

Egypt

Tobacco Policy Status

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENTS: Egypt's smoke-free law is not compliant with Article 8 of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Smoking is completely banned in health and educational establishments, governmental offices, sporting and social clubs, youth centers and other places designated by the Minister of Health. However, restaurants and bars are not covered, and enforcement is weak.

BANS ON ADVERTISING, PROMOTION AND SPONSORSHIP: Egypt bans most forms of advertising, promotion and sponsorship.

HEALTH WARNINGS ON TOBACCO PACKAGES: Egypt is one of five countries that adopted graphic health warnings for tobacco products in 2008. Egypt's law requires all tobacco products to have a graphic warning cover 50% of the front and 50% of the pack.

TOBACCO TAXATION AND PRICES: The most popular brand of cigarettes in Egypt is taxed at 74% of retail price.

Tobacco Control Policies

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENTS – COMPLETE SMOKING BANS				
Health-care facilities	Yes	Indoor offices	Yes	
Educational facilities, except universities	Yes	Public transport	Yes	
Universities	Yes	Restaurants	No	
Governmental facilities	Yes	Pubs and bars	No	
Do sub-national jurisdictions have the authority to adopt laws that completely ban tobacco smoking?			Yes	
BANS ON ADVERTISING, PROMOTION AND SPONSORSHIP				
National TV and radio	Yes	Free distribution	Yes	
International TV and radio	No	Promotional discounts	Yes	
Local magazines/newspapers	Yes	Non-tobacco products with tobacco names	Yes	
International magazines/newspapers	No	Non-tobacco brand used for tobacco product	Yes	
Billboards and outdoor advertising	Yes	Appearance of tobacco products in TV and/or films	Yes	
Point-of-sale	Yes	Sponsored events	Yes	
Internet	Yes			
HEALTH WARNINGS ON TOBACCO PACKAGES				
Law mandates specific warnings	Yes	Number of approved warnings	8	
Warnings describe harmful effects of tobacco use	Yes	Warnings required to rotate	Yes	
Warnings include a picture or graphic	Yes	Warnings are written in the principal language(s)	Yes	
% of principal display areas covered (front and back)	50%	Warnings have mandated font style, font size and color	Yes	
Front	50%	Ban on misleading descriptors	Yes	
Back	50%			
TOBACCO TAXATION AND PRICE				
PRICE OF MOST SOLD BRAND, PACK OF 20 CIGARETTES			TAXES ON MOST SOLD BRAND (% OF RETAIL PRICE)*	
In currency reported by country	EGP	4.00	Total taxes	74%
In US\$ at official exchange rate	USD	0.70	Total excise (specific and ad valorem)	74%
			Value added tax (VAT)	0%

* Individual categories of tax may not add to total due to rounding

Sources:

WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic 2011 available from: <http://who.int/tobacco>