

GFZA Licensing and Registration

For investments to be eligible under the Free Zones Scheme, the investment should satisfy the following conditions:

- Should be a limited liability company registered with the Registrar Generals' Department
- Should be export-oriented
- Should add some value to products/services to be exported
- Should be environmentally friendly

Requirements

Free zone investors do not require any minimum capital investment. However, investors must indicate their ability to fulfil the minimum 70% export requirement. New investors are required to go through the following steps to obtain a free zone license: Incorporate a company in Ghana with the Registrar-General's Department and obtain Certificates of Incorporation and company's constitution and these must be submitted together with the following documents;

- Duly completed GFZA Application Form Purchased at **(\$200 Dollars or its Cedi Equivalent)**
- Business Plan/Feasibility Study
- Evidence of lease or Rental of Land / Factory Premises
- Evidence of Export (Memorandum of Understanding/ Letter of Intent with prospective clients)
- Environmental Protection Agency Permit (where applicable)
- Evidence of Funding/Capital Transfer
- Any other document/ Information the Authority may require

The GFZA shall notify the applicant of the status of his/her application for License within 28 working days of receipt of a complete application.

A license specifying Authorized activity to be undertaken (i.e. Developer, Manufacturer, Commercial or Service Industry) by the applicant shall be issued to the successful applicant. The investor is required to start operations within 6 months of receiving approval to operate as a Free Zone Enterprise/Developer. An initial/renewal license fee shall be paid as follows:

Activity	Initial Fees	Annual Renewal Fee
Developer	US\$5,000.00	US\$4,000.00
Manufacturing	US\$3,000.00	US\$2,500.00
Service	US\$4,000.00	US\$3,000.00
Commercial	US\$10,000.00	US\$5,000.00