

# How to Start a SACCO in Uganda: A Step-by-Step Guide

A SACCO (Savings and Credit Cooperative Organization) in Uganda is a member-owned financial cooperative designed to promote savings and provide loans to its members. These institutions serve as a crucial means for individuals, particularly those in rural and underserved areas, to access financial services. SACCOs operate on the principle of pooling resources from members and providing low-interest loans to facilitate personal and business development.

## Steps to Start a SACCO in Uganda

1. **Form a Group:** Gather at least 30 like-minded individuals who are willing to pool their resources together.
2. **Draft a Constitution:** Develop a set of bylaws that will govern the SACCO's operations.
3. **Register with UMRA:** Submit the SACCO's constitution, member list, and other required documents to the Uganda Microfinance Regulatory Authority (UMRA).
4. **Acquire a License:** Apply for an operational license from UMRA by fulfilling the financial and operational prerequisites.
5. **Start Operations:** Begin mobilizing savings from members, issuing loans, and managing the SACCO's financial activities.

For more details, please visit the full article or consult with a legal expert for a comprehensive understanding of the requirements.

## FAQs

1. **What are the requirements to start a SACCO in Uganda?**
  - Minimum of 30 members, a constitution, and initial capital contributions from members.

2. How do SACCOs operate in Uganda?

- They mobilize savings, provide loans, and share profits as dividends.

3. How many SACCOs are in Uganda?

- Uganda has over 1,500 SACCOs, all regulated by UMRA.