

Djibouti

Tobacco Control Policies

Djibouti became a Party to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on October 29, 2005.

Smoke Free Places: Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed workplaces and enclosed public places, with the exception of restaurants and bars where smoking should be restricted to designated areas “unless impossible to do so.” Smoking is also prohibited on all public transport and in outdoor areas of health and educational facilities.

Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship: The law broadly bans tobacco advertising, promotion, and sponsorship, but does not explicitly prohibit point of sale product display.

Tobacco Packaging and Labeling: The law requires rotating health warnings covering 50 percent of the front and back of the packaging of tobacco products. Warnings on smoked tobacco products include an image/graphic while warnings on smokeless tobacco products are text only. Misleading packaging and labeling, which could include terms such as “light” and “ultra-light” and other signs, 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 Djibouti 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	No
Governmental facilities	Yes	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	11
Warnings include a picture or graphic	Yes	Warnings required to rotate	Required
% 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	200.00 DJF	Total taxes	29%
In US dollars	1.13 USD	Total excise	26%

Sources:

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

Tax: WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic, 2017. Available at: www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241512824. (Note: Neither the 2021 WHO report nor the 2019 WHO report contained updated tax information for Djibouti.)

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