



وزارة الصناعة والتجارة والسياسة

Virtual Commercial Registration

“Sijili”

As it seeks to support and encourage small individual enterprises, to give them the legal status to perform their activities and to simplify the procedures for the establishment of some businesses (entrepreneurs such as photographers, translators, trainers, consultants, etc.) and based on its desire to introduce a new model for the practice of some commercial activities, MOICT initiated a decision to allow some commercial activities - 39 activities - to be carried out without the need to register the entity at the address of an office or place of business.

What is “Sijili”?

Sijili is a commercial registration that grants an individual the ability to practice certain business activities without having to register an office address.

What are the most important features of "Sijili"?

1. Allowing commercial activities to be carried out without having a place of business.
2. Flexibility in doing business
3. Granting legal status to entrepreneurs
4. Possibility of concluding contracts with companies that require a commercial register

Licensing requirements

- 1- The applicant shall be a Bahraini national.
- 2- The applicant shall neither be the owner of a sole proprietorship or single-person company nor a director or member of any business (the person who is a shareholder of a company is allowed, provided that he is not a manager or director thereof).
- 3- The applicant shall conduct business through the form of sole proprietorship only.
- 4- A permanent mailing address shall be provided.

Notes:

1. Holders of virtual commercial registers in Sijili, shall not be entitled to permits to bring in foreign workers.
2. Approvals for licenses shall be obtained from the licensing entities (depending on the requirements of each commercial activity).

Permitted activities

Professional, scientific and technical activities

#	Activity	Licensing entity
1.	Management consultancy	MOICT
2.	Public relations	MOICT & MIA, Publication and Press Directorate
3.	Fashion design	MOICT
4.	Interior design decoration	MOICT
5.	Graphic design	MOICT
6.	Photographic activities	MOICT
7.	Translation and interpretation	MOICT & MIA - Publication and Press Directorate
8.	Jewellery design	MOICT
9.	Other specialized design activities	MOICT

Information and communication

#	Activity	Licensing entity
10.	Software publishing	MOICT
11.	Motion picture, video and television programme activities	MOICT & MIA - Publication and Press Directorate
12.	Sound recording and music publishing activities	MOICT & MIA, Publication and Press Directorate
13.	Computer consultancy and computer facilities management activities	MOICT
14.	Computer programming activities	MOICT
15.	Data processing, hosting and related activities	MOICT
16.	Operation of websites web portals	MOICT

Education

#	Activity	Licensing entity
17.	Sports instruction (baseball, basketball, cricket, football, swimming or any sports instruction activity,	MOICT

	not specified elsewhere).	
18.	Horse riding Instruction	MOICT
19.	Martial art Instruction	MOICT
20.	Fitness / Yoga instruction	MOICT
21.	Design of training programs	MOICT
22.	Performing arts / drama school	MOICT
23.	Other education	MOICT

Recreation, entertainment and arts

#	Activity	Licensing entity
24.	Production of live theatrical performances and other stage productions	MOICT, Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority
25.	Activities of sculptors, painters, cartoonists, etc.	MOICT
26.	Activities of producers or promoters of sports events	MOICT

Personal services

	Activity	Licensing entity
27.	Personal event planners	MOICT
28.	Repair of footwear and leather goods	MOICT, The Supreme Council for Environment (only for notification)
29.	Repair of other personal and household goods	MOICT
30.	Ironing of textile and fur products	MOICT
31.	Washing and (dry) cleaning of textile and fur products	MOICT

Administrative and support services

	Activity	Licensing entity
32.	Packaging activities - Packaging of food	MOICT & MOH, Public Health Directorate (health certificate)
33.	Other business support services	MOICT
34.	Landscape care and maintenance service activities	MOICT
35.	Packaging activities - packaging of cosmetics or herbs	MOICT & MOH, Public Health Directorate (health certificate)

Simple manufacturing industry

	Activity	Licensing entity
36.	Manufacture of other metal products	MOICT
37.	Apparel tailoring activities	MOICT
38.	Manufacture of textiles	MOICT
39.	Sale / Trade of souvenirs, craft work, religious articles, stamps, coins, activities of commercial art galleries	MOICT

Contact us

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