

Foreign or foreign-domestic Joint Venture Company Trader License

Business Licensing Directorate

Ministry of Commerce

Darulaman Street beside Parliament

Telephone numbers 2500332

Law: Afghanistan Business Code, Businesses and License Distribution Regulations

Documentation required:

1. Kabul Embassy confirmation document of clear background check of criminal activity.
2. Confirmation of background check from International Relations Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kabul
3. Bank account documentation from the investor.

The process can be completed in three to five days. Four signatures are needed, the final signature being that of the Director of the Business Licensing Department of the MoCI. The cost is \$1,400 (\$1,000 fee for registration and \$400 cost of the license). Additional fees are 1,000Afs. privilege right fee, 250 photocopy fee, 200Afs. cost of statute (Articles of Association, 100Afs. cost of measurement form, 100Afs. cost of identification form, 200Afs, stamp right fee: 1,850Afs. in total. This license needs to be renewed annually. The renewal process is not so different from the initial process but in renewal the investor must have his/her a tax clearance from the Kabul Mustofiat and pay \$400 renewal fee plus 1,850 Afs. in miscellaneous fees. .

Step by step process of acquiring the license.

1. The process for obtaining the license for a trading foreign company is almost the same as the process for acquiring license for a domestic trading company. (Except for companies engaged in trade, foreign companies register with AISA.) The difference is that for a foreign company, the investor needs to have an official letter from the International Economy and Relations Department of Ministry of Foreign Affaires to the Business Licensing Directorate of MoCI stating that the investor does not have a criminal record. The investor also has

to have his/her clear criminal background confirmed by the investor's home country embassy in Afghanistan or from the investor's home country Foreign Ministry. These documents should be received through Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan.

The remainder of the process is the same as described in "Domestic Trading Company License".