

Bahamian Foundations vs. Panamanian And Liechtenstein Foundations

Commercial Ventures

- Panama & Liechtenstein
- May not engage in habitual profit making commercial activities as a corporation
- Bahamas
- May be used for private, commercial or charitable purposes

Taxation

- Panama & Bahamas:
No reporting or income tax requirements
- Liechtenstein:
Will likely be part of the European Tax Saving Directive
- Foundations are subjected to a capital tax on capital and retained earnings. The capital taxes which are levied upon the net worth of the Foundation are:

If capital and retained earnings are less than 2,000,000 CHF	1%
If capital and retained earnings 2,000,000 CHF-10,000,000 CHF	3/4%
If capital and retained earnings greater than 10,000,000 CHF	1/2%
- The capital tax is a minimum of 1,000 CHF – per year. Foundations have no further tax liability.

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Government Costs & Capital Requirements

- **Panama**
- Capital: Equivalent of \$10,000.00 USD
- Registration fee of \$250.00 USD per annum
- **Bahamas**
- Capital: Equivalent of \$10,000.00 USD/B\$
- Registration fee of \$500.00USD/B\$ (pro-rated quarterly) \$500.00 annually thereafter
- **Liechtenstein:**
- Capital: Equivalent to \$30,000.00 CHF
- A Foundation which must be registered must pay a registration fee of at least 700 CHF– and not more than 7,000 CHF– depending upon the value of its assets. A Foundation not required to be registered, must pay a filing fee of at least 350 CHF – and not more than 3,500 CHF, again depending upon the value of its assets.

Forced Heirship

- **Bahamas & Panama**
- Does not recognize forced heirship
- **Liechtenstein**
- If challenged in Liechtenstein court, will consider laws of the spouse and children in their home country. They will not recognize foreign rulings.