



وزارة الصناعة والتجارة

Ministry of Industry
and Commerce

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, MOIC 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	MOIC
2.	Public relations	MOIC & MIA, Publication and Press Directorate
3.	Fashion design	MOIC
4.	Interior design decoration	MOIC
5.	Graphic design	MOIC
6.	Photographic activities	MOIC
7.	Translation and interpretation	MOIC & MIA - Publication and Press Directorate
8.	Jewellery design	MOIC
9.	Other specialized design activities	MOIC
Information and communication		communication
#	Activity	Licensing entity
10.	Software publishing	MOIC
11.	Retail Via internet	MOIC
12.	Motion picture, video, and television programme activities	MOIC & MIA - Publication and Press Directorate
13.	Sound recording and music publishing activities	MOIC & MIA, Publication and Press Directorate
14.	Computer consultancy and computer facilities management activities	MOIC
15.	Computer programming activities	MOIC
16.	Data processing, hosting and related activities	MOIC
17.	Operation of eMarketplaces /websites/web portals	MOIC
Education		
#	Activity	Licensing entity
18.	Sports instruction (baseball, basketball, cricket, football, swimming, or any sports instruction activity,	MOIC

	not specified elsewhere).	
19.	Horse riding Instruction	MOIC
20.	Martial art Instruction	MOIC
21.	Fitness/ Yoga instruction	MOIC
22.	Design of training programs	MOIC
23.	Performing arts/drama school	MOIC
24.	Other education	MOIC
Recreation, entertainment, and arts		
#	Activity	Licensing entity
25.	Production of live theatrical performances and other stage productions	MOIC, Ministry of Tourism
26.	Activities of sculptors, painters, cartoonists, etc.	MOIC
27.	Activities of producers or promoters of sports events	MOIC
Personal services		
	Activity	Licensing entity
28.	Personal event planners	MOIC
29.	Repair of footwear and leather goods	MOIC, The Supreme Council for Environment (only for notification)
30.	Repair of other personal and household goods	MOIC
31.	Ironing of textile and fur products	MOIC
32.	Washing and (dry) cleaning of textile and fur products	MOIC
33.	Chef	MOIC
Administrative and support services		
	Activity	Licensing entity
34.	Packaging activities - Packaging of food	MOIC & MOH, Public Health Directorate (health certificate)
35.	Other business support services	MOIC
36.	Landscape care and maintenance service activities	MOIC
37.	Packaging activities - packaging of cosmetics or herbs	MOIC & MOH, Public Health Directorate (health certificate)

Simple manufacturing industry

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

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