1. Formation, classification, and registration of companies

This chapter considers the mechanics of formation and registration and the various types of companies which may be formed. It also looks briefly at alternative vehicles for business. Companies are registered under the Companies Act 2006 and its predecessors. Once the formalities are completed, the registrar issues a certificate of incorporation. The remainder of the chapter covers types of registered companies, companies limited by guarantee, private and public companies, re-registration of companies, and groups of companies.

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