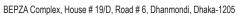


Beacon of Investment



Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority





INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA), the pioneer investment promotion agency of Bangladesh.

Formed in 1981 under the BEPZA Act of 1980, the authority has been playing a pivotal role in attracting foreign and local investment to the country's Export Processing Zones (EPZs), significantly boosting export performance and generating large-scale employment for the local workforce.

In 1983, the first EPZ under BEPZA- Chattogram EPZ- began its journey, which later paved the way for the establishment of seven more EPZs across the country, namely Dhaka, Mongla, Cumilla, Uttara, Ishwardi, Karnaphuli and Adamjee. Building on this success, BEPZA has developed the BEPZA Economic Zone at Mirsharai in Chattogram-its largest ever venture-where development works are nearing completion and several enterprises have already started production.

Alongside these achievements, BEPZA is expanding further with two new EPZs-Jashore EPZ and Patuakhali EPZ. Development works in both zones are progressing steadily to make them ready for foreign and local investment.

Offering attractive fiscal and non-fiscal incentives, competitive production costs, robust infrastructure and a harmonious worker-management-owner synergy, BEPZA ensures an ideal industrial ecosystem. With automation, green initiatives, one-stop services and strong regulatory support, the zones under BEPZA have emerged as a leading investment hub.

Recognized as "Asia's Moderate Cost Production Base," BEPZA is now a preferred destination for international entrepreneurs seeking optimal returns.

Join us on our journey toward the economic prosperity of Bangladesh and explore the vast opportunities that BEPZA offers.

Type of Investment

Type A: 100% Foreign Ownership.

Type B : Joint venture between Bangladesh and Foreign Investors

(no limit on extent of equity share).

Type C: 100% Bangladeshi Ownership.

Protection of Investment

The Foreign Private Investment (Promotion and Protection) Act, 1980 safeguards all foreign investments in Bangladesh by protecting from expropriation and nationalization, ensuring fair and equitable treatment.

Bangladesh is also the signatory of the following international agencies that further guarantee investor protection:

MIGA

Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) protects investments against political risks.

ICSID

International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) provides neutral arbitration for investment-related disputes.

WIPO

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) safeguards copyright interests.

SCOPE OF INVESTMENT

BEPZA provides infrastructure facilities including fully serviced plots under a 30 years lease and Standard Factory Buildings (SFB) for 02 years lease on renewable basis to the investors for setting up industry. All utility connections are readily available for the enterprises of EPZs.

Tariff

Plots & SFB

| EPZs/EZ | Plot* (US\$/Square Meter / Year) | Standard Factory Building (SFB) (US\$/Square Meter / Month) |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Chattogram, Dhaka, Adamjee, Cumilla, Karnaphuli | 2.50 | 3.00 |
| Ishwardi, Mongla, Uttara | 1.40 | 1.75 |
| BEPZA Economic Zone | 2.75 | 3.50 |

^{*}Average plot size of EPZs- 2000 Square Meters and BEPZA EZ - 3600 Square Meters

Utilities

| Cuntes | | | |
|------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| EPZs/EZ | Electricity (Tk./Kwh) | Water (Tk./CuM) | Gas (Tk./CuM) |
| Chattogram | 11.97 | 82.68 | 33.00 |
| Dhaka | 11.97 | 40.70 | 33.00 |
| Cumilla | 11.97 | 65.67 | 33.00 |
| Karnaphuli | 14.98 (Peak) 10.73 (Off Peak) | 75.66 | 33.00 |
| Adamjee | 11.97 | 66.54 | 33.00 |
| Ishwardi | 11.97 | 55.03 | 33.00 |
| Mongla | 11.97 | 85.93 | - |
| Uttara | 11.97 | 40.70 | - |
| BEPZA EZ | 11.97 | 82.68 | - |

^{*} Electricity: kWh= Kilowatt Hour, 11 kV, 3 phase, 50 cycles/sec, Water: CuM= Cubic Meter

Service Oriented Industries

BEPZA has approved eco-friendly Service Oriented Industries to ensure maximum protection for the environment.

Power Plant : Chattogram and Dhaka EPZ are producing around 200 Megawatts electricity.

WTP: Water Treatment Plants have been established in Adamjee, Cumilla, Chattogram, Karnaphuli, Ishwardi and Mongla EPZ.

CETP: Central Effluent Treatment Plants are operating in Dhaka, Chattogram and Cumilla FP7.



PACKAGE OF INCENTIVES

Fiscal

year)

- 7-year Tax holiday for Uttara, Ishwardi and Mongla EPZ (100% exemption in first 03 years \rightarrow 50% in next 03 years \rightarrow 25% in rest 01 year)
- 5-year Tax holiday for Chattogram, Dhaka, Cumilla, Adamjee and Karnaphuli EPZ (100% exemption in first 02 years → 50% in next 02 years → and 25% in rest 01
- 10-year Tax holiday (100% exemption in first 3 years →80% in 4th → then 10% reduction per year→20% in 10th)
- Duty free import of raw materials, machinery, equipment and construction materials
- Duty free export of finished goods
- Exemption from dividend tax for tax holiday period
- Exemption from Income Tax on the income of expatriate for 3 years (50%)
- Exemption) only for BEPZA EZ Duty free import of one sedan car (up to 2000 cc) and one microbus/pickup/double cabin pickup (subject to conditions) only for BEPZA EZ
- Full repatriation of profit, capital and establishment

Non-Fiscal

Relief from double taxation

- No ceiling on foreign and local investment
- 100% foreign ownership permissible
- GSP benefits in EU countries, Japan, Australia, Canada
- Foreign currency loan from abroad under Off-Shore Banking Unit (OBU) facilities
- Medium/long term external borrowing facilities Non-Resident Foreign Currency Deposit (NFCD) accounts allowed for 'A' Type
- industries
- Operation of Foreign Currency accounts by 'B' and 'C' Type industries allowed
- 100% backward linkage raw materials, accessories are allowed to sell for export
- oriented industries inside and outside EPZs

Sale of finished goods (except garments) to Domestic Tariff Area (10% for EPZs

and 20% for BEPZA EZ)

(Export Registration Certificate) required

- Import and export on CM / CMP / CMT basis allowed
- Intra / inter zone sub-contracting and transfer of goods allowed
- Sub-contracting with export oriented industries inside and outside EPZ allowed
- No UD (Utilization Declaration), IRC (Import Registration Certificate), ERC

ONE STOP FACILITIES

- BEPZA offers One Window Same Day Service through automation and its OSS Centre
- Investors need to deal only with BEPZA for all investment and operational matters
- Simplified project approval procedures
- Work permits issued by BEPZA
- Import, export, and subcontract permissions etc. issued on the same day by BEPZA through automation
- Customs clearance at the factory site

Support Services

BEPZA arranges comprehensive support services to investors within its EPZs/EZ to ensure smooth business operations. This includes-

Business services: Banking, Courier, Post Office, C&F agents, Shipping Agents, MTO etc.

Administrative services: Customs Office, Police Station, Security, Fire Station etc.

Others: : Restaurants, Health Clubs, Investors' Clubs, Recreation Centers, School and Colleges, Sports Complexes, Public Transport, Medical Centre, Warehouse, Dormitory, Day-care Centre, Exclusive Telephone Exchanges, Electricity Sub Stations, Business Centers etc.

Investors

South Korea, China (including Taiwan and Hong Kong), Japan, India, U.S.A, U.K, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Germany, Canada, The Netherlands, Belgium, France, Thailand, British Virgin Islands, Singapore, Ireland, Spain, U.A.E., Malta, Indonesia, Australia, Romania, Ukraine, Marshall Islands, Cayman Island and host country Bangladesh.



WORKFORCE

Plenty of skilled and semi-skilled along with easily trainable energetic workforce is one of the major advantages of investing in Bangladesh. EPZs and EZ under BEPZA offer very competitive wages for the workers. BEPZA believes in harmonious relationships among workers, owners, and management.

Monthly Wage Scale

Garments & Other Related Industries

| Grade | Minimum Wages |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Helper | *BDT 12,800 |
| Junior Operator | BDT 13,800 |
| Operator | BDT 14,450 |
| Sr. Operator | BDT 15,200 |
| High Skilled | BDT 17,000 |

Electronics & Electrical Goods & Other Related Industries

| Grade | Minimum Wages |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Junior Operator | BDT 14,025 |
| Operator | BDT 14,825 |
| Sr. Operator | BDT 15,950 |

Textile, Chemical & Other Related Industries

| Grade | Minimum Wages |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Un-Skilled | BDT 13,250 |
| Semi-Skilled | BDT 14,175 |
| Skilled-Grade-2 | BDT 14,825 |
| High Skilled | BDT 17,000 |
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Terry Towel, Sweater, Wigs & Other Related Industries a. For salaried workers

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| Grade | Minimum Wages |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Un-Skilled | BDT 13,250 |
| Semi-Skilled | BDT 14,175 |
| Skilled-Grade-2 | BDT 14,825 |
| High Skilled | BDT 17,000 |

b. For piece rated workers

| Grade | Minimum Wages |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Piece Rate Workers | BDT 13,250 |

Benefits *BDT = Bangladeshi Taka Yearly 9-10% increment, Festival Bonus, House Rent, Medical Allowance, Conveyance and Night Allowances, Maternity, Transport & Food Benefits,

Overtime & Termination Benefit, Provident Fund, Earn Leave Encashment

Annual Leave

10 days casual leave; 14 days sick leave; 11 days festival holiday;

18 days earned leave on average

Working Hours

48 hours a week in a factory



Chattogram EPZ

Established: 1983

Location: South Halishahar

3.10 kms from the Chittagong Sea Port

5.50 kms from the main business centre in Chattogram

8.2 kms from Shah Amanat International Airport, Chattogram

Profile of Zone

Area: 453 acres

Number of industrial plots: 501

Standard Factory Buildings: 1,31,530.26 Square Meters

Utility Services

Water : Supply by service oriented water treatment plant and

Chattogram WASA

Gas : Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited

Power : Supply 11KV, 3 phase, electricity by service oriented

industry and EPZ substation

Dhaka EPZ

Established: 1993

Location: Ganakbari, Savar

35 kms from Dhaka city centre

25 kms from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka

304 kms from Chittagong Sea Port

Profile of Zone

Area: 356.22 acres

Number of industrial plots: 451

Standard Factory Buildings: 1,13,422 Square Meters

Utility Services

Water : Own Supply System

Gas : Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution PLC

Power : Supply 11KV, 3 phase, electricity by service oriented

industry and PBS substation

Mongla EPZ

Established: 1998

Location: Mongla Port area, Bagerhat

105 kms from Jashore Airport

210 kms from Dhaka

407 kms from Chittagong Sea Port via Maowa

Profile of Zone

Area: 302.97 acres

Number of industrial plots: 278

Standard Factory Buildings: 87,034.51 Square Meters

Utility Services

Power

Water : Supply by service oriented water treatment plant and Department of Public Health Engineering

: Supply 11KV, 3 phase electricity by PBS substation

Cumilla EPZ

Established: 2000

Location: Old Airport area, Cumilla

167 kms from Chittagong Sea Port

97 kms from Dhaka

Profile of Zone

Area: 267.46 acres

Number of industrial plots: 244

Standard Factory Buildings: 98814.18 Square Meters

Utility Services

Water : Supply by service oriented water treatment plant
Gas : Bakhrabad Gas Distribution Company Limited
Power : Supply 11KV, 3 phase electricity by PBS substation

Uttara EPZ

Established: 2001

Location: Shangalshi, Nilphamari

16 kms from Saidpur Airport

409 kms from Dhaka Airport

682 kms from Chittagong Sea Port

568 kms from Mongla Sea Port

Profile of Zone

Area: 213.66 acres

Number of industrial plots: 190

Standard Factory Buildings: 72,878 Square Meters

Utility Services

Water : Own supply system

Power : Supply 11KV, 3 phase electricity by PBS substation

Ishwardi EPZ

Established: 2001

Location: Pakshi, Pabna

10.60 kms from Ishwardi Airport

220 kms from Dhaka

280 kms from Mongla Port

484 kms from Chittagong Sea Port

Profile of Zone

Area: 308.97 acres

Number of industrial plots: 324

Standard Factory Buildings: 71,445.37 Square Meters

Utility Services

Water : Supply by service oriented water treatment plant Gas : Supply by Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited

Power : Supply by 11KV, 3 phase electricity by EPZ substation

Adamjee EPZ

Established: 2006

Location: Siddhirganj, Narayanganj

15 kms from Dhaka

40 kms from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka

255 kms from Chittagong Sea Port

Profile of Zone

Area: 292.62 acres

Number of industrial plots: 311

Standard Factory Buildings: 93,279.13 Square Meters

Utility Services

Water : Supply by service oriented water treatment plant
Gas : Supply by Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution PLC
Power : Supply 11KV, 3 phase electricity by EPZ substation

Karnaphuli EPZ

Established: 2006

Location: North Patenga, Chattogram

6 kms from Chittagong Sea Port

10 kms from main city centre of Chattogram

9 kms from Shah Amanat International Airport, Chattogram

Profile of Zone

Area: 209.06 acres

Number of industrial plots: 258

Standard Factory Buildings: 56,633.06 Square Meters

Utility Services

Water : Supply by service oriented water treatment plant

Gas : Supply by Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited

Power : Supply 11KV, 3 phase electricity by EPZ substation



BEPZA Economic Zone

Established: 2018

Location: Mirsharai, Chattogram

Proximity to Chittagong Sea Port (65 km) and Shah Amanat International Airport (77 km)

Area: 1138.55 Acres

Number of industrial plots: 539 (3600 sq.m each)

Standard Factory Buildings: 38,816.56 Square Meters

Utilities: Water & electricity available; gas will follow after development

Upcoming EPZs (Under Development)

Patuakhali EPZ

Location: Patuakhali Sadar, Patuakhali

Near Payra Port (32 km), Barishal Airport (60 km), Mongla Port (80 km)

Area: 410.78 acres

Proposed number of industrial plots: 306

Location: Abhaynagar, Jashore

Near Jashore Airport (30 km), Benapole Land Port (58 km), Mongla Port (85 km)

Area: 503 acres

Proposed number of industrial plots: 400

How to Apply

- Submit a forwarding letter to the Executive Chairman, BEPZA
- Purchase and fill the Project Proposal Form (fee: Tk. 3000)
- Attach required documents: Proforma Invoice of Machinery, Bank Solvency Certificate, Passport Copies of Directors, Memorandum & Articles of Association, Certificate of Incorporation, etc. along with other as mentioned in the form
- Submit the completed form with the original money receipt





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