



Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC)

Areas Reserved for Domestic Investment

According to the Investment Proclamation of 2012, some restrictions apply to foreign investment:

Areas exclusively reserved for the Government:

- Postal services, except courier services
- Transmission and supply of electrical energy through the Integrated National Grid System
- Passenger air transport services using aircraft with a capacity of more than 50 passengers

Areas reserved for joint-venture investment with the government:

- Production of weapons and ammunition
- Telecommunication services

Areas exclusively reserved for domestic investors:

- Export of raw coffee, chat, oil seeds, pulses, precious minerals, natural forestry products, hides and skins bought from the market, and live sheep, goats, camel, equines and cattle not raised by the investor
- Import trade (excluding LPG and bitumen)
- Wholesale trade (excluding supply of petroleum and its by-products as well as wholesale trade by foreign investors of their locally produced products)
- Manufacturing of ice cream and cakes
- Finishing of fabrics, yarn, warp and weft, apparel and other textile products by bleaching, dyeing, shrinking, sanforizing, mercerizing or dressing
- Tanning of hides and skins below finished level
- Manufacture of cement
- Manufacture of clay and cement products
- Tour operation below grade 1
- Construction, water well and mining exploration drilling companies below Grade 1
- Kindergarten, elementary and junior secondary education by constructing own building

- Diagnostic center service by constructing own building
- Clinical service by constructing own building
- Capital goods leasing (this does not include leasing of motor vehicles)
- Printing industries
- Manufacturing of plastic shopping bags
- Manufacturing of corrugated metal sheet for roofing and nails

Areas exclusively reserved for Ethiopian nationals:

- Banking, insurance, micro-credit and saving services
- Broadcasting and mass media services
- Attorney and legal consultancy services
- Preparation of indigenous traditional medicines
- Advertisement, promotion and translation works
- Domestic air transport services using aircraft with a seating capacity of up to 50 passengers
- Packaging, forwarding and shipping agency services