

Sokoto State Business Premises Registration Fee Schedule

This fee schedule is pursuant to the Sokoto State Business Premises Law **Edict No. 16 of 1979**, The exercise was backed up with an Edict No. 16 of 1979 and with it subsequent amendment in 1996. The law was meant to provide guidelines and legal framework of the three categories of business existing in the State. The categories are: -

- 1) ***Individual enterprises (sole proprietorship)***: - this consist of single individual business and minor business.
- 2) ***The partnership – joint venture***: - This form of business is above the status of individual enterprises. The membership is between 2 to 10 up to 20 members, and sometimes it is owned by family members and friends.
- 3) ***Limited liability company***: - This is another form of business organization, which is above joint venture, this include multi-corporation trade groups and association.

GROUP A

1.	Cement Companies	N 70,000,000.00
2.	Commercial Banks (Within the Capital City)	1,000,000.00
3.	Branches (LGAs)	400,000.00
4.	Multi National Construction Firms	300,000.00
5.	Construction Firms	100,000.00
6.	Engineering Companies	100,000.00

GROUP B

1.	Law Firms	₦ 50,000.00
2.	Chartered Accounting Firms	₦ 50,000.00
3.	Estate Valuers	₦ 50,000.00
4.	Insurance Companies	₦ 50,000.00
5.	Stock Brokers	₦ 50,000.00
6.	HMOs	₦ 50,000.00
7.	Architectural Firms	₦ 50,000.00
8.	Quantity Surveyors	₦ 50,000.00
9.	Facility Management Firms	₦ 50,000.00

GROUP C

1.	Distribution Trade Companies	₦ 100,000.00
2.	Dealers in Distribution Trade	₦ 50,000.00

GROUP D

1.	High Duty Materials	₦ 100,000.00
2.	Low Duty Materials	₦ 500,000.00
3.	Durable Goods	₦ 300,000.00

GROUP E

Petroleum Products

1.	Major Marketers	₦ 200,000.00
2.	Independent Marketers/Gas outlet	₦ 100,000.00
3.	Other outlets	₦ 50,000.00

GROUP F

Departmental Stores and Super Markets

1.	Plaza	₦ 250,000.00
2.	Mall	₦ 200,000.00
3.	Super Markets	₦ 100,000.00
4.	Departmental Stores/Patient Medicine Stores	₦ 30,000.00

Mini Stores

1.	Grade A	₦ 10,000.00
2.	Grade B	₦ 5,000.00

GROUP G

Solid Minerals Resources

1.	Exploration Company	₦ 1,000,000.00
2.	Registered Agent	₦ 100,000.00

GROUP H

1.	Standard Workshop	₦ 20,000.00
2.	Spare parts Shops	₦ 10,000.00
3.	Garage Workshop	₦ 5,000.00

GROUP I

1.	Cooperative Societies Registration	₦ 5,000.00
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GROUP J

Restaurants

1.	Grade A – Standard Structure	₦ 10,000.00
2.	Grade A - Mini Structure	₦ 5,000.00

GROUP K

Telecom Offices

1.	Company Main Office	₦ 1,000,000.00
2.	Franchise/Main Dealers	₦ 200,000.00
3.	Sub-Dealers	₦ 100,000.00
4.	Service Providers	₦ 20,000.00

GROUP L

Bakeries

1.	Within Capital City	₦ 50,000.00
2.	In the Local Governments	₦ 10,000.00

GROUP M

Water processing

1.	Grade A – Multi stage Production	₦ 100,000.00
2.	Grade B – Pure water	₦ 20,000.00

GROUP N

1.	Printing/Café Business	₦ 30,000.00
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GROUP O

Private Educational Institution

1.	University	₦ 1,000,000.00
2.	Other Tertiary	₦ 500,000.00
3.	Secondary	₦ 150,000.00
4.	Training Centre	₦ 50,000.00

GROUP P

Private Health Facilities

1.	Hospital/Clinics	₦ 250,000.00
2.	Diagnostic/Laboratory Services	₦ 100,000.00
3.	Pharmaceutical Companies	₦ 100,000.00
4.	Other Medical Facilities	₦ 100,000.00

GROUP Q

1.	Block Makers	₦ 20,000.00
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GROUP R

1.	Cart Wash Station	₦ 5,000.00
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REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

Business premises that are on full operations must apply for registration within 28 days of its commencement of business. Also application must be made within 22 days of the commencement of new business in other cases. However, the time of application may be extended upon application made to the Registrar on Justifiable grounds.

For easy registration, application forms are issued on request and categorized thus:

Form 1 are meant for Companies

Form 2 are meant for Partnerships/Joint ventures

Venture Form 3 are meant for Individuals

The forms are made available free of charge from the Register. Upon completion of the forms, they should be sent to the Register at his office in Sokoto, through either registered post or by personal deliver.

Where a business is carried on at more than one premise, each premise should be accordingly registered.

In a situation where there is a change in any of the particulars that had been duly registered in respect of any owner or occupier, the person or persons Authorized to sign statements of particulars, shall contact the Register within 14days of the change or occurrence. This notice is made known to the Register through form 4which is obtainable from the Register.

Where there exists an error, the Register may correct such error in any particular(s) registered by him. This is however made possible on application made in form 5 and upon payment of the prescribed fees as shall be stipulated.

Certain classes of business premises are exempted from registration. Among those exempted include;

- a) A business carried on by a trustee in bankruptcy or by a receiver or Manager appointed by any court or the State

Administrator or by the Public Trustee or by any person(s) acting under appointment by the State Administrator or any law.

- b) A business carried on directly by any Government or by Government agencies.

BUSINESS TERMINATION/NON-EXISTENCE

Were a registered business ceases to exist or carry on business for any reason; the owner or occupier of such business must notify the register. The notification should be made within 60 days after the business ceases to operate on the registered premises. In a case where the owner or occupier is dead, his representative or next of kin should report to the Registrar, by completing form 6 (within three months of such happening) copies of which are obtainable free of charge from the Register.

OFFENCES

- a) Failure to register a business Premises * Guilty of an offence and liable on only (N500.00) and also a fine of twenty Naira (N20.00) for every day that the fault continues.
- b) Failure to furnish the Register with any particular(s) in a manner duly required.

**Guilty of an offence and liable on (N500.00) or both.*

- c) Neglect or failure to notify the Register of a cessation of a registered business premises

**Guilty on conviction to a fine of two hundred and Fifty Naira (N250).*

- d) Where a statement required to be furnished contains any matter which is false to the knowledge or the person signing it

**Guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of N500 or imprisonment, for six months or both.*

- e) Impersonating the holder of certificate. *Same as above.

- f) Abstraction or assault to an inspector acting in the lawful execution of his duties

**Guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of N300 or imprisonment for six months*

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