

Smokefree Status of Workplaces and Hospitality Venues around the World

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The following list provides the **status of smokefree laws with respect to non-hospitality workplaces, restaurants, bars, and casinos** in various countries across the globe. Countries in **bold** have some sort of 100% smokefree law. Call or write the respective department of health or embassy to express appreciation for a country's smokefree law or disappointment in the lack of smokefree protection for workers, residents, and visitors. Countries marked with a (*) connote that they have signed and ratified the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC). For the complete list of FCTC ratifying nations, visit http://www.who.int/fctc/signatories_parties/en/index.html. For further information, contact the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation at (510) 841-3032, or email us at anr@no-smoke.org. **66 nations have enacted some sort of 100% smokefree law, and 46 of the 66 include both restaurants and bars.**

For information on the status of smokefree laws with respect to restaurants, bars, and hotel and motel guest rooms in more than 50 major business and vacation travel destinations in the United States, see [Smoking Law Status in Major U.S. Travel Destinations](http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/traveldestinations.pdf) (<http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/traveldestinations.pdf>).

 Indicates that the province/nation does not have bars or state-regulated gambling.

Canada*

PROVINCE	NON-HOSPITALITY WORKPLACES	RESTAURANTS	BARS	GAMBLING	NOTES
Alberta	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Smoking is also prohibited on restaurant patios.
British Columbia	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Labrador & Newfoundland	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Smoking is also prohibited on restaurant patios.
Manitoba	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
New Brunswick	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Nunavut	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Northwest Territories	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Nova Scotia	Yes	No	No	No	Smoking is permitted in ventilated rooms in restaurants, as well as everywhere in bars after 9pm. Outdoor seating and patios 100% smokefree. Smoking is prohibited in vehicles when children are present.
Ontario	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Smoking is prohibited in all workplaces and public places.

Prince Edward Island	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Smoking is allowed on patios and decks of restaurants and licensed establishments, but only between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.
Saskatchewan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Yukon	No	No	No	No	Smoking is prohibited on restaurant patios.
Quebec	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Latin America and Caribbean

COUNTRY	NON-HOSPITALITY WORKPLACES	RESTAURANTS	BARS	GAMBLING	NOTES
Argentina	No	Yes	Yes	No	Also see cities, below
Buenos Aires	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Effective December 2011
Santa Fe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Neuguen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tucuman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mendoza	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Cordoba	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Entre Rios	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Barbados	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	There is no casino gambling in Barbados, but the laws would apply to any other enclosed public areas of gambling establishments.
Bermuda	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Bolivia	Yes	No	No	No	
Brazil	No	No	No		Weak national law with exemptions (but see states and cities, below). Prohibits smoking in enclosed public places, but allows for isolated and ventilated smoking rooms. There are no licensed casinos in Brazil. Video gambling terminals are located in bars and are thus governed by bar coverage.
Amazonas (state)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Belem (state of Para)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Criciuma (state of Sta. Catarina)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Juiz de Fora (state of Mato Grosso do Sul)	Yes	Yes	Yes		Excludes tables on sidewalks
Florianopolis (state of Sta. Catarina)	Yes	No	No	No	
Lauro Freitas (state of Bahia)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Paraiba (state)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Parana (state)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
-Curitiba	Yes	Yes	Yes		

-Maringa	Yes	Yes	Yes		
-Cornelio Procopio	Yes	Yes	Yes		
-Manaus	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Pelotas (state of Rio Grande do Sul)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Piaui (state)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
-Teresina	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Rio de Janeiro (state)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Rondonia (state)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Roraima (state)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Sao Paulo (state)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Tangara da Serra (state of Mato Grosso do Sul)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Tubarao (state of Sta. Catarina)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Bolivia	Yes	No	No	No	
British Virgin Islands	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Cayman Islands	No	Yes	Yes		Smoking is allowed in outdoor bars and restaurants, as long as those areas are further than 10 feet from a public place.
Chile*	No	No	No	No	Exemptions include individual offices in workplaces, larger restaurants, which must provide smoking sections, and smaller restaurants, which must decide to permit smoking throughout or not. Minors are not permitted in smoking areas.
Columbia*	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Cuba	No	No	No		Restaurants and cafeterias may have designated smoking areas. Smoking is prohibited in enclosed or air-conditioned public places, including offices, theatres, meeting halls, stores, and public transportation.
Ecuador*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
El Salvador	Yes	No	No	No	Smoking is prohibited in workplaces, on public transit, and in public areas where children gather.
Guatemala*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Honduras*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Smoking is prohibited in all indoor workplaces and public places.
Mexico*	No	No	No	No	Smoking is restricted in indoor workplaces and enclosed public places, but all these places are required to have separate designated smoking rooms or outdoor smoking areas. See individual states/cities.
Mexico City	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Panama*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Paraguay*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Peru*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Trinidad and Tobago*	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Uruguay*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Venezuela*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Monagas (state)	Yes	No	No	No	

Europe

COUNTRY	NON-HOSPITALITY WORKPLACES	RESTAURANTS	BARS	GAMBLING	NOTES
Austria*	No	No	No	No	Restaurants and bars larger than 80 square meters must create separate smoking sections. Businesses smaller than 50 square meters can choose whether to go smoke-free. For those between 50 and 80 square meters, owners must choose between going smokefree or allowing smoking, unless authorities deem it possible to create separate room.
Alderney	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Bailiwick of Jersey	Yes	No	No	No	
Belgium*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Smoking is prohibited in all workplaces, restaurants, bars, and casinos.
Bulgaria*	No	No	No	No	Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed workplaces, except in smoking areas which employers are obliged to provide. Smoking is allowed in separate smoking spaces inside restaurants, bars, coffee shops, railroad stations, airports, ports, and bus stations. The owners of restaurants, clubs and coffee shops with an area less than 50 square meters can decide if smoking is allowed.
Czech Republic	No	No	No	No	Restaurants, cafes, and bars are 100% smokefree or have completely enclosed smoking rooms. Smoking is not permitted in restaurants during meals. As of July 2010, Czech restaurant owners must decide whether they allow or ban smoking in their facilities. They also can have separate smoking and non-smoking rooms that are not connected.
Croatia*	No	No	No	No	Restaurants and bars that are up to 50 square meters may allow smoking if appropriate ventilation system is provided. Larger establishments must have designated and separately ventilated smoking areas not exceeding 20% of total area.
Cyprus*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Smoking is also prohibited in nightclubs.

Denmark*	Yes	No	No	No	Smoking is prohibited in restaurants and bars larger than 100 square meters, except in separate smoking areas. Bars smaller than 40 square meters which do not serve food are exempt.
England	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Finland*	No	No	No	No	Smoking is restricted to separately enclosed smoking rooms. No food or beverage may be brought into these areas. Large restaurants have until June 2009 to construct separately enclosed smoking rooms.
France*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Germany*	No	No	No	No	Restaurants, bars, and pubs have smoking sections. Restaurants and bars are 100% smokefree in Lower Saxony and Baden-Wurttemberg through local legislation. Under German High Court ruling in 2008, German states must prohibit smoking in all pubs or restaurants or offer exceptions for single-room establishments.
Greece*	No	Yes	No	No	Nightclubs and casinos larger than 3230 square feet may purchase license to allow smoking in half of establishment.
Guernsey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Smoking is prohibited in all workplaces, other than sole proprietorships, and public places.
Hungary*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Iceland*	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Italy*	No	No	No	No	Restaurants and bars are smokefree or have separately ventilated smoking rooms.
Ireland*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Lithuania*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Macedonia	No	Yes	Yes	No	Smoking is also prohibited in nightclubs.
Malta*	No	No	No	No	Smoking is prohibited in all workplaces and public places, except in designated smoking rooms.
Netherlands*	No	No	No	No	Smoking is prohibited in restaurants and bars other than family-run bars and cafes smaller than 70 square meters (750 sq. feet), except in closed designated smoking rooms in which no service is provided
Northern Ireland*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Smokers may pay £1 to access a designated smoking area at the airport (coin-op opens doors).
Norway*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Poland*	No	No	No	No	Workplaces, restaurants, and bars may have separately ventilated smoking rooms.
Portugal*	Yes	No	No	No	Workplaces and public transit must be 100% smokefree. Restaurants, bars, and clubs smaller than 100 square meters may permit smoking, provided that a ventilation system is installed and signs are posted at the entrance.

Romania*	No	No	No	No	Smoking permitted in cafes, bars and restaurants smaller than 100 square meters
Russia*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Smoking is prohibited in restaurants, bars, and some public places, including public transportation. The effective date is uncertain.
Scotland*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Serbia*	No	No	No	No	Restaurants and bars that are larger than 80 square meters must have nonsmoking area of more than half of establishment size. Smaller places must indicate if they allow smoking.
Spain*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Smoking is prohibited in workplaces, restaurants, bars, and public transit.
Sweden*	No	No	No	No	Restaurants, bars, and cafes are 100% smokefree or have completely enclosed smoking rooms. Food and beverages may not be served in smoking rooms.
Switzerland	No	No	No	No	Smoking is prohibited in workplaces with two or more employees, but employers may provide employees with smoking rooms if they have adequate ventilation. Smoking is prohibited in public places, including restaurants and bars, but individual cantons may allow smoking in restaurants and bars under specified circumstances.
Wales*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Africa

COUNTRY	NON-HOSPITALITY WORKPLACES	RESTAURANTS	BARS	GAMBLING	NOTES
Algeria*	No	No	No		
Eritrea	Yes	No	No		Restaurants without liquor licenses are smokefree.
Gambia*	Yes	No	No	No	
Kenya*	Yes	Yes	No	No	Bars may have designated smoking areas.
Liberia*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public places and workplaces.
Mauritius*	No	Yes	Yes		
Niger*	No	Yes	Yes		
Nigeria*	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public places.
South Africa*	No	No	No	No	Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public places and workplaces, but separately ventilated designated smoking rooms are allowed, provided they take up no more than 25% of floor area.

Uganda*	Yes	No	No	No	Restaurants, bars, and discos are allowed to have ventilation smoking rooms or must be smokefree.
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Middle East

COUNTRY	NON-HOSPITALITY WORKPLACES	RESTAURANTS	BARS	GAMBLING	NOTES
Bahrain	No	No	No	No	Restaurants are required to create separate smoking areas.
Egypt*	Yes	No	No	No	
Iran*	Yes	Yes			Any roofed area is 100% smokefree
Israel*	No	No	No	No	Smoking is permitted in areas of restaurants (15 sq. meter limit) and bars. Smoking is prohibited at train and bus station platforms.
Jordan*	No	Yes		No	
Lebanon*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public places and workplaces.
Libya*	Yes	No	No		
Qatar*	No	Yes	No	No	Smoking is prohibited in restaurants, public places and educational institutions.
Syria*	No	Yes	Yes		Employees may not smoke during meetings.
Turkey*	Yes	Yes	Yes		

Central Asia

COUNTRY	NON-HOSPITALITY WORKPLACES	RESTAURANTS	BARS	GAMBLING	NOTES
Kazakhstan*	No	Yes	Yes		
Kyrgyzstan*	No	Yes	Yes		
Turkmenistan	No	Yes	Yes		

South Asia, East Asia & the Western Pacific

COUNTRY	NON-HOSPITALITY WORKPLACES	RESTAURANTS	BARS	GAMBLING	NOTES
Bhutan*	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Brunei*	No	Yes			Smoking is prohibited in certain public places, including shopping and eating areas, bus stops and stations and government buildings.

China*	No	No	No	No	Beijing Capital International Airport is China's first smoke-free international air hub.
Fiji*	No	Yes	No	No	Smoking is prohibited in some public places such as restaurants, theatres, hospitals, and public transport.
Hong Kong	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Smoking is prohibited at outdoor public transport interchanges.
India*	Yes	No	No	No	The law allows restaurants and bars with 30 seats or more, to build separate smoking rooms, with no food or drink allowed to be served in these rooms.
Laos*	No	Yes	No		
Macau	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Smoking is permitted on up to half the floor area of casinos. Bars have until 2014 to comply.
Malaysia*	No	No	No	No	Smoking is prohibited in 21 areas, including hospitals/clinics, airports, public lifts and toilets, air-conditioned restaurants, public transport, government premises, educational institutions, petrol stations, Internet cafes, shopping complexes and private office spaces with central air-conditioning.
Maldives*	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Nepal*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public places and workplaces.
New Zealand*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Smoking also prohibited in prisons.
Pakistan*	No	Yes			Smoking is prohibited in all public offices and other public places.
Philippines*	No	No	No	No	Smoking is prohibited in public buildings and enclosed public places, except in private places of work and duly designated smoking areas. Smoking is completely prohibited in specified public places, such as schools, health facilities, and public transport.
Singapore*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	All indoor places, irrespective of whether air-conditioned, must be smokefree.
South Korea	No	Yes	Yes	No	Smoking is prohibited in public places, both indoor and outdoor, as of January 1, 2011.
Taiwan	No	No	No		All workplaces and indoor public places with three or more employees must be 100% smokefree.
Thailand*	No	Yes	Yes		Smoking is prohibited in all restaurants and bars and in public offices.
Vietnam*	Yes	No	No	No	Smoking is prohibited in offices and factories and in some public places. In other public places, including restaurants and bars, designated smoking areas are permitted.

Australia*

STATE	NON-HOSPITALITY WORKPLACES	RESTAURANTS	BARS	GAMBLING	NOTES
Australian Capital Territory	Yes	No	No	No	Smoking is prohibited in enclosed public places; accompanying regulations define a place as enclosed if it is at least 75% enclosed or is covered (fixed or moveable). Smoking is prohibited in outdoor areas where food or beverages are served and inside any vehicle while a child under the age of 16 is in it.
New South Wales	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Private gambling areas at the Star City Casinos are exempt.
Northern Territories	No	No	No	No	Enclosed areas and public places must be "partially" smokefree.
Queensland	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Poker rooms and slot machine areas may allow smoking. High roller rooms in casinos are exempt.
South Australia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tasmania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Victoria	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Gambling floors of casinos are exempt.
Western Australia	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	High roller rooms in the Burswood Casino are exempt.

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