

Botswana SEZ Incentives

CATEGORY OF INCENTIVES	INCENTIVES
<i>Fiscal and tax incentives</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero-rated Value-Added Tax (VAT) on raw materials for manufacturing for export; • No Exchange Controls; • Duty-free importation of raw materials and plant, equipment and machinery for manufacturing purposes • 5% corporate tax for operations within SEZ for the first 10 years; 10% corporate tax thereafter; • Waiver on Transfer Duty on Land and Property; • Property tax exemption, for the first 5 years of operation.
<i>Infrastructure and inputs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term renewable land leases of 99years; • Provision of high-speed internet connectivity; • Provision of serviced land (power, water, sanitation and telephone/landline); • Fast tracked land allocation by SEZA; • Issuance of SEA/EIA by SEZA; • Approval and Masterplans and building plans by SEZA
<i>One stop shop</i>	<p data-bbox="432 978 564 1010">Incentives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate the following investor centric streamlined business processes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support in obtaining visas, work and residence permits / exemptions; ▪ Identify and introduce investors to service suppliers; ▪ Develop cluster networks aimed at improving productivity and competitiveness; ▪ Environmental Application Assistance; ▪ Facilitation of company registration; ▪ Facilitation of permits ▪ Application for utilities (water, power, telephone) ▪ Tax Registration ▪ Licenses (Trade and industrial licensing, occupancy certificates) • Provide a single window through a one stop service centre by facilitating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issuance of required national licensing, ▪ Develop cluster networks and linkages with local businesses; ▪ Registrations and customs facilitation; ▪ Provide 24-hour business support services; ▪ Building inspections and issuance of occupation permits; ▪ Connection of utility services (water, power, telephone, sewerage, ICT) to the buildings; ▪ Facilitation of planning and building permits.

**Talent and
Employment**

- 200% tax allowance related to training costs for local management development and local employees.
- Compliance with International Labour Organisation Standards;
- Access through reduced immigration restrictions to locally unavailable skilled talent: minimum 80% of local employment to be achieved by end of year 5.

**Export
Facilitation**

- Duty free importation of raw materials and intermediate goods for storage and processing prior to subsequent re-export;
- Duty-free importation of raw materials and equipment provided they are not available within the country;
- Rebate of Customs duties under Schedule 4 of the customs tariff - Rebate Item 470.03, for manufacturing done exclusively for export outside Common Customs Area (CCA);
- Option to assess duties (arising from Botswana's international treaties) based on value of intermediate goods or final product, whichever is the lesser, for goods leaving SEZs for SACU and the Common Customs Area
- For dutiable goods sold into the Common Customs Area or economy, there is a provision for a deferred payment of each month's duty liability to a fixed date in the following month
- Duty suspension system based on operator records rather than physical inspections
- Option to award preferred trader status to SEZ investors which allows for post clearance audit and minimal inspections.
- Bonded zone status is permitted to portions of the SEZ as well as individual buildings and places within the SEZ.