

Azerbaijan

Tobacco Control Policies

Azerbaijan became a Party to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on January 30, 2006.

Smoke Free Places: Smoking is prohibited in healthcare facilities, educational facilities, cultural centers, taxis, and airplanes. Smoking is restricted to designated smoking areas in all other indoor public places, indoor workplaces, and public transport.

Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship: Tobacco advertising and promotion is banned with a few exceptions such as point of sale product display. All forms of tobacco sponsorship are prohibited.

Tobacco Packaging and Labeling: A text-only health warning is required to cover 30 percent of the front and back of the package. There is no requirement for rotation, and there is only one required health warning. Misleading packaging and labeling, including terms such as "light" and "mild," is prohibited.

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 Azerbaijan are well below these recommendations.

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENTS COMPLETE SMOKING BAN			
Health-care facilities	Yes	Private offices	No
Primary and secondary schools	Yes	Public transport	No
Universities	Yes	Restaurants	No
Governmental facilities	No	Bars and Pubs	No
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	Yes		
HEALTH WARNINGS ON SMOKED TOBACCO PRODUCTS			
Text warnings describe health impacts	Yes	Number of published warnings at any given time	1
Warnings include a picture or graphic	No	Warnings required to rotate	Not Required
% of principal display areas covered (front and back)	30%	Warnings are written in the principal language(s)	Yes
Front	30%	Ban on misleading packaging and labeling	Yes
Back	30%	Health warnings on smokeless tobacco products	No
TOBACCO TAXATION AND PRICE			
PRICE OF MOST SOLD BRAND, PACK OF 20 CIGARETTES		TAXES ON MOST SOLD BRAND (% OF RETAIL PRICE)	
In country currency	1.80 AZN	Total taxes	50%
In US dollars	1.06 USD	Total excise	34%

Sources:

SF, APS, PL: Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids Legal Website. Available at: www.tobaccocontrolaws.org

Tax: WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic, 2021. Available at: www.who.int/tobacco/global_report/en/

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