

Egypt

Tobacco Control Policies

Egypt became a Party to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on May 26, 2005.

Smoke Free Places: Smoking is prohibited in the following specified public places: health and educational facilities, governmental venues, sporting and social clubs, youth centers, and public transport. Smoking is permitted in specially designated areas in industrial establishments, tourism related establishments, and electricity production establishments.

Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship: Egypt prohibits many forms of tobacco advertising and promotion, specifically in all means of publicity, including newspapers, magazines, stationary or moving pictures, television, and radio. The law does not specifically address financial contributions and other forms of sponsorship by the tobacco industry.

Tobacco Packaging and Labeling: Health warnings are pictorial and text and must occupy 50 percent of the front and back panels of tobacco product packaging. Misleading terms such as "light" and "low tar" are prohibited on tobacco packaging, but other misleading packaging (e.g., colors, numbers and symbols) is not 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 Egypt meet these recommendations.

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENTS COMPLETE SMOKING BAN			
Health-care facilities	Yes	Private offices	No
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?	No		
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	Uncertain	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	4
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	17.00 EGP	Total taxes	79%
In US dollars	1.07 USD	Total excise	74%

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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