

The new process for
Starting a Business
in Lao PDR



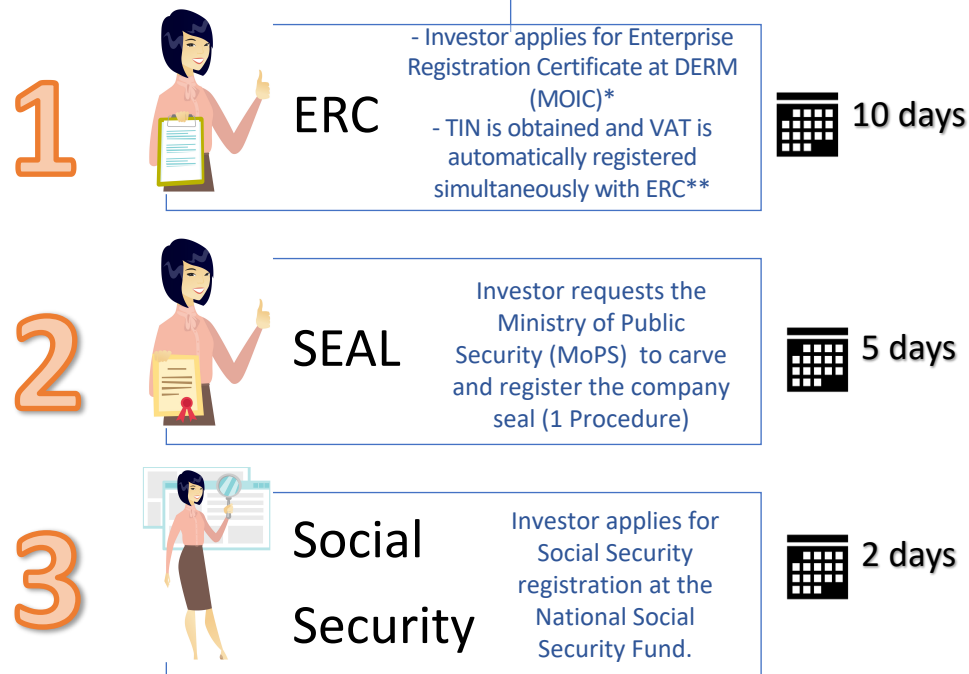
Overall process to start a business in Lao PDR

- Enterprise Law No. 46/NA, dated 26 December 2013.
- Order No. 02/PM, dated 01 February 2018.
- MOIC Decision No 0023/MOIC-DERM, dated 9 January 2019.
- MOIC Notice No. 0115/PSO.DERM dated 29 January 2020.

General businesses

Controlled list and Concessions

Procedures to start a business



START DOING BUSINESS

For business activities that do not require operating licenses to operate.

Business Operating License

Some business activities require business operating licenses (OL). In those cases, **AFTER** obtaining the ERC, investors require to apply for the OL with Line Ministry

The process to obtain a Business Operating License is a **DIFFERENT** process than the Starting a Business process.

Business activities that are on the controlled list and under concession shall comply with the Law on Investment Promotion and the Decree on Approval of Controlled Business List and Concession activity List of Lao PDR No.03/PM dated 10 January 2019 and other related regulations.

* To obtain ERC, checking profile of investor is required ONLY for FOREIGN investors.

** Microenterprises are not required for VAT registration (optional).