- ➔ **Establish a Board of Directors:** Requirements may vary based on business structure.
- ➔ **Comply with Saudization (Nitaqat Program):** Meet quotas for hiring Saudi nationals.





4: Taxation and Zakat Compliance

Taxation and Zakat Compliance

- ➔ **Corporate Income Tax:** 20% tax rate for foreign entities.
- ➔ **Zakat Requirements:** Islamic tax applicable to businesses; must be calculated and paid annually.
- ➔ **Value Added Tax (VAT):** Ensure compliance with VAT (currently 15%) on goods and services.





5: Employment and Labor Laws

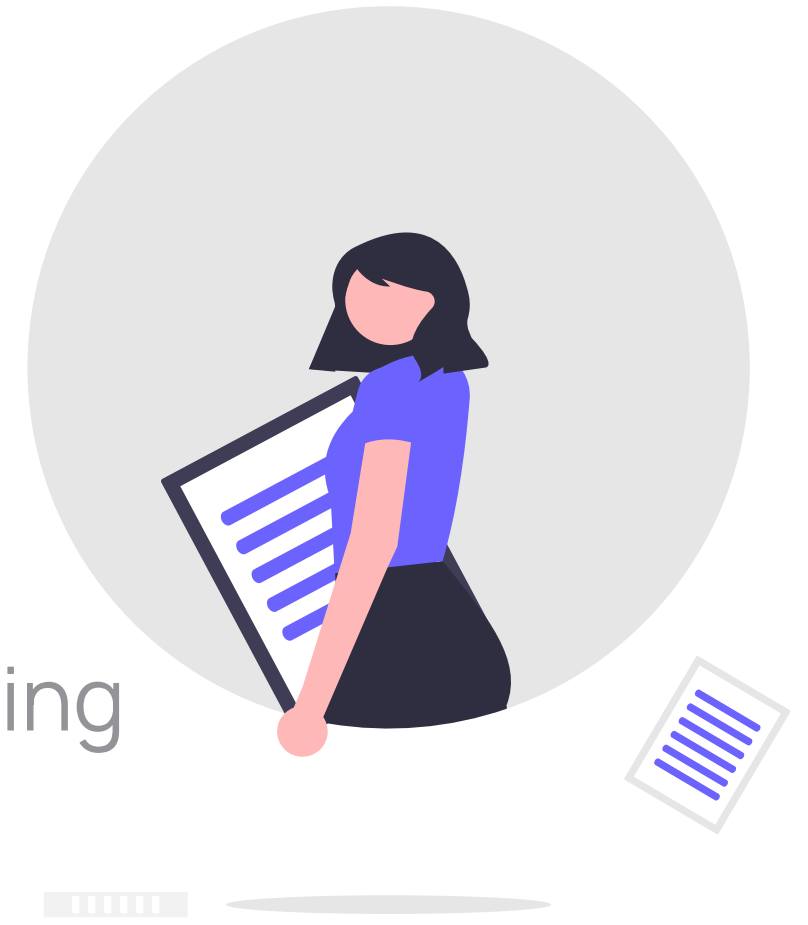
Adhere to Employment and Labor Laws

- ➔ **Labor Contracts:** Must comply with Saudi Labor Law; Arabic language is mandatory.
- ➔ **Work Permits and Visas:** Obtain work permits for expatriates through the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development (HRSD).
- ➔ **Employee Rights and Benefits:** Ensure compliance with regulations on wages, working hours, and benefits.



6: Legal Documentation and Record Keeping

Maintain Proper Legal Documentation



- **Company Bylaws and Articles of Association:** Must be filed and kept up to date.
- **Annual Audits and Reports:** Mandatory submission to regulatory authorities.
- **Retain Legal Documents:** Keep contracts, licenses, and compliance records securely.

Stay Compliant and Thrive in Saudi Arabia!

Understanding and complying with Saudi regulations is key to success. Consider consulting with local legal experts for smooth navigation.





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