| Business<br>structure                    | Ownership   | Liability   | Taxes   |
|--|---|---|---|
| Sole<br>proprietorship                   | One person  | Unlimited personal liability  | Personal tax only   |
| Partnerships                             | Two or more people  | Unlimited personal liability<br>unless structured as a limited<br>partnership | Self-employment tax<br>(except for limited<br>partners)<br>Personal tax |
| Limited<br>liability<br>company<br>(LLC) | One or more people  | Owners are not personally liable  | Self-employment tax  Personal tax or corporate tax                      |
| Corporation -<br>C corp                  | One or more people  | Owners are not personally liable  | Corporate tax   |
| Corporation -<br>S corp                  | One or more people, but no more than 100, and all must be U.S. citizens | Owners are not personally liable  | Personal tax  |
| Corporation -<br>B corp                  | One or more people  | Owners are not personally liable  | Corporate tax   |
| Corporation -<br>Nonprofit               | One or more people  | Owners are not personally liable  | Tax-exempt, but<br>corporate profits can't<br>be distributed            |