

Burundi

Tobacco Control Policies

Burundi became a Party to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on February 20, 2006.

Smoke Free Places: Smoking is banned in all indoor public places, all indoor workplaces, and on public transport. In addition, the law prohibits smoking in outdoor places where others are exposed to tobacco smoke.

Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship: The law imposes a broad ban on tobacco advertising and promotion. There are some restrictions, however, on point of sale product display. Although publicity of sponsorship by the tobacco industry is prohibited, financial or other sponsorship by the tobacco industry has some restrictions.

Tobacco Packaging and Labeling: Tobacco products must carry a combined text and picture warning that occupies no less than 50 percent of the front and back of the package. The rotation requirements are to be determined by order of the Minister of Public Health. As of the date of this review, the Minister of Public Health has not yet issued the orders. Misleading packaging and labeling, including terms such as "light," "ultra light," or "mild" and other signs, are 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 Burundi are well below these recommendations.

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENTS COMPLETE SMOKING BAN			
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	Yes
Can subnational jurisdictions enact more stringent smoking restrictions?	Uncertain		
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	Uncertain	Number of published warnings at any given time	Uncertain
Warnings include a picture or graphic	Yes	Warnings required to rotate	Uncertain
% of principal display areas covered (front and back)	50%	Warnings are written in the principal language(s)	Yes
Front	50%	Ban on misleading packaging and labeling	Yes
Back	50%	Health warnings on smokeless tobacco products	Yes
TOBACCO TAXATION AND PRICE			
PRICE OF MOST SOLD BRAND, PACK OF 20 CIGARETTES		TAXES ON MOST SOLD BRAND (% OF RETAIL PRICE)	
In country currency	2000.00 BIF	Total taxes	37%
In US dollars	1.04 USD	Total excise	22%

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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