

HOW TO SET UP A BUSINESS IN FRANCE

Commercial capacity

The individual entrepreneur is an adult of at least eighteen years of age, unless this person is emancipated. In addition, some adults do not have the required capacity to carry out commercial acts. This is the case of adults under tutorship or curatorship.

Nationality

Unless there is a specific exemption, a person of foreign nationality who wishes to register in his name in the commercial register must hold an administrative authorization to exercise a commercial profession. However, there are so-called regulated professions subject to strict nationality conditions which do not allow certain foreign nationals to exercise the desired activity.

Disabilities

When an offense is punishable by imprisonment, the judge may order instead of imprisonment the ban on trading for a maximum period of five years. This ban on trading can also be imposed as an additional penalty against people who have committed certain offenses. The ban can be permanent or temporary.

Incompatibilities

There are professions and mandates the exercise of which is incompatible with the activity of merchant. This is the case of civil servants, ministerial officers, lawyers, auditors, accountants, notaries, architects etc.