

# Lebanon

## Tobacco Control Policies

Lebanon became a Party to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on March 7, 2006.

**Smoke Free Places:** Smoking is prohibited in nearly all enclosed public places, enclosed workplaces, and public transport. However, the law allows hotels to designate 20 percent of their room capacity as smoking rooms. Outdoor areas of health, education, and sports facilities must also be smoke free.

**Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship:** There is a comprehensive ban on tobacco advertising and promotion. There are some restrictions on tobacco sponsorship and the publicity of such sponsorship.

**Tobacco Packaging and Labeling:** Tobacco product packaging must carry text-only health warnings on 40 percent of the front and back of the package. Rotation is required. Misleading packaging and labeling, including terms such as “light” and “low tar”, 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 Lebanon 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	No
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	12
Warnings include a picture or graphic	No	Warnings required to rotate	Required
% of principal display areas covered (front and back)	40%	Warnings are written in the principal language(s)	Yes
Front	40%	Ban on misleading packaging and labeling	Yes
Back	40%	Health warnings on smokeless tobacco products	No
TOBACCO TAXATION AND PRICE			
PRICE OF MOST SOLD BRAND, PACK OF 20 CIGARETTES		TAXES ON MOST SOLD BRAND (% OF RETAIL PRICE)	
In country currency	2500.00 LBP	Total taxes	10%
In US dollars	1.66 USD	Total excise	0%

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