

Government of Nepal

Ministry of Health

Important Notice

You must have a valid license to sell or distribute tobacco products.

This public notice has been issued pursuant to the decision of the meeting of the Council of Ministers, Government of Nepal held on January 19, 2017 directing all the stakeholders to follow the rules listed below in order to reduce, control and regulate the sales and distribution of tobacco products according to the provision specified in Section 11 (6) of the Tobacco Products Control and Regulatory Act, 2011.

Following rules should be followed for the sales and distribution of tobacco products:

1. You must register with a business or firm registration agency and obtain a separate license from the Inland Revenue Office.
2. It is prohibited to sell and distribute tobacco products from the same place where daily consumer goods are sold.
3. A separate shop or place of business should be established for the sales and distribution of tobacco products.
4. After obtaining the license for sales and distribution of tobacco products, you must put a notice board that is easily visible and accessible with the following information at the place of business, front part of the shop and the entrance of the shop:
 - (a) Tobacco products shall not be sold to any persons under the age of 18 nor shall they be allowed to engage in the sales and distribution of tobacco products.
 - (b) Tobacco products shall not be sold to any pregnant women nor shall they be allowed to engage in the sales and distribution of tobacco products.
5. The notice board must be at least 30 cm long and 20 cm wide.
6. It is prohibited to sell and distribute tobacco products from shops or houses within one hundred meters from any educational or health institution, child welfare facility, child care center, old age home, orphanage or other designated public places.
7. Any firm or person engaged in business, sales and distribution of tobacco products are required to register and obtain a license within March 13, 2017 (end of Falgun, 2073 B.S.).

Any firm found to be in violation of the aforementioned rules shall be subject to legal actions pursuant to the Tobacco Products Control and Regulatory Act, 2011 and applicable laws.