

COST OF DOING BUSINESS IN GHANA

REGISTRATION/INCORPORATION OF COMPANIES AND REGISTRATION OF INVESTMENTS

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	TYPE OF SERVICE	FEES (IN GHANA CEDIS) (GH¢)	EQUIVALENT IN US DOLLARS
REGISTRAR- GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT	REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS		
	1.Limited Liability	175 (Incor -120+Ctc-15+Filing Of Forms 3&4)	50.00
	2.Limited By Guarantee	40)	
		155 (Incur -120+Ctc- 15 + Filing Of Form 3 – 20)	44.29
	3.Commencement	(0.5% of stated capital)	
	BUSINESS NAMES		
	1.Sole Proprietor		10
	2.Partnerships	35	21.43
	3.Subsidiary (Sbn)	75	10
	4.External company	35	1000.00 / Cedi Equivalent
	FILLING FOR CHANGE OF NAME CERTIFICATE		
	1. Limited Liability		15.71
	2. Business Names	55	5.71
	3. Subsidiary	20	5.71
	4. Partnerships	20	15.71
		55	
	ANNUAL RETURNS		
1. Limited Liability		10	
2. Limited By Guarantee	35	10	
3. Partnerships	35	8.57	
4. External Company	30	500.00 /cedi equivalent	
RENEWAL OF BUSINESS			
Business Names(Sole Proprietor/Subsidiary)	15	4.29	

GHANA INVESTMENT PROMOTION CENTRE	Registration Fees:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wholly Ghanaian Owned Business (Trading) 6,480 1851.43 ▪ Liaison Office 27,000 7714.29 		
	Fees for Residence and Work Permit for quotas granted:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Automatic Quota (per person) 1,800 514.29 ▪ Replacement of quota (per person) 1800 514.29 		
	TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER(MAX 10 YEARS)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Transfer value up to \$500,000 per annum 9,000 2571.43 b) Transfer value up to \$1,000,000 per annum 27,000 7714.29 c) Transfer value greater than \$3,000,000 per annum 90,000 25714.29 		
GHANA IMMIGRATION SERVICE	Residence Permit/Person – (ECOWAS & Other Nationals)		
	1 st & 2 nd years 1,485 424.29		
	3 rd & 4 th years 2,640 754.29		
	5 th year & beyond 4,950 1414.29		
	• Short Term Permit(Monthly) 15.15 4.33		
	• Emergency Entry Visa 495 141.43		
	• Extension 50 14.29		
• Cancellation 50 14.29			

GHANA FREE ZONES BOARD	Application Forms	330	94.29
	Licensing Fees:		
	Initial - Developer	16,500	4714.29
	- Manufacturing	9,900	2828.57
	- Service	13,200	3771.42
	- Commercial	33,000	9428.57
	RENEWAL/ANNUM		
	- Developer	13,200	3771.42
	- Manufacturing	8,250	2357.14
	- Service	9,900	2828.57
- Commercial	16,500	4714.29	
RESIDENCE PERMIT/PERSON:			
1st & 2nd Years	1,395	398.57	
3rd & 4th Years	2,480	708.57	
5th Year & Beyond	4,650	1328.57	

DIFFERENT GFZB FORMS	THEIR VARIOUS USES	COST IN GH CEDIS	COST IN USD
FORM 9	Exemption from payment of VAT on local purchases	350	100
FORM 9A	Procedure for sale into the domestic market	175	50
FORM 9B	Exemption from the payment of tax on utilities	1,400	400
FORM 9D	Vehicle Exemption; Present an application letter and an invoice from the supplier of the vehicle to GFZB for approval. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles up to 2000(eg;Forklift,Trailer etc) 	Cost varies depending on the type of vehicle	
FORM 9E	Exemption for the payment of VAT services	175	50
FORM 9F	Exemption from payment of duties/taxes on transactions between free zone enterprises	175	50
FORM 10	Temporary importation of goods from the free zones	825	250
FORM 11	Residence permit/person:		
	1st & 2nd Years		
	3rd & 4th Years	1,395	450
	5th Year & Beyond	2,480	800
		4,650	1500

Emergency Visa – It is given to expatriates who were not able to process their visa at their place of origin and the GFZB do these visas for them to enable them to do business in Ghana. Cost - \$150

CUSTOMS DUTIES, VALUE ADDED TAXES & RELATED CHARGES ON IMPORTED GOODS

Import Duty	Plant, machinery and equipment for the investment activity and raw materials for the textile and garment etc. are normally zero-rated. This includes Industrial machinery, electric generating plants of 375 KVA and an-above
Other items, including other categories of raw materials	5 - 10% duty rate
Value Added Tax (VAT)	12.5%
National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS)	2.5%
Processing Fee	1.0% on all goods exempted from tax.
ECOWAS Levy	0.5% on all goods originating from outside the ECOWAS
Export Development & Investment Fund (EDIF)	1.0% levied on all goods
Examination Fees	1.0% levied on all goods

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

National Reconstruction Levy	Class A Companies from - 5.5% Class B companies from - 2.5% Class C and all other companies - NIL
Corporate Tax	25%
Loss Carry Forward	For Agro-process, Tourism (those registered with GTB) and ICT (Software) Industries
Personal/Individual Income Tax Rates	(i) ¢240 - 0% (First) (ii) ¢240 - 5% (Next) (iii) ¢1,200 - 10% (iv) ¢7,900.20 - 17% (v) ¢9,600 - 25%
Taxation of Overtime Income	First ¢120 - 2.5% Above 4.0 previous personal income tax rates apply
Employment Tax Credit Scheme	
% Of Fresh Graduates of Workforce Up to 1% 1 - 5% Above 5%	Proposed Incentives 10% of salaries/wages of such employees 30% 50%

SALARIES/MINIMUM WAGES AND SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS

WAGES		AMOUNT IN GHC	EQUIVALENT IN US DOLLARS
<p>Minimum Daily Wage</p> <p>-Administration workers</p> <p>-Drivers</p> <p>-Factory workers</p> <p>Social Security Contribution:</p> <p>- Employer</p> <p>- Employee</p> <p>Minimum conditions of employment</p>	<p>13.5% of monthly basic salary</p> <p>5.0% of monthly basic salary</p> <p>Paid Maternity:</p> <p>Paid Annual Leave for employees:</p> <p>Paid Sick Leave for calendar year:</p> <p>Payment of overtime work:</p>	<p>7.00</p>	<p>2.00</p>

**WATER TARIFF (SOURCE: PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY COMMISSION
(PURC) PUBLICATION)**

NO.	CATEGORY OF SERVICE	MONTHLY CONSUMPTION (1000 litres)	APPROVED RATES IN GHp/1000 Litres. (Effective June 2014)
1.	Metered Domestic	0-20 21 and above	146.7814 220.0342
2.	Commercial/Industrial	Flat Rate	312.7754
3.	Public Institutions/Govt. Department	Flat Rate	382.2691
4.	Unmetered Premises-	Flat rate per house per month	955.3527
5.	Premises without connection (public stand pipes) per 1000 litres		145.1114
6.	Special commercial		889.4336

Special commercial refers to bulk customers who use GWCL treated water as the main raw material for bottling water for resale.

ELECTRICITY TARIFF (SOURCE: PURC PUBLICATIONS)

TARIFF CATEGORY	EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2014 GHC	EQUIVALENT IN US DOLLARS
Residential:		
0-50 (Exclusive) (GHp/kWh)	0.02054	0.01
51-300 (GHp/kWh)	0.4121	0.12
301-600 (GHp/kWh)	0.5348	0.15
600+ (GHp/kWh)	0.5942	0.17
Service Charge (GHp/month)	3.88	1.11
Non-Residential		
0-300 (GHp/kWh)	0.5924	0.17
301-600 (GHp/kWh)	0.6304	0.18
600+ (GHp/kWh)	0.9947	0.28
Service Charge (GHp/month)	6.46	1.85
SLT-LV		
Max. Demand (GHp/kVA/month)	36.1694	10.33
Energy Charge (GHp/kWh)	0.6175	0.18
Service Charge (GHp/month)	25.84	7.38
SLT-MV		
Max. Demand (GHp/kVA/month)	31.0023	8.86
Energy Charge (GHp/kWh)	0.4392	0.13
Service Charge (GHp/month)	36.17	10.33
SLT-HV		
Max. Demand (GHp/kVA/month)	36.1694	10.33
Energy Charge (GHp/kWh)	0.6976	0.20
Service Charge (GHp/month)	36.17	10.33

SLT-industrial/commercial

TARIFFS OF MOBILE TELEPHONY OPERATORS (PREPAID) AS AT JULY, 2014

All rates are quoted in Ghana Cedis and the billing rate is per minute

	MTN	Tigo	Vodafone	Airtel	Glo Mobile	Expresso	Industry Average
On Net	0.09	0.03	0.144	0.0899	0.12	0.0954	0.0949
Other Local Networks	0.13	0.102	0.144	0.0899	0.12	0.1494	0.1226
UK	0.44	0.354	0.3	0.36	0.44	0.3601	0.3757
USA	0.1	0.132	0.13	0.144	0.11	0.22	0.1393
Canada	0.1	0.132	0.13	0.144	0.11	0.22	0.1393
Italy	0.144	0.354	0.45	0.44	0.275	0.3601	0.3372
Nigeria	0.192	0.24	0.3	0.2	0.165	0.2118	0.2181
South Africa	0.44	0.354	0.88	0.39	0.275	0.3601	0.4499
Germany	0.44	0.54	0.45	0.44	0.275	0.3601	0.4175
China	0.1	0.132	0.13	0.144	0.11	0.22	0.1393
UAE	0.44	0.354	0.45	0.39	0.44	0.3601	0.4057
SMS-On Net	0.04	0.0403	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.0424	0.0405
SMS-Other Networks	0.05	0.0477	0.05	0.044	0.04	0.0438	0.0459
MMS	0.18	0.1	0.19	0.18	0.1625		
Data/MB	0.085	0.2	0.2	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.1092

Local call and SMS rates are default rates of mobile network operators

** Airtel and Tigo have different SMS-IDD rates for various destinations

All the international destination rates are calls to Mobile Networks

All calls are charged per second except calls to international destinations on MTN and Vodafone

Calls to international destinations on MTN are charged in 5 second blocks

Calls to international destinations on Vodafone are charged per minute

Vodafone charges 20Gp for first 3MB of Data, 15Gp for next 3MB of Data, 10Gp for next 4MB OF Data and 5Gp after that

SMS-IDD	MTN	Airtel	Tigo	Vodafone	Glo Mobile	Expresso	Industry Average
US	0.1	0.12	0.1152	0.0848	0.142	0.0636	0.10427
Canada	0.1	0.12	0.1152	0.0848	0.142	0.0636	0.10427
UK	0.1	0.15	0.1152	0.0848	0.182	0.0636	0.11593
Germany	0.1	0.15	0.1152	0.0848	0.162	0.0636	0.1126
Italy	0.1	0.15	0.144	0.0848	0.162	0.0636	0.1174
Nigeria	0.1	0.15	0.144	0.0848	0.152	0.0636	0.11573
South Africa	0.1	0.15	0.1152	0.0848	0.162	0.0636	0.1126
China	0.1	0.15	0.1152	0.0848	0.142	0.0636	0.10927
U.A.E.	0.1	0.15	0.1152	0.0848	0.182	0.0636	0.11593

- **Municipal tax**

Payment number	Notes on payment	Statutory tax rate	Tax base	Total tax rate (%profit)
0	Paid jointly	Various rates	Property value	0.2

- **Property tax:**

Payment number	Notes on payment	Statutory tax rate	Tax base	Total tax rate (%profit)
1	-	Various rates	Property value	0

PLEASE NOTE

The total number of Free Zones Enterprises sum up to two hundred and sixty three (263) and the number of enterprises operating at the Tema Free Zones Enclave sum up to thirty three (33).
 Currently USdollar rate is 3.5ghc.
 Dollar to Cedi and Cedi to Dollar equivalent is subject to change.

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