

INTRODUCTION

Bangladesh is one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. The country has had an annual growth rate of GDP of over 6.0 percent over the past decade under the stewardship of the present government and has become the 'Development Surprise' to the world. BEPZA, as one of the official organs of the government to promote, attract and facilitate local & foreign investment in the EPZs, is significantly contributing to the economic development of Bangladesh.

BEPZA, formed according to an act of 1980, has been empowered for the creation, development, operation and management of EPZ in Bangladesh. Presently there are eight EPZs in the country. Chattogram EPZ is the pioneer among them started journey in 1983. Afterwards, Dhaka, Mongla, Cumilla, Ishwardi, Uttara (Nilphamari), Adamjee and Karnaphuli EPZ have been established across the country. All the EPZs are operating successfully with half a million young & energetic workforce and contributing around 20% of the total national export of the country.

The success of EPZs inspired the government to establish economic zone in the country. BEPZA is also establishing the 'BEPZA Economic Zone' at Mirshari, Chattogram. The authority has utilized its 40 years of long experience, knowledge and professionalism in developing the zone as the smart zone of the future which is very close to becoming operational. Moreover, observing the astounding success of the existing EPZs the government has decided to set up three more EPZs under BEPZA- Patuakhali EPZ in the south, Jashore EPZ in the south-west and Rangpur EPZ in the northern part of the country for the development of those regions.

Geo-regional location, lucrative fiscal & non-fiscal incentives, less production cost, moderate infrastructures, secured custom bonded enclave with an amicable Worker-Management-Owner network have turned BEPZA as one of the hotspots of investment in the globe.

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 World Bank has ranked Bangladesh one of the best countries for Investors Protection, making it the best in the South Asia. The Foreign Private Investment (Promotional and Protection) Act, 1980 secures all foreign investment.

Bangladesh is also the signatory of the following agency:

- MIGA**
 Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) provides security under international law.
ICSID
 International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Dispute (ICSID) provides arbitration facility.
WIPO
 World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) safeguards copyright interests.
DFC
 The United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) is the development finance institution of the United States federal government.

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

Name of EPZ	Plot (Avg. 2000 sqm) (from 1st July 2021)	SFB (Avg.1000 sqm)
Chattogram, Dhaka, Adamjee, Cumilla, Karnaphuli	US\$ 2.50/Sqm per Year	US\$ 2.75/Sqm per Month
Ishwardi, Mongla, Uttara	US\$ 1.40/Sqm per Year	US\$ 1.60/Sqm per Month
BEPZA Economic Zone	US\$ 2.75/Sqm/Year/Avg. 3600 Sqm (from 1st July 2021)	US\$ 3.50/Sqm/Month (Avg. 3100 sqm) (from 1st January 2022)
New Revised Tariff & Effective Date of SFB (from 1st January 2022)		
Chattogram, Dhaka, Adamjee, Cumilla, Karnaphuli EPZ		US\$ 3.00/Sqm per Month
Ishwardi, Mongla, Uttara EPZ		US\$ 1.75/Sqm per Month

*01 Sqm (Square Meter) = 10.76 Square Feet, Avg.(Average)

Utilities

EPZ	ELECTRICITY	WATER	GAS
Chattogram	Tk. 9.41/Kwh	Tk. 44.65/CM	Tk. 11.77/CM
Dhaka	Tk. 9.41/Kwh	Tk. 38.33/CM	Tk. 11.77/CM
Cumilla	Tk. 9.41/Kwh	Tk. 42.11/CM	Tk. 11.77/CM
Karnaphuli	Tk. 11.76/Kwh (Peak) Tk. 8.47/Kwh(Off Peak)	Tk. 44.65/CM	Tk. 11.77/CM
Adamjee	Tk. 9.41/ Kwh	Tk. 41.83/ CM	Tk. 11.77/CM
Ishwardi	Tk. 9.41/Kwh	Tk. 38.26/CM	Tk. 11.77/CM
Mongla	Tk. 9.41/Kwh	Tk. 48.25/CM
Uttara	Tk. 9.41/Kwh	Tk. 38.33/CM

* Electricity: Kwh= Kilowatt Hour, 11 Kv, 3 phase, 50 cycles/sec, Water: CM= Cubic Meter

Eco-friendly 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 EPZ.



PACKAGE OF INCENTIVES

Fiscal

- 7 years Tax holiday for Uttara, Ishwardi and Mongla EPZ; first 03 years 100% exemption, next 03 years 50% exemption and last 01 (7th) year 25% exemption
- 5 years Tax holiday for Chattogram, Dhaka, Cumilla, Adamjee and Karnaphuli EPZ; first 02 years 100% exemption, next 02 years 50% exemption and rest 01 year (5th) 25% exemption
- Duty free import of raw materials, machinery, equipment and construction materials
- Duty free export of finished goods
- Relief from double taxation
- Exemption from dividend tax for tax holiday period
- Full repatriation of profit, capital and establishment
- Cash incentives for export oriented sectors

Non-Fiscal

- No ceiling on foreign and local investment
- 100% foreign ownership permissible
- Enjoys GSP benefits in EU countries, UK, 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) allowed for 'A' Type industries
- Operation of FC account 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
- 10% sale of finished products except garments; sale of defective finished goods and surplus raw materials to Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) is allowed
- 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 of outside EPZ allowed
- No UD (Utilization Declaration), IRC (Import Registration Certificate), ERC (Export Registration Certificate) required

ONE STOP FACILITIES

- BEPZA offers One Window Same Day Service
- As per "OSS (BEPZA) Rules, 2019" BEPZA has established OSS Centre in Executive Office & all EPZs
- Simplified project approval procedure
- Work Permits issued by BEPZA
- Import and Export Permits issued by EPZ within the same day through automation system
- Customs clearance at the factory site
- Investors are required to deal only with BEPZA for investment and all other operational needs

Support Services

Business: Bank, Courier, Post Office, C & F Agent, Shipping Agent, MTO etc.

Administrative: Customs Office, Police Station, In-house Security, Fire Station, Public Transport, Medical & Child Care Centre, Warehouse / Godown, Dormitory etc.

Others: Restaurant, Health Club, Investors Club, Recreation Centre, Commissariat, School and College, Sports Complex, Exclusive Telephone Exchange, Electricity Sub Station, Business Centre, Anglers Club etc.

Investors

South Korea, China (including Taiwan and Hong Kong), Japan, India, U.S.A, U.K, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Germany, Italy, Canada, The Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, France, Thailand, British Virgin Islands, Sweden, Singapore, Panama, Ireland, Spain, U.A.E., Turkey, Malta, Indonesia, Australia, Portugal, Rumania, Mauritius, Ukraine, Kuwait, Marshall Islands, St. Kitts and Nevis, Cayman Island and host country Bangladesh.



WORKFORCE

Availability of an easily trainable energetic workforce along with plenty of skilled and semi-skilled workers is one of the major advantages of EPZs.

Monthly Wage Scale



The Core Strength of BEPZA
 "Workers Management Owners Synergy"

Benefits

Yearly 5-10% 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	Working Hours
10 days Casual leave ; 14 days Sick leave	48 hours a week in a factory
18 days Earned leave ; 11 days Festival holiday	40 hours a week in an office

Garments & Other Related Industries

Grade	Minimum Wages
Helper	US\$ 100.00
Junior Operator	US\$ 110.98
Operator	US\$ 116.46
Sr. Operator	US\$ 121.95
High Skilled	US\$ 182.32

Electronics & Electrical Goods & Other Related Industries

Grade	Minimum Wages
Junior Operator	US\$ 113.72
Operator	US\$ 121.04
Sr. Operator	US\$ 131.10

Textile, Chemical & Other Related Industries

Grade	Minimum Wages
Un-Skilled	US\$ 105.49
Semi-Skilled	US\$ 115.55
Skilled-Grade-2	US\$ 121.04
High Skilled	US\$ 182.32

Terry Towel, Sweater, Wigs & Other Piece Rated Industries

Grade	Minimum Wages
Piece Rate Workers	US\$ 105.49
Salaried Workers	US\$ 105.49

PRODUCTS



Garments, Terry Towel, Garments Accessories, Metal Products, Paper Products, Golf Shaft, Textile & Knitting, Leather Products and Footwear, Electrical Equipment and Components, Camera & Camera Lens, Mobile Parts, Electronic Products, Energy Saving Bulb, LED Lamp & Selection Button, Marble Column & Tiles, Crochery, Bi-cycle, Cosmetic & Hollywood Mask, Wig & Fashion Hair, Cap, Tent & Tent Accessories, Camping Items, Different Type of Coffin, Rope, Bag, Luggage, Thermal Bag, Agro-based products, Chemicals, Optical Goods, Engineering Products, Automobile Parts, Battery, Toys, Pharmaceutical Products, Diversified Jute Items, Carpet, Scientific Measuring Instruments, Laboratory Ware, Printing and Publishing, Furniture, Service Oriented Industries, Festive Carnival Products, Cigar & Cigarette, Zipper, Packing Materials, Dental Accessories, Car Seat Heater, Mannequin Heads, Paper cartoon, Industrial Gloves, Fishing Net, Lighter, Miscellaneous etc.

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: 1,50,50.92 Square Meters

Utility Services

Water : Supply by Service Oriented Treatment Plant & Chattogram WASA
Gas : Supply by Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Ltd.
Power : Service Oriented Power Plant and PDB through own Sub-station

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 Karnaphuli RO Water Ltd.
Gas : Supply by Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Co Ltd.
Power : Supply by Own Sub-station & PDB

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 : Supply by Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Company Ltd.
Power : Supply by Power plant and own Sub-station



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: 72,878.00 Square Meters

Utility Services

Water : Own supply system
Power : Supply by Own Sub-station

Adamjee EPZ

Established: 2006

Location : Siddhirganj, Narayanganj
15 kms from Dhaka City Centre
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 : 273
Standard Factory Buildings: 83,805.13 Square Meters
SFB under construction: 9,474.00 Square Meters

Utility Services

Water : Own supply system through Treatment Plant
Gas : Supply by Titas Gas T&D Company Ltd.
Power : Supply by Own Sub-station

Cumilla EPZ

Established: 2000

Location : Old Airport area, Cumilla
167 kms from Chittagong Sea Port
97 kms from Dhaka City Centre

Profile of Zone

Area: 267.46 acres
Number of Industrial Plots : 243
Standard Factory Buildings: 92,599.59 Square Meters

Utility Services

Water : Own supply system through Treatment Plant
Gas : Supply by Bakhrabad Gas Distribution Co. Ltd.
Power : Sub-station by Cumilla Pali Bidyut Samity

BEPZA Economic Zone

The Hon'ble Prime Minister Shikh Hasina unveiled the foundation stone plaque on January 2018

Location : Mirsharai, Chattogram
65 KM from Chittagong sea Port, Chattogram
77 KM from Shah Amanat International Airport, Chattogram,
70 KM from Chattogram EPZ

Profile of Zone

Area : 1138.55 Acres
Industrial Plots : 539 (Proposed)
Size of the Plot : 3600 Square Meters (Approximately)
Standard Factory Building : SFB will be built like EPZs with all modern facilities

Utility Services

Water, electricity, gas will be available after development

← Electricity: 11 Kv, 3 phases, 50 cycles/sec →



Mongla EPZ

Established: 1998

Location : Mongla Port area, Bagerhat
105 kms from Jashore Airport
210 kms from Dhaka via Maowa
407 kms from Chittagong Sea Port via Maowa

Profile of Zone

Area: 302.97 acres
Number of Industrial Plots : 254
Standard Factory Buildings: 58,588.35 Square Meters

Utility Services

Water : Public Health Engineering Department and Own supply network through treatment plant
Power : Supply by Own Sub-station

Ishwardi EPZ

Established: 2001

Location : Paksey, Pabna
10.60 kms from Ishwardi Airport
130 kms from Bangabandhu (Jamuna) Bridge
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: 64,576.00 Square Meters

Utility Services

Water : Own supply system through Treatment Plant
Gas : Supply by Pashchimanchal Gas Company Ltd.
Power : Supply by Own Sub-station

How to Apply

- A forwarding letter addressing to the Executive Chairman, BEPZA
- Collect BEPZA Project Proposal Form on payment of Taka 3000
- Submit the filled in BEPZA Project Proposal Form along with required documents mentioned in the Project Proposal Form including Money Receipt. Major Required documents are:
 - ▶ Proforma invoice of the machineries
 - ▶ Investor's bank solvency certificate & Passports' copies of the Directors
 - ▶ Memorandum and Articles of Association & the Certificate of Incorporation (from Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms, Bangladesh)



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