

Eritrea

Tobacco Control Policies

Eritrea is not a Party to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

Smoke Free Places: Smoking is prohibited except in designated smoking areas in most indoor public places, indoor workplaces, and public transport. The law allows smoking in public places and workplaces where the primary business is the sale of alcoholic beverages to the general public.

Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship: The law prohibits most forms of tobacco advertising and promotion. The law allows unpaid depiction of tobacco use and tobacco products in TV, film or other entertainment media, and the law does not address cross-border advertising. Sponsorship by the tobacco industry is prohibited.

Tobacco Packaging and Labeling: The law requires that health warnings on tobacco products occupy a minimum of 30 percent of principal display areas. Health warnings must rotate; however, the law does not provide information on specific rotation requirements. Misleading packaging and labeling, including terms such as "light" and "low tar" 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 Eritrea are well below these recommendations.

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENTS COMPLETE SMOKING BAN			
Health-care facilities	No	Private offices	No
Primary and secondary schools	No	Public transport	No
Universities	No	Restaurants	No
Governmental facilities	No	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	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	Uncertain
Warnings include a picture or graphic	Uncertain	Warnings required to rotate	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	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	100.00 ERN	Total taxes	55%
In US dollars	6.50 USD	Total excise	45%

Sources:

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

Tax: WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic, 2019. Available at: www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241516204. (Note: The 2021 WHO report did not contain updated tax information for Eritrea.)

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