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Once the conditions of having a Permanent Establishment in a particular territory have been met, the following key points should usually be considered:

Key requirements	Response
Main types of entity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Public Limited Company (plc)- Private Limited Company (Ltd)- UK establishment (branch or place of business)- Joint Venture- Limited Liability Partnership (llp)- Partnership- European Company/Societas Europaea (SE)
Any material advantages regarding having a branch or a company ? (Excluding the liability of a company typically not extending to its parent company and losses of a branch potentially being available to an overseas parent)	<p>UK establishment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relatively easy and inexpensive to establish, with lower running costs• Overseas company has complete ownership and control of the business• No UK statutory requirement for an audit and few other administrative issues• Only profits arising from the UK establishment are subject to UK Corporation Tax <p>Company:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be more credible than a UK establishment operation as it is the most common form of trading entity in the UK• Can hold regulatory licences and ring-fence its trading activities from parent company• Offers flexibility of ownership and access to UK's extensive range of double tax treaties, grants, subsidies and guarantees
Can company and branch registrations be completed by Baker Tilly or must a third party, such as a law firm, be involved?	Can complete the registration process, whether for company or branch, without involving an external law firm.
Once the company or branch has been set up, what other main registrations are typically required?	<p>A UK company or establishment is required to notify Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) that it falls within the charge to UK corporation tax.</p> <p>If the business has UK based employees it will need to register for PAYE purposes and Auto enrolment (pension)</p> <p>VAT registration</p> <p>Likely to need a UK bank account - This can take up to 3 months to obtain</p> <p>Provides a full compliance service to help the directors meet these requirements. We can also assist in the process of establishing a UK bank account.</p>

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What information must typically be provided to set up a company or branch ?	<p>Branch</p> <p>A UK establishment needs to be registered with the Registrar of Companies within one month of opening the establishment, using Form OS IN01, together with the registration fee.</p> <p>If it is registering its first UK establishment it must also deliver a certified copy of the company's constitutional documents (e.g. its charter, statute, memorandum and articles of association) and a copy of the latest set of accounts (if required under parent law or incorporated in an EEA state) to the relevant registrar. If the original language is not English a certified translation in English must also be provided.</p> <p>Company</p> <p>A business seeking incorporation as a private limited company must file the following with Companies House:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Memorandum of Association• Articles of Association• Details of the registered office, director(s) and secretary, share capital, initial shareholders, people with significant control and a statement of compliance that the requirements of incorporation have been met• Registration fee
Does a local company / branch require a local shareholder, local nominee director or local representative? If so, indicative typical costs.	No, there is no legal requirement for a local shareholder, nominee director or local representative is not required.
Any other local requirements for a company or branch , such as a business licence?	Depending on the nature of the business a business licence may be required.
Typical cost of registering a company including professional fees and authorities' charges?	<p>Professional fees:</p> <p>Will vary depending on nature and complexity of company, ranging from £350 to £500.</p> <p>Authorities charges:</p> <p>£12 for online applications (must be limited by shares, use standard articles of association and include limited in company name)</p> <p>£40 for postal applications</p> <p>£100 for same day postal applications</p>

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Typical cost of registering a branch , including professional fees and authorities' charges?	Professional fees: Typically, c.£1,500 due to longer set up time and information requirements Authorities charges: £20 standard charge
Typical timeframe for registering a company once all the information has been provided	A company can be registered within 10 days, though same day and 24-hour services are also available. A pre-requisite to this is approval by the MHA Incorporation Team.
Typical timeframe for registering a branch once all the information has been provided	A UK branch can be registered either online or by post. Registration takes between 2 and 4 weeks, depending on the nature and complexity of the application
Audit requirements / threshold	All UK businesses incorporated under the Companies Act require statutory audits unless they qualify for an audit exemption – these are available to certain dormant and small companies, and subsidiary companies meeting certain criteria. A company may qualify for an exemption if it has at least 2 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an annual turnover of no more than £10.2m • assets worth no more than £5.1m • 50 or fewer employees on average
Accounting regime / GAAP	Listed companies must use IFRS (for their consolidated financial statements) Other companies may use IFRS or UKGAAP
Requirements around filing financial statements	Financial statements need to be filed with Companies House within: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 months from the accounting reference date for a private company • 6 months from the accounting reference date for a public company
Key contact for establishing a company / branch	Chris Denning Chris.denning@mhllp.co.uk +44 (0)118 950 3895

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