

California LLC Cost Worksheet (2026)

Every state fee a California LLC pays, verified against the statutes and the Secretary of State fee list in July 2026, with space to total your own first-year costs

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The state's numbers are fixed; yours are not. Part 1 is the verified 2026 fee schedule. Part 2 is where you add the line items that vary and total your real first-year cost. Part 3 is the recurring calendar. The maintained 50-state comparison lives at clearlegaltips.com/llc-filing-fees-by-state/

Part 1: The 2026 California fee schedule (verified)

Item	Amount	When
Articles of Organization (Form LLC-1)	\$70	Once, at formation
Initial Statement of Information	\$20	Within 90 days of filing
Biennial Statement of Information	\$20	Every 2 years, in a 6-month window
Annual franchise tax	\$800	15th day of the 4th month, every year
First-year tax if the first taxable year starts 2027-2029	\$400	First taxable year only (SB 122)
LLC fee, California total income \$250,000+	\$900 / \$2,500 / \$6,000 / \$11,790	Estimate due June 15
Statement of Information late penalty	\$250	Only if the filing is missed

Part 2: Your own line items

Registered-agent service, if you hire one

(\$/yr): _____

Expedited filing, if any: 24-hour \$350 / same-day \$750 / 4-hour \$500 plus \$500

preclearance: _____

Certified copies or other SOS extras (\$): _____

City or county business licenses and permits

(\$): _____

DBA / fictitious business name, if used (county fee)

(\$): _____

Other startup costs (\$): _____

YEAR-ONE TOTAL: \$890 state minimum + the line items above =

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Part 3: Recurring calendar

- Every year: \$800 annual franchise tax by the 15th day of the 4th month of the taxable year (April 15 for calendar-year LLCs).
- Every year with California total income of \$250,000 or more: estimated LLC fee by June 15; the final amount settles with the LLC return.
- Every 2 years: \$20 Statement of Information, due inside the 6-month window that ends with your formation anniversary month.

My formation month (anchors the Statement of Information window): _____

My Statement of Information window (formation month plus the 5 months before it): _____

Reminders set for (dates): _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Every state figure above was verified in July 2026 against the California Revenue and Taxation Code (Sections 17941, 17942, 23153, and 19141), Corporations Code Section 17702.09, and the Secretary of State's published fee and service lists. Amounts and rules change; confirm on sos.ca.gov and ftb.ca.gov before you pay. This worksheet is general information, not legal or tax advice. For advice on your situation, consult a licensed attorney or CPA. The maintained comparison table lives at clearlegaltips.com/llc-filing-fees-by-state/