

COST OF DOING BUSINESS AT DJIBOUTI FREE ZONE

1. Company Registration

Type of Company	Branch	Free Zone Establishment (FZE)	Free Zone Company (FZCO)
No of Shareholders	N/A	1	2 – 5
Registration Fee (One Time Only)	Nil	USD 2,700	USD 4,000

2. License Fees

License Type	Annual Fees
Trading License (5 product categories max)	USD 1,500
General Trading License (unlimited No of products)	USD 4,000
Industrial License	USD 1,500
National Industrial License	USD 1,500
Service License	USD 1,500

3. Rental Fees for DFZ facilities

Facility Type	Area	Rate/Year/m ²	Annual Rent
Office	26 m ²	USD 368.31	USD 9,576
Warehouse (1,116 m ² + 224 m ² of Office attached)	1,340 m ²	USD 72	USD 96,480
Warehouse (558 m ² + 56 m ² of Office attached)	614 m ²	USD 72	USD 44,208
Warehouse (460 m ² + 50 m ² of Office attached)	510 m ²	USD 72	USD 36,720
Plot of land	Min 2,000 m ² Max 15,000 m ²	USD 13.5	USD 27,000 USD 202,500

4. Utilities (Electricity, Water Charges, and waste collection)

Utility	Cost
Electricity	USD 0,24 per kwh
Water	USD 1,4 per m ³
Garbage collection	USD 56,27 per month

5. Telephone & Internet Connection Charges

Type of Service	Djibouti Telecom	Djibouti Free Zone
Tel / Fax line connection	USD 56,27 per line	USD 75 per connection (only first time)
Set up charges	USD 1,622	
64 Kbps connection/month	USD 969	
128 Kbps connection/month	USD 1,155	
256 Kbps connection/month	USD 1,391	
512 Kbps connection/month	USD 1,812	
1024 Kbps connection/month	USD 2,173	
2048 Kbps connection/month	USD 2,595	

6. Labor costs*

Type of worker	Monthly Salary
Day-to-day workers (unskilled)	USD 5,63 per day
Non skilled worker	USD 169 to USD 338
Skilled with no experience (≥ two years university degree)	USD 450 to USD 844
Skilled with less than 5 years experience	USD 844 to USD 1,407
Skilled with more than 5 years experience	USD 1,407 to USD 1,970

**Note that the employer is required to contribute 10.2% of the gross salary of each employee for social security.*

7. Port Dues & Container Terminal Handling Costs

	Container Size		DJIBOUTI	Transit (Road/Train)	Transit (Sea/Air)
IMPORT					
	1x20'				
		TERMINAL HANDLING	USD 273,46	USD 273,46	USD 273,46
		PORT DUES	USD 263	USD 47,48	USD 92,95
	1x40'				
		TERMINAL HANDLING	USD 544,11	USD 544,11	USD 544,11
		PORT DUES	USD 517,66	USD 104,21	USD 194,35
EXPORT					
	1x20'				
		TERMINAL HANDLING	USD 211	USD 137,86	
		PORT DUES	USD 72,75	USD 29,88	
	1x40'				
		TERMINAL HANDLING	USD 416,38	USD 211	
		PORT DUES	USD 137	USD 54,13	

HANDLING CONTAINER		1x20'	1x40'
Estimated costs	TRANSPORT	USD 84,40	USD 140,67
	LABOR	USD 33,76	USD 67,52
	REACTAKER (F/L)	USD 112,53	USD 168,80
	FORKLIFT (3-5 T)	USD 28,13 / Hour	
	FORKLIFT (7 T)	USD 39,39 / Hour	