

Afghanistan

Tobacco Control Policies

Afghanistan became a Party to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on November 11, 2010.

Smoke Free Places: The law provides a list of places in which smoking is prohibited, which appears to cover most indoor public places, indoor workplaces, and means of public transport. However, designated smoking areas are permitted in airports.

Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship: Most forms of tobacco advertising and promotion are prohibited. However, product display at points of sale and unpaid depiction are not prohibited under the law. There are some restrictions on tobacco sponsorship.

Tobacco Packaging and Labeling: Although the law appears to require health warnings on product packaging, the current type, size, and contents of the warnings are uncertain.

Tobacco Taxation and Prices: The World Health Organization recommends raising tobacco excise taxes so that they account for at least 70 percent of retail prices. Tobacco excise taxes in Afghanistan are well below these recommendations.

| SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENTS COMPLETE SMOKING BAN | | | |
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| Health-care facilities | Yes | Private offices | Yes |
| Primary and secondary schools | Yes | Public transport | Yes |
| Universities | Yes | Restaurants | Yes |
| Governmental facilities | Yes | Bars and Pubs | -- |
| Can subnational jurisdictions enact more stringent smoking restrictions? | Yes | | |
| BANS ON TOBACCO ADVERTISING, PROMOTION, AND SPONSORSHIP | | | |
| Domestic TV and radio | Yes | Promotional discounts | Yes |
| Domestic magazines and newspapers | Yes | Non-tobacco products or services with tobacco brand names | Yes |
| Outdoor advertising | Yes | Tobacco products with non-tobacco brand names | Yes |
| Outdoor advertising (e.g., billboards, posters) | Yes | Paid placement in media | Yes |
| Retail product display | No | Financial sponsorship, including corporate social responsibility | Yes |
| Internet advertising | Yes | Publicity of sponsorships | Yes |
| Free distribution | Uncertain | | |
| HEALTH WARNINGS ON SMOKED TOBACCO PRODUCTS | | | |
| Text warnings describe health impacts | Uncertain | Number of published warnings at any given time | Uncertain |
| Warnings include a picture or graphic | Uncertain | Warnings required to rotate | Uncertain |
| % of principal display areas covered (front and back) | 0% | Warnings are written in the principal language(s) | No |
| Front | 0% | Ban on misleading packaging and labeling | Yes |
| Back | 0% | Health warnings on smokeless tobacco products | Uncertain |
| TOBACCO TAXATION AND PRICE | | | |
| PRICE OF MOST SOLD BRAND, PACK OF 20 CIGARETTES | | TAXES ON MOST SOLD BRAND (% OF RETAIL PRICE) | |
| In country currency | 30.00 AFN | Total taxes | 21% |
| In US dollars | 0.39 USD | Total excise | 0% |

Sources:

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