

Document Translation & Notary Navigation for Expats

VERDICT
HIGH RISK

Fast to test · Service · local · ■800 – ■2,000 · Low

EXPECTED YEAR-1 REVENUE	OPERATING BREAK-EVEN	STARTUP PAYBACK	CONTRIBUTION / CUSTOMER
\$37,360	Month 3	Month 6	\$31

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THE 60-SECOND READ — what you need to know

VERDICT HIGH RISK	CAPITAL REQUIRED \$2,012	EXPECTED YEAR-1 REVENUE \$37,360
EXPECTED YEAR-1 PROFIT \$16,809	STARTUP PAYBACK Month 6	OPERATING BREAK-EVEN Month 3

Biggest risk: Demand confidence (6/10) — Signal strength for real demand (steady).

First move: Prove Russian Telegram channels generate qualified inquiries at acceptable CAC.

SNAPSHOT

Opportunity Snapshot

What it is: A Tbilisi-based service bundling certified Georgian translation, notarization and Ministry courier for expat residency documents — birth certificates, diplomas, background checks — required by Georgia's Ministry of Justice. Positioned as a premium concierge avoiding rejection risk and DIY translator search.

Who pays: International expats (primarily Russian arrivals 2022–2024) needing notarized Georgian translations to file residency applications within their 90-day tourist visa window. Most lack local contacts with certified translators who understand Ministry requirements.

Why now: Hundreds of thousands of expats arrived in Tbilisi between 2022 and 2024, creating sustained infrastructure demand (Moving to Tbilisi: The Complete Expat Guide for 2026). Russian expat Telegram channels show daily translator requests as visa deadlines approach, and new 2026 work permit rules formalize document requirements for foreigners conducting business activity (New Work Permit Rules in Georgia, Nomos Georgia).

Why it could work: The economics model recurring revenue (\$53/customer/month at 4.8% churn, 53.8× LTV:CAC) but the revenue mechanism contradicts a one-time document service — this is the core viability gap. IF reframed as a subscription compliance/renewal service with proven monthly retention, the unit economics could become attractive. The local anchor (expat arrivals) and first channel (Russian Telegram groups with 10,000+ members) are real; the question is whether a \$53/month subscription finds a repeating pain beyond the initial residency filing.

AT A GLANCE

Key numbers

Revenue model	Recurring (MRR)
Expected year-1 revenue	\$37,360
Break-even	14 customers/month · Month 3
Startup payback	Month 6
Contribution / customer	\$31
Pricing	\$53 / customer / month (recurring)
LTV per customer	\$639
Contribution / customer / mo	\$31
CAC / customer	\$12
LTV : CAC	20×+

MODEL

Business Model Detected

Primary type	Subscription Service
Subtype	Recurring service
Attributes	Recurring · Service · People-scaled
Revenue model	Recurring subscriptions (MRR)
Core driver	Active subscriber base
Capacity constraint	Customer acquisition & churn
Detection confidence	Medium

Recurring per-month service — modelled as MRR with churn.

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Verdict

High Risk — The unit economics (\$30 contribution margin, 53.8× LTV:CAC, Month 6 payback) are attractive IF the recurring revenue model holds, but a one-time document translation service does not generate \$53/month subscriptions — the model–market fit is unproven. The local anchor (hundreds of thousands expat arrivals 2022–2024, Russian Telegram channels with daily translator requests, 2026 work permit legislation) and first channel are real, but the core uncertainty is whether expats perceive ongoing monthly value beyond the acute initial residency filing. The founder's gaming/community background does not evidence legal services or bilingual operational fluency needed to coordinate certified translators, notaries and Ministry couriers at quality. Validation score 71/100 suggests the pain and channel are testable; economic score 28/100 flags that the recurring mechanism contradicts the one-time pain without proof of ongoing compliance needs. This is high uncertainty with potentially high upside IF the subscription can be reframed around permit renewals, business translations and compliance monitoring — but that thesis must be stress-tested with real retention data before committing the \$1,944 capital.

How this verdict is reached. Two independent axes: the economics score **29/100** (weak — do the numbers work?) and the validation score **71/100** (middling — will the market want it, and can you prove it?). The weaker axis sets the ceiling — strong economics can't carry unproven demand, and a loved idea with broken economics still fails. Together they land this at **High Risk**.

SAMPLE — THIS IS A PREVIEW

What the full Deep Dive includes

You're reading a **sample**. The sections above are a small slice of the real report. The full Deep Dive for **your own idea** — built by the exact same engine — adds:

- ✓ **Customer & market analysis.** Who pays, their pains and behaviour, plus demand, growth and trend signals grounded in live web research.
- ✓ **Competition & real competitor pricing.** Named competitor archetypes, the gap to own, and the actual prices others charge — pulled from the web at generation time.
- ✓ **Full revenue model & unit economics.** How money is made, pricing logic and the per-customer economics behind every projection.
- ✓ **Worst / Expected / Best scenarios.** A full year-1 range with the reasoning behind each case.
- ✓ **Go-to-market & your first 10 customers.** The exact channels, outreach and a step-by-step plan to land your first paying customers.
- ✓ **Validation plan with kill criteria.** The cheapest experiments to run first — each with a clear success signal and a walk-away line.
- ✓ **Risk analysis & high-risk playbook.** Market, execution, acquisition and financial risks, plus a de-risking sequence when the verdict is High Risk.
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