

Guyana

Tobacco Control Policies

Guyana became a Party to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on December 14, 2005.

Smoke Free Places: Smoking is banned in all indoor public places, all indoor work places, and on public transport. In addition, smoking is banned in several outdoor locations, including on the premises of health care, child care or educational facilities, within five meters of a window or door to an indoor public place or indoor workplace, public waiting areas such as bus stops, and in parks and playgrounds.

Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship: The law imposes a comprehensive ban on tobacco advertising and promotion. All forms of tobacco sponsorship are also prohibited.

Tobacco Packaging and Labeling: Rotating combined picture and text health warnings are required to be displayed on 60 percent of the front and back of tobacco product packages. Misleading packaging and labeling, including terms such as "light" and "low tar," is prohibited. The law requires qualitative statements on constituents and emissions, and bans emission yields such as tar, nicotine, and carbon monoxide from being displayed on tobacco product packaging.

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 Guyana 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?	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	Yes	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)	60%	Warnings are written in the principal language(s)	Yes
Front	60%	Ban on misleading packaging and labeling	Yes
Back	60%	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	380.00 GYD	Total taxes	28%
In US dollars	1.82 USD	Total excise	13%

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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