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# NEPAL

## AN ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT DESTINATION



# ACRONYMS

BES	Brief Environmental Study
BIMSTEC	Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
BIPPA	Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement
BPO	Business Process Outsourcing
BS	Bikram Sambat (Nepali calendar)
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
DG	Director General
DOI	Department of Industry
DPR	Detailed Project Report
DTAA	Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement
EBA	Everything But Arms
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EPR	Environment Protection Rules
EXIM	Export Import
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FITTA	Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer Act, 2019
FMCG	Fast Moving Consumer Goods
FS	Feasibility Study
FY	Fiscal Year
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNI	Gross National Income
GoN	Government of Nepal
GSP	Generalized System of Preferences
IBN	Investment Board Nepal
ICD	Inland Clearance Depot
ICP	Integrated Check Post
IDs	Industrial Districts
IEE	Initial Environmental Examination
IIPB	Industrial and Investment Promotion Board
INR	Indian Rupees
IRD	Inland Revenue Department
LDC	Least Developed Country
MIGA	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Arrangement
MOF	Ministry of Finance
NPR	Nepali Rupees
NRB	Nepal Rastra Bank
NTB	Nepal Tourism Board
OCR	Office of the Company Registrar
PAN	Permanent Account Number
PDA	Project Development Agreement
PIA	Project Investment Agreement
PPP	Public-Private Partnership
PPPIA	Public-Private Partnership and Investment Act, 2019
PPPIR	Public-Private Partnership and Investment Rules, 2020
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SEZ	Special Economic Zone
SEZA	Special Economic Zone Authority
USD	United States Dollar
VAT	Value Added Tax
WTO	World Trade Organization



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## Chapter 1

# Nepal: At a glance

# THE COUNTRY – A SNAPSHOT



## REGIONAL LOCATION

South Asia



## AREA

147,181 sq. km.



## POPULATION

29.1 million (Census 2021),  
Working population (15-59 years) – 61.96%



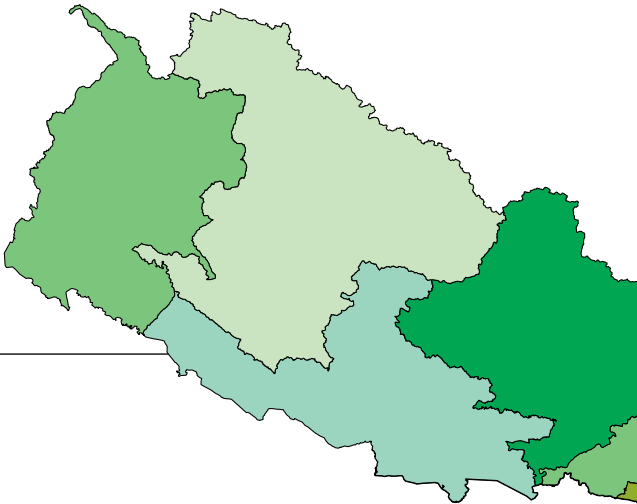
## CURRENCY

Nepali Rupee (NPR)  
100 INR = 160 NPR  
Currency is pegged with the  
Indian rupee



## TIME ZONE

GMT +5:45  
Kathmandu Nepal



## CENTRAL BANK

Nepal Rastra Bank



## LANGUAGES

Official language: Nepali  
English is widely used in business



## OFFICE HOURS

10 am to 5 pm  
(February to October)  
10 am to 4 pm (Other months)  
Friday: 10am to 3pm



## WEEKLY DAY OFF

Saturday



## CLIMATE

Terai Region: Tropical/Sub-  
tropical  
Hilly Region: Warm Temperate  
Mountains: Sub-Alpine/  
Alpine/Tundra



## SEASONS

Winter: January, February  
Spring: March to May  
Summer: June to August  
Autumn: September to  
December



## GOVERNMENT

Federal Republic; multiparty  
parliamentary democracy

**Federal units:**

Provinces: 7

Municipalities and Rural  
municipalities: 753

**Head of government:** Prime Minister,  
elected by and accountable to the  
Parliament

**Constitutional guarantees for:**

Basic human rights  
Separation of power  
Independent Judiciary

**Legal system:** Common Law



## MAJOR CITIES AND DISTANCE FROM KATHMANDU

Lalitpur (3 km)

Pokhara (198.55 km)

Bharatpur (146.28 km)

Biratnagar (548.77 km)

Birgunj (276.12 km)



## FISCAL YEAR

Begins in mid-July



## NATIONAL CALENDAR

Bikram Sambat (CE+56 for January  
to Mid-April, CE+57 from Mid-April to  
December.)



## ALTITUDE

60 meters (Kachan Kawal) to  
8,848 meters (Mount Everest)



## SPECIAL HOLIDAYS

Dashain, Tihar and Chhath  
(October/ November)



## RIVER BASINS

Karnali Basin: Mid-Western Nepal

Gandaki Basin: Central and Western  
Nepal

Koshi Basin: Central and Eastern Nepal



## CAPITAL CITY

Kathmandu



## ELECTRICITY

220-240 volt







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## Chapter 2

# Nepal's development objectives

# LONG-TERM VISION 2043 AD

## NATIONAL GOALS FOR 2043/44 AD

### Economic indicators

Average economic growth



10.5%

Contribution of agriculture to GDP



9.0%

Contribution of industry to GDP



30.0%

Contribution of services to GDP



61.0%

Per capita national income



12,100 USD

### Infrastructure indicators



Electricity generation (installed capacity)

40,000 MW



National and provincial highways (up to 2 lanes)

33,000 Km



National highways (more than 2 lanes, including fast track)

3,000 Km



Railways

2,200 Km

## Social indicators

Absolute poverty

0% 

Multidimensional poverty

3% 

Life expectancy (at birth)

80 Years 

Literacy rate

99% 

Net enrolment rate at secondary level (9-12)

95% 

Population with access to improved drinking water

95% 

Population covered by basic social security

100% 

Human Development Index

0.760 

Households with access to electricity

100% 

Population with access to the internet

100% 

Per capita electricity consumption

3,500 kWh 



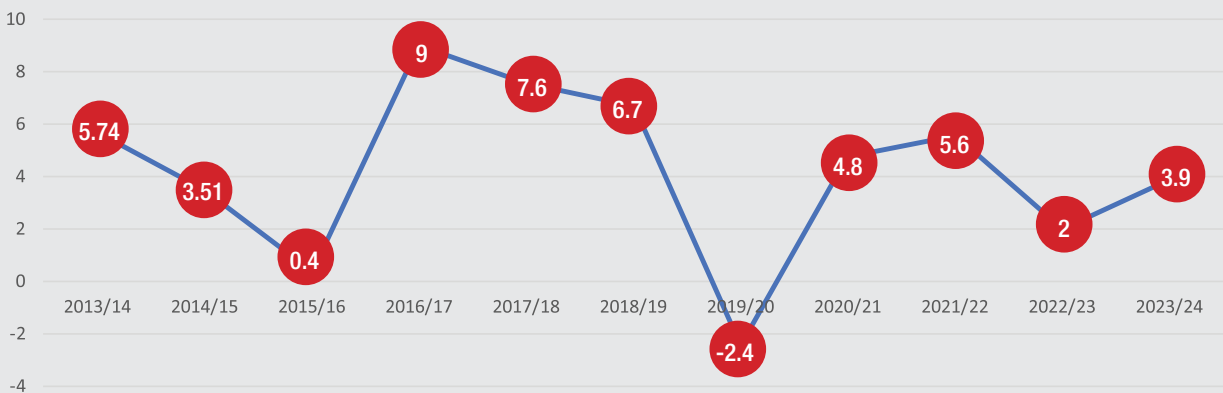
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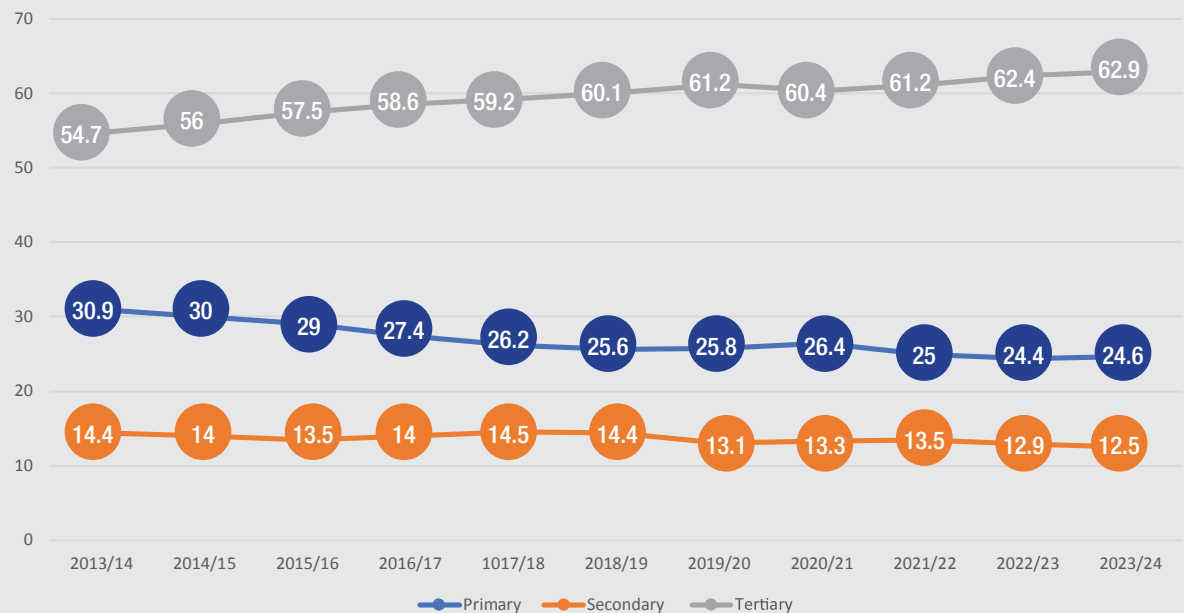
# Economic fundamentals

# OVERVIEW OF THE ECONOMY

Real GDP growth rate at producer's price

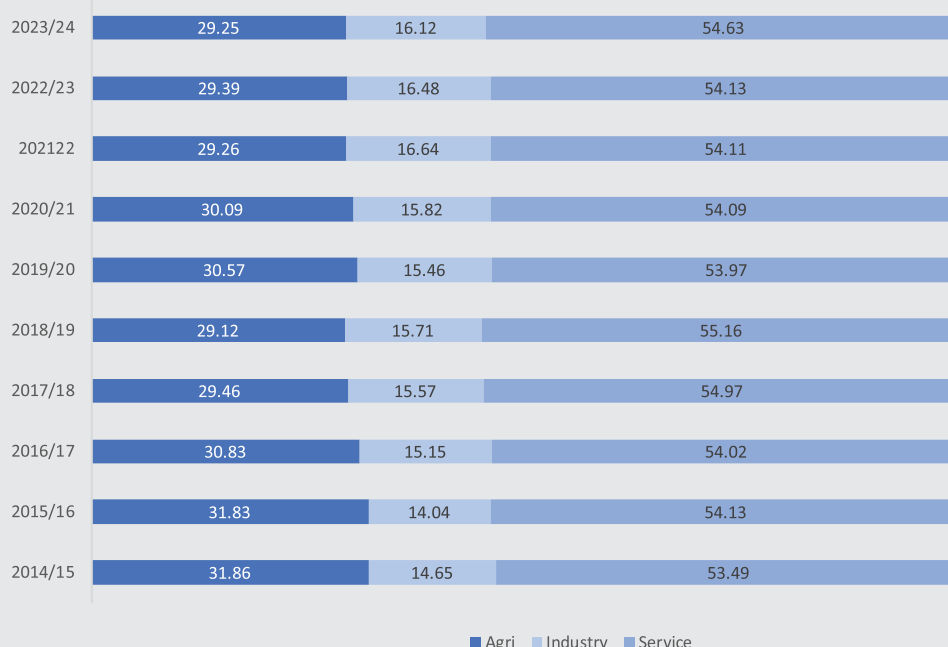


Composition of GDP



Source: Economic Survey, 2023/24, MoF.



**Composition of GDP sectorwise at basic price (in %)**

Source: Economic Survey, 2023/24, MoF.

**MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS**

Indicators	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Nominal Per Capita GDP (in USD)	1167	1277	1411	1389
Inflation (in change in %) *	6.15	3.6	6.32	7.74
Credit to private sector (% GDP) *	84.3	95.1	94.2	91.7
Base rate***	8.5	6.86	9.54	10.03
Trade Volume (% GDP)*	33.3	38.6	42.6	33.1
Migrant Workers' Remittance as % of GDP	22.5	22.08	20.24	22.89
Net FDI Inflows (Rs. in billion)*	19.47	19.51	18.56	5.96
Balance of Payments-BOP (Rs. in billion)*	282.41	1.23	-252.36	285.82
Forex Reserve (Rs. in billion) *	1401.84	1399.03	1215.8	1539.36
Exchange Rate (USD: Rs.) *	120.37	119.04	127.51	131.17
GDP in current price (Rs. In billion)	3388.7	4352.55	4976.56	5348.5
Total Government Expenditures (Rs. In billion)#	1091.13	1196.68	1310	1428.89
Capital Expenditure (in Rs billion)#	189.08	228.3	216.91	232.68
Revenue (Rs. In billion)#	793.75	935.89	1066.35	935.47
Revenue/GDP (%)#	20.4	21.5	21.4	17.49
Total deposits at BFLs (Rs. In billion)	3930.17	4740.9	5158.13	5770.06
Private sector credit (in Rs billion)	3276.89	4139.55	4688.99	4903.35
Stock market capitalization**	1792.76	4010.96	2869.34	3082.52
Interbank rate (Annual percentage) *	0.35	4.12	6.99	2.98
Base rate of commercial banks*	8.5	6.86	9.54	10.03
Deposit rates of commercial banks*	6.01	4.65	7.41	7.86

Source: \*NRB, Current Macroeconomic Bulletin 2024, \*\*NEPSE Annual Report, \*\*\* NRB, Quarterly Economic Bulletin Jan 2024,  
# Financial Comptroller General Office (FCGO)







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## Chapter 4

# Business environment

# POLICY

## CONSTITUTION

- Guarantees private property rights
- Ensures non-nationalisation of private property
- Acknowledges the need of foreign capital and technological investment



## INVESTMENT RELATED POLICIES



### Foreign Investment Policy 2014

- Aims to mobilise the foreign investment, technology, skills and knowledge towards the national priority sectors



### Intellectual Property Policy 2017

- Promotes and protects IP rights
- Aims to develop the balanced system for IP creators
- Encourages to develop legal, institutional and human resource capacity development for IP protection



### Industrial Policy 2011

Aims to

- increase export of industrial products by enhancing quality and competitiveness of the products
- enhance the contribution of industrial sector by mobilizing local resources, raw materials, skills and means;
- encourage the industrial entrepreneurship by utilizing latest technology and environment friendly production process



### Public Private Partnership Policy 2015

- Focuses to develop public infrastructure and services by adopting PPP model to mobilize private investment
- Encourages to utilize the capital, professionalism, and entrepreneurship of the private sector



### Trade Logistic Policy 2022

- Envisions to develop a modern, capable and integrated logistic system



### Other relevant policies that encourage private investment:

- National Start-Up Policy 2081 (2024)
- National Mineral Policy 2074 (2017)
- National Intellectual Policy 2074 (2017)
- National Trade Policy 2009
- Industrial Policy 2011
- Foreign Investment Policy 2071 (2014)

# INFRASTRUCTURE

## PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### ROAD NETWORK (KM)



Total road length

34,267



Black topped

18,241



Gravel road

7,697



Earthen road

8,329

Access

76

district  
headquarters

National  
highway






80

# PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

## AIR TRAVEL



## RAILWAY

Rail route		Length (km)		Status
Jayanagar (India) to Bhangaha (Nepal)		52		Operational
Bhangaha to Bardibas		16.7		Under construction
Raxaul (India) to Sirsiya (Birgunj, Nepal)		6		Operational
Bathnaha (India) to Budhnagar (Biratnagar, Nepal)		8		Operational

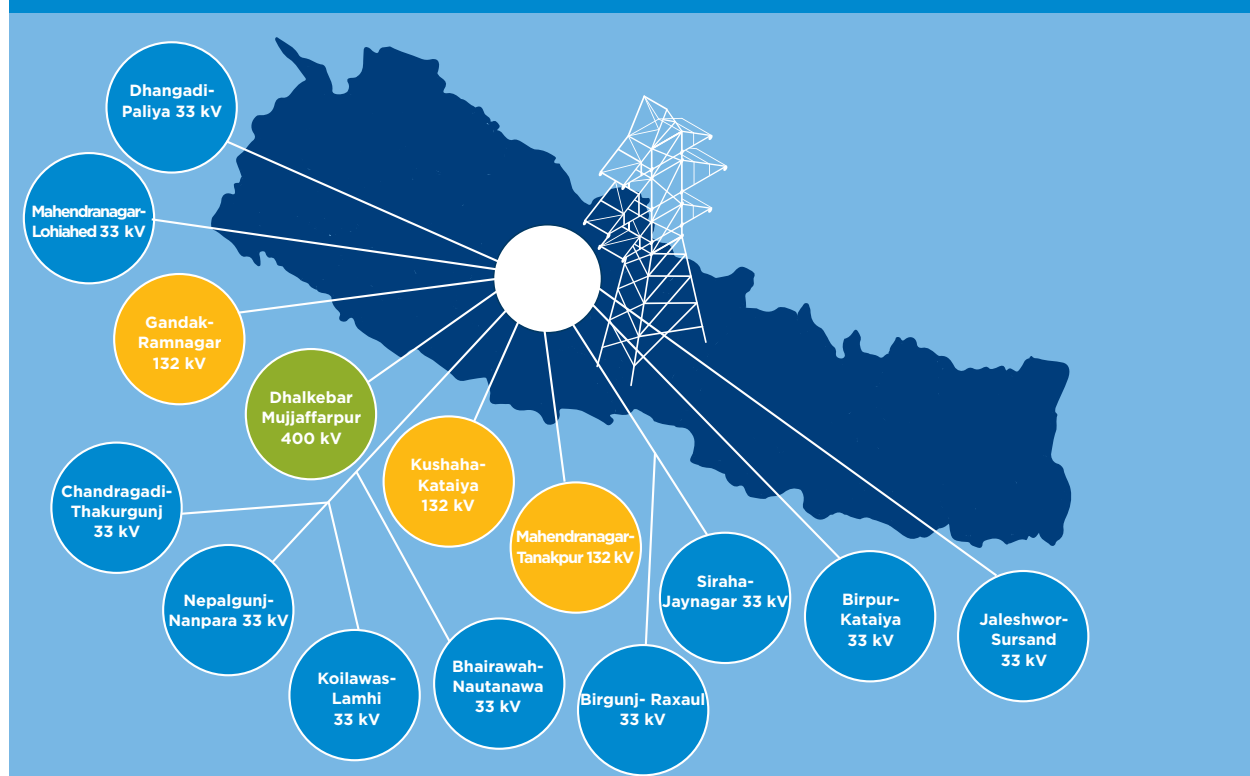


## ELECTRICITY



Electricity generation	Capacity
Total installed capacity	2,818.9 MW
Production by private sector	1,802 MW
Transmission lines	Coverage (km)
More than or equal to 66 KV	6,207
Less than or equal to 33 KV	203,855
Electricity consumption	Percentage
Households	34.6
Industry	29.9
Commerce	6.6
Others	10.5

## Nepal-India cross-border transmission lines



# INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

## SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES



**Responsible agency for operation and management:** Special Economic Zone Authority

### STATUS OF SEZS

Name	Location	Area	Potential Industries	Current Status
<b>1. Bhairahawa</b>	Province 5, Rohini Gaupalika	38.8 Ha (Total No. of plots 68; all occupied)	Fruits, Vegetable concentrate and Fruit vegetable juice worn readymade garment, Cement block, Cement electrical, Hume pipe cement precast, Steel wires and wire products, Medical herbal extract, Cosmetic herbal extract, Beverage, Ginger processing industry instant noodles, Mineral water bottles, Instant noodles, Footwear	Operation
<b>2. Simara</b>	Province 2 Jitpur Simara Sub-Metropolitan City	120.34 Ha (Block A)	Worn readymade Garment etc	Block A in operation & seeking private sectors investment in Block B, C, D & E
<b>3. Panchkhal</b>	Province 3, Panchkhal Municipality	50 Ha	Milk and Milk products etc.	Construction Ongoing
<b>4. Biratnagar</b>	Burju Gaupalika	200 Ha	Food Products, Handicraft, Leather goods, Herbs Processing, Incense Sticks, Automobile Spare parts, etc	DPR completed
<b>5. Nuwakot</b>	Bidur Municipality	70 Ha	Forestry, Agro and Livestock, Electronics, Metal based and Manufacturing.	Completed Feasibility Study
<b>6. Nepalgunj</b>	Rapti Sonari Gaupalika	348 Ha	Natural and herbal medicine, Agarbatti, Paper Industry, Fruits and Juice Industry etc.	Completed Feasibility Study
<b>8. Rautahat</b>	Yamunamai Gaupalika	55 Ha	Leather Industries, Noodles Industries, Dairy Product, Baby Food Industries, Sugar and Distillery Industries, etc	DPR completed
<b>9. Gorkha</b>	Gorkha Municipality	60 Ha	Copper or aluminum utensils, Decorative Goods, Electrical Goods, Fruit Juice, Garment, handmade dress materials, Herbs, Hide and skins, Incense sticks and candles etc	Completed Feasibility Study
<b>9. Talban</b>	Talban Temporary Sibir	40.7 Ha	Garment Factory, Food Products, Tobacco and beverages, Plastic bags, Packaging material and carton box factory, Chocolate and candle etc	Completed Feasibility Study
<b>10. Siraha</b>	Lahan Municipality	106 Ha	Diamond and gems cutting, electronic goods (TV, computer, Recorders, Air Conditioners, Refrigeration equipment), Telecom and Accessories (Wire, Poles, Cabinet boxes), Silver Jewelry, Copper/Bronze/Brass Products, Iron and steel products etc	DPR completed
<b>11. Dhangadi</b>	Burju Gaupalika	64 Ha	Diamond and gems cutting, electronic goods (TV, computer, Recorders, Air Conditioners, Refrigeration equipment), Telecom and Accessories	Completed Feasibility Study
<b>12. Dhanusha</b>	Dhanushadham Municipality	55 Ha	Copper or aluminum utensils, Decorative Goods, Electrical Goods, Fruit Juice, Garment, Handmade Dress Materials, etc	Completed Feasibility Study
<b>13. Jumla</b>	Kanaka Sundhar Gaupalika	47 Ha	Leather Processing, Pashmina Industry, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Honey Processing, Apple Processing, Local Paddy etc	DPR Completed
<b>14. Jhapa</b>	Kamal Gaupalika	200 Ha	Argo-Forestry Industries	Feasibility Study ongoing



## INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS IN OPERATION

S.N.	Industrial District Name	Location	Total Area (Hectare)	Occupied (Hectare)	Potential Industries	Status
1	Balaju	Kathmandu	34.09	27.47	Service Sector	131 industries established, 97 in operation
2	Hetauda	Hetauda	143.92	96.86	Service Sector	100 industries established, 63 in operation
3	Patan	Patan	14.91	11.19	Handicraft, plastic, dairy, sweets, furniture, water processing, iron steel	116 industries established, 113 in operation
4	Dharan	Dharan	10.28	7.33	Plastics, metals brass, aluminum, faucets grills, food items, rice cattle feed, pharmaceuticals	37 industries established, 30 in operation
5	Nepalgunj	Nepalgunj	11.85	9.62	Various Manufacturing and service industries	35 industries established, 30 in operation
6	Pokhara	Pokhara	24.01	24.01	Food processing, textiles, footwear, construction materials, electrical, plastic recycling health care products, financial services	86 industries established, 76 in operation
7	Butwal	Butwal	22.08	22.08	Iron based construction materials, suspension bridges, hydropower construction materials, electrical materials, iron poles	72 industries established, 64 in operation
8	Bhaktapur	Bhaktapur	3.63	3.63	Handicraft, paper craft, wooden craft, metal item, Nepali Pashmina, ceramics, and other traditional artifacts	39 industries in operation
9	Birendranagar	Surkhet	4.58	4.58	Wood based industries, workshops, poultry, water dairy products, food industries	27 industries established, 21 in operation
10	Gajendra Narayan Singh	Saptari	14.96	8.7	Service based industry	4 industries established, 2 in operation

#### Additional Industrial districts proposed (DPR completed)

1. Damak, Jhapa
2. Naubasta, Banke
3. Mayurdhup, Makwanpur
4. Motipur, Ruphandehi
5. Daji Chela, Kanchanpur

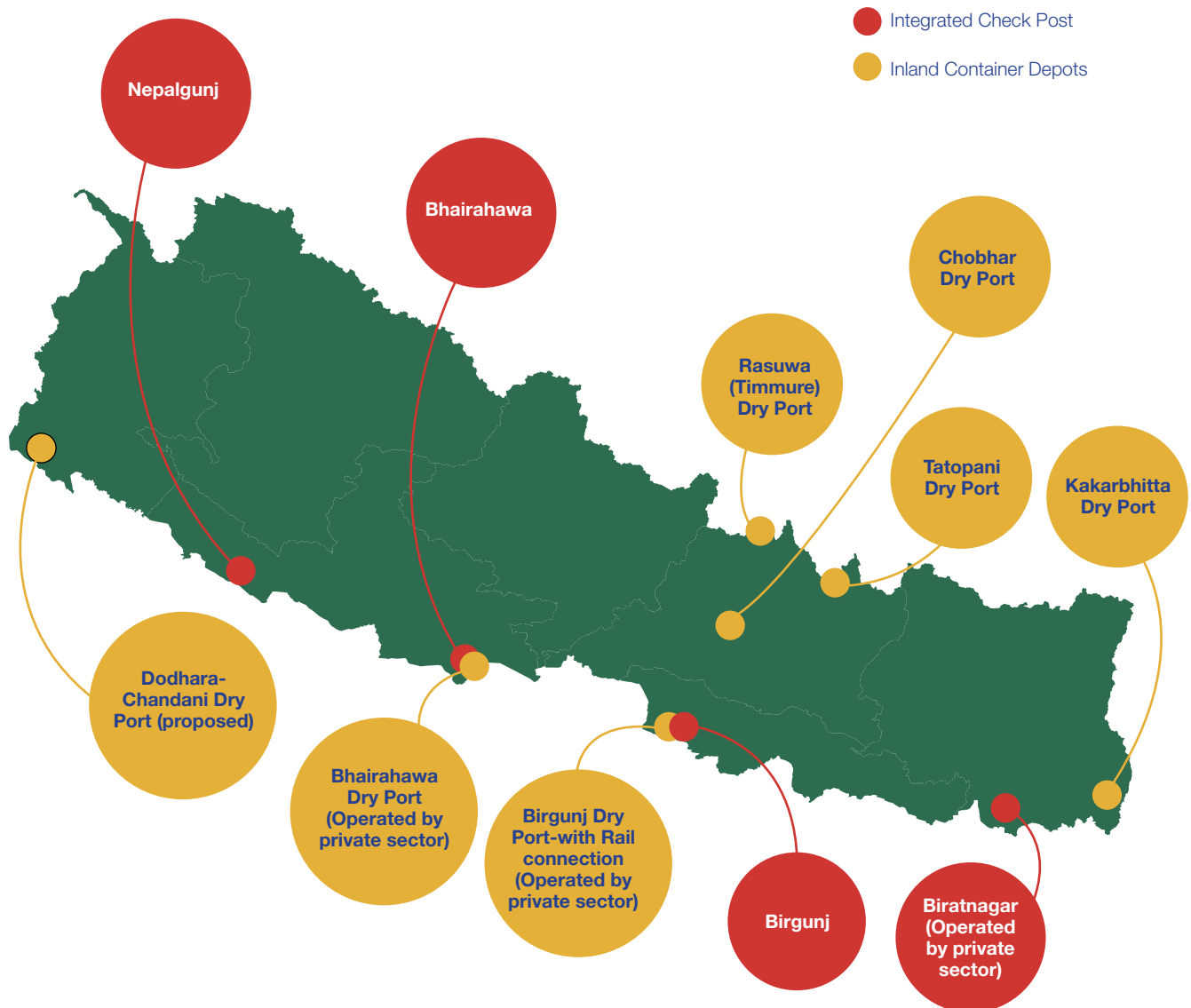


#### Benefits of industrial districts:

1. **Low Initial investment:** Already developed land and industrial sheds/ warehouses available on lease.
2. **Basic infrastructure:** Roads, drainage, culverts, electricity supply, water supply, and water filtration services in place.
3. **Support facilities & services:** Banks, post office, clinic, day care centre, workshop, canteen, sports hall, open playground, display/review centre, meeting/conference hall, primary school, guest house, safe and clean environment, and security arrangements.



## DRY PORTS AND INLAND CONTAINER PORTS



# FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE



## BANKING SYSTEM

**Regulatory authority:** Nepal Rastra Bank

### Banks and financial institutions

Types of financial intermediaries	Number	BFI branches
Banks	20	5,030
Development banks	17	1,134
Financial companies	17	288
Micro-finance financial institutions	55	5,077
Nepal Infrastructure Bank Ltd.	1	-

Source: Current Macroeconomic and Financial Situation, June 2024.

Banks and financial institutions have presence at almost all local levels.  
On average, a branch of a bank and/or financial institution serves 2,529 people.



### DEPOSITS

**54.4 million** accounts  
NPR **6,145.89** billion deposits



### LOAN AND ADVANCES

**167.6 million** accounts  
NPR **4,996.53** billion loan and advance

Source: Current Macroeconomic and Financial Situation, June 2024.

### Interest Rates

Indicator	Value
Weighted average interest rate on deposit	6.74%
Weighted average interest rate on credit	10.78%
Total credit/GDP	90.65%



**Non-bank financial institutions**

1. Employees Provident Fund
2. Citizens Investment Trust
3. Deposit and Credit Guarantee Fund
4. Social Security Fund

**INSURANCE****Regulatory Agency:** Nepal Insurance Authority

Indicator	Value
Number of life insurance companies	14
Number of non-life insurance companies	14
Number of reinsurance companies	2
Number of microinsurance companies	7
Population served by life-insurance (as a percentage of total population)	43.16

Source: Economic Survey, 2023/2024, MoF

**SECURITIES MARKET****Regulatory authority:** Securities Board of Nepal (SEBON)**Stock exchange market:** Nepal Stock Exchange Ltd. (NEPSE)**Number of brokers**

90

**Listed stocks**

270

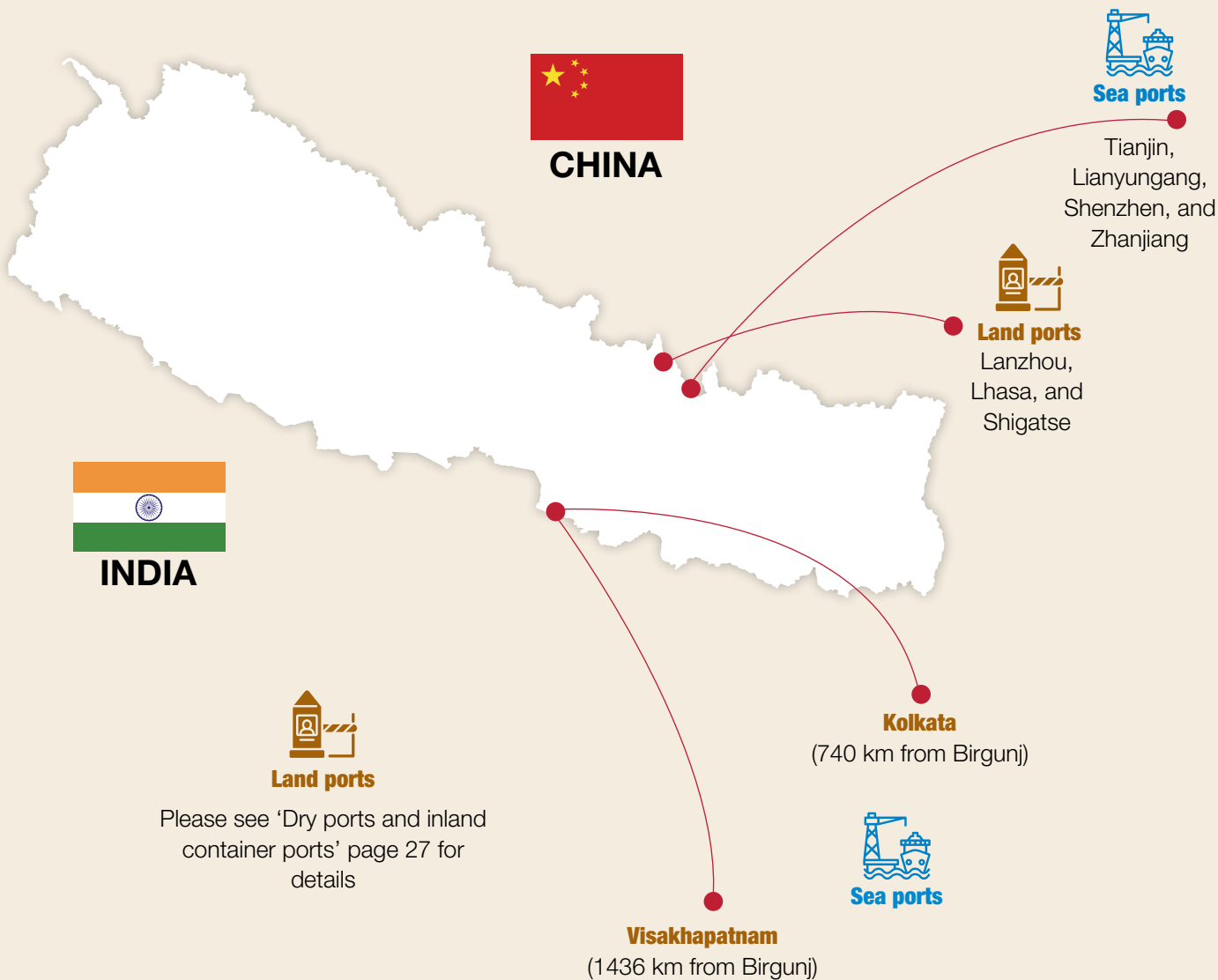
**Market capitalization**NPR 3,553.7  
billion**Merchant Bankers**

29

**Mutual fund**

21

# CONNECTIVITY



# PRIVATE SECTOR •



**Strong private sector associations**



**Effective in policy advocacy for economic reforms**



**Authorized to issue certificates of origin**

## MAJOR PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANISATIONS

1. Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industry
2. Confederation of Nepalese Industries
3. Nepal Chamber of Commerce
4. Nepal Bankers' Association
5. Independent Power Producers' Association Nepal
6. Confederation of Banks and Financial Association Nepal

Nepal has many industry, trade, and profession-specific associations such as:

- Hotel Association of Nepal
- Nepal Cement Manufacturers' Association
- Garment Association of Nepal

# MAJOR LAWS RELATED TO INVESTMENT

## Industrial Enterprises Act (IEA) 2020

- Classifies the industries based on fixed asset investment and nature of business.
- Provides “no work, no pay” provision to restrict illegal strikes.
- Arranges for One-Stop Service Centre to facilitate investment.
- Allows to import goods from foreign parent company for market development of new goods.
- Allows hiring of foreign nationals in high-level managerial positions.
- Requires industries to adopt environmental standards.
- Allows contract manufacturing for supply of goods and services
- Provides various fiscal incentives.

## Public Private Partnership and Investment Act (PPPIA) 2019

- Forms Investment Board, a high-level body chaired by the Primeminister, to approve and facilitate large scale investment.
- Defines IBN's role as investment promotion as well as PPP nodal agency.
- Authorised IBN to approve the project with cost higher than NPR 6 billion (non energy), and with capacity higher than 200MW (energy)
- Provides viability gap funding for construction, operation, and expansion for specified projects.
- Provides for an effective One-Stop Service Centre with authority to issue survey license, sign MoU and agreements, and grant investment approval, among others.

## Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer Act (FITTA) 2019

- Guarantees national and non-discriminatory treatment to all FDI companies.
- Allows 100% foreign investment in almost all types of industries with no upper ceiling.
- Opens technology transfer for all industrial sectors.
- Guarantees repatriation in foreign currency.
- Provides for business/residential visa for investor.
- Defines FDI to include lease financing and investment in listed securities in secondary market.
- Allows FDI by opening branch office or by establishing a venture capital fund.
- Provides for contract manufacturing.
- Provides for an all-powerful One-Stop Service Centre.
- Allows opening of bank account in convertible foreign currency.
- Provides for dispute settlement as agreed between the parties in agreement.
- Allows technology transfer outside by companies registered and operated in Nepal.

## COMPANY ACT 2006 (AMENDED 2019)

- Provides statutory recognition for online company registration.
- Provides robust mechanism to protect trademarks.
- Allows public company to hold 100% shares of private company and vice versa without conversion.
- Simplifies conversion of liaison office of foreign company into a branch office.
- Provides for buying back own shares by companies to protect from hostile takeovers.
- Provides for issuing shares at premium price.

# DISPUTE RESOLUTION



Both PPPIA 2019 and FITTA 2019 have special provisions for dispute settlement.



These two laws allow dispute settlement by facilitation through mutual consultation or negotiation within 45 days of dispute according to the initial agreement between the parties.



Both PPPIA and FITTA allow arbitration in compliance with the rules or procedures set down in the prevailing United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) provisions, where FDI is involved.



In cases where there is no provision for dispute settlement in the agreement, disputes are settled through arbitration in accordance with the arbitration related laws of Nepal.



Allows concerned parties to enter into agreement for dispute settlement after a dispute arises by providing information on the agreement to the industry registration agency.







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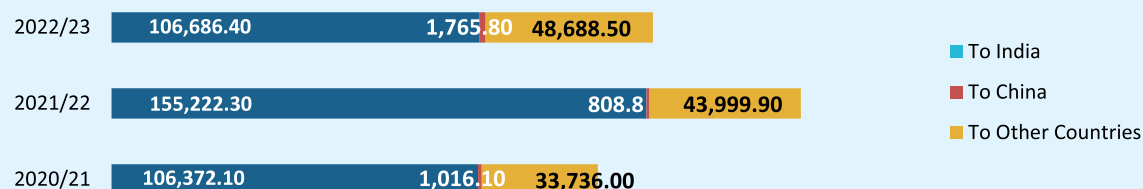
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# Trade and investment

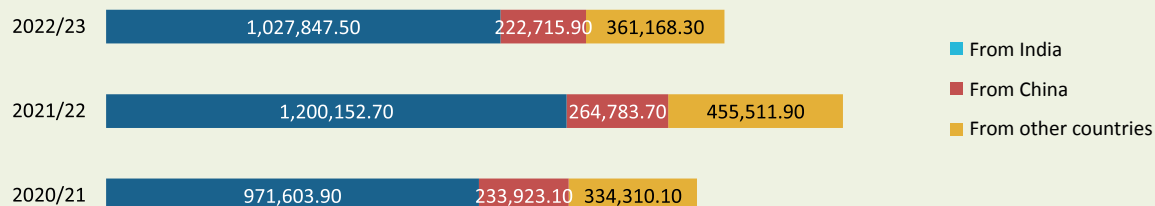
# INTERNATIONAL TRADE

## (2023/24) (In NPR Million)

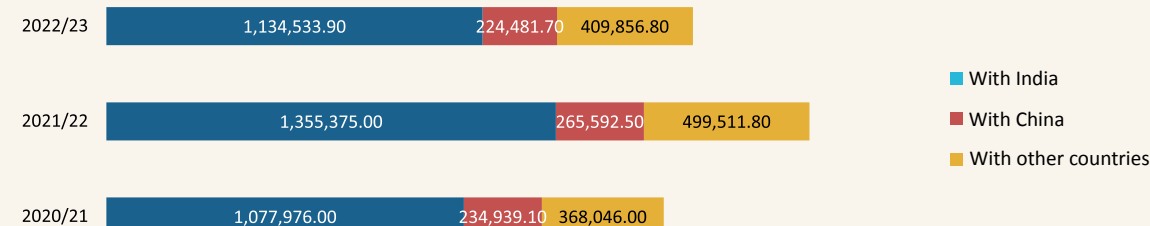
### Exports



### Imports



### Total Foreign Trade













## Trade Balance

Year	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
With India	-865,231.9	-1,044,930.4	-921,161.1	-893,505.1
With China	-232,907.0	-263,975.0	-220,950.1	-296,186.0
With other countries	-300,574.1	-411,512.0	-312,479.8	-250,913.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>-1,398,713.0</b>	<b>-1,720,417.4</b>	<b>-1,454,591.1</b>	<b>-1,440,604.9</b>

Source: Current Macroeconomic and Financial Situation, June 2024.











## TOP IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (TOTAL VALUE IN 2023/24)

### Exports

				
<b>Zinc sheet</b> NPR 11,858.05 million	<b>Polyester yarn &amp; thread</b> NPR 11,210.11 million	<b>Woollen carpet</b> NPR 10,570.7 million	<b>Juice</b> NPR 8,658.7 million	<b>Cardamom</b> NPR 7,936.6 million
				
<b>Particle board</b> NPR 7,415.32 million	<b>Jute goods</b> NPR 6,755.8 million	<b>Palm oil</b> NPR 6,336.5 million	<b>Readymade garments</b> NPR 6,294.5 million	<b>Tea</b> NPR 3,611.6 million

Source: Current Macroeconomic and Financial Situation 2022/23, Nepal Rastra Bank

### Imports

				
<b>Petroleum products</b> NPR 300,650.7 million	<b>Other machinery &amp; parts</b> NPR 78,851.9 million	<b>Transport equipment, vehicle &amp; other vehicle spare parts</b> NPR 78,010.5 million	<b>Medicine</b> NPR 45,904.02 million	<b>Ferrous products obtained by direct reduction of iron (Sponge Iron)</b> NPR 39,026.7 million
				
<b>Gold</b> NPR 38,677.01 million	<b>Telecommunication equipment and parts</b> NPR 37,137.1 million	<b>Chemical fertilizer</b> NPR 36,431.7 million	<b>Readymade garments</b> NPR 33,263.5 million	<b>Textiles</b> NPR 30,924.3 million

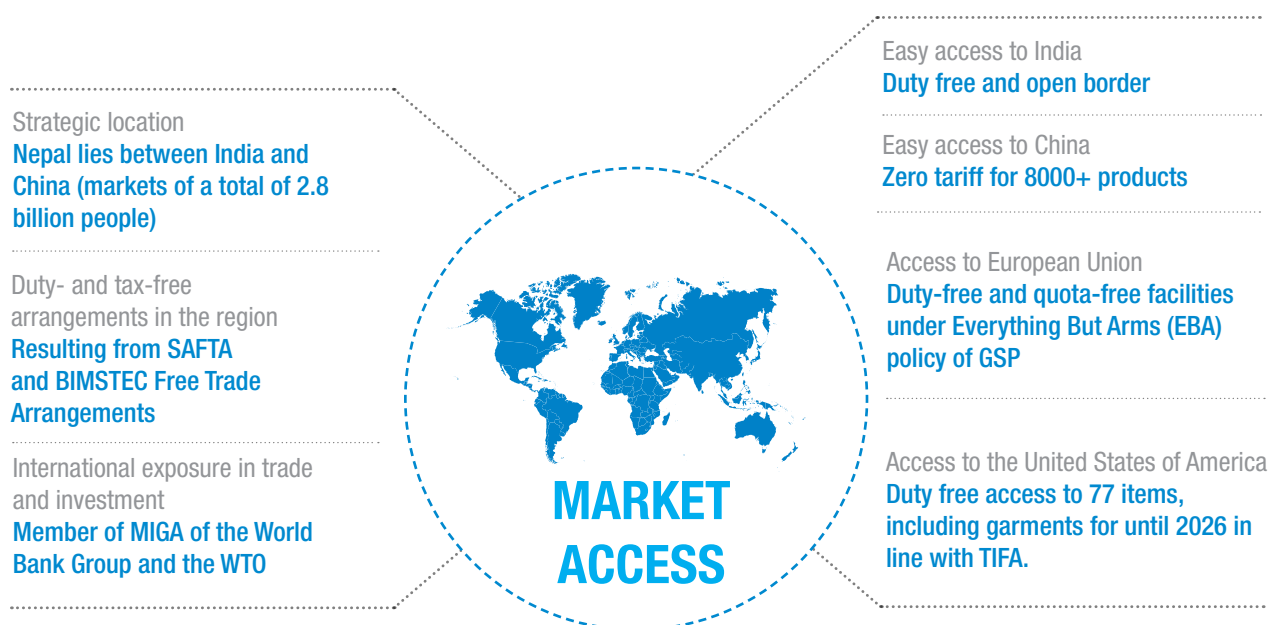
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# FDI TRENDS

Foreign investment approval and realisation (million, NPR)



# INVESTMENT ENABLERS





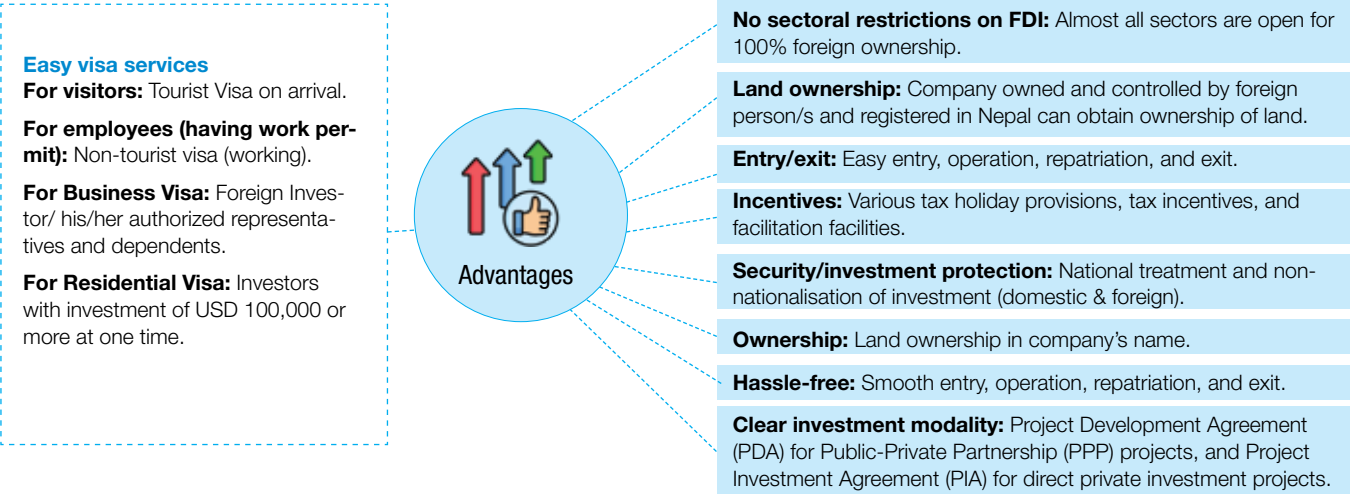
## MEMBERSHIP IN MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS



## BILATERAL TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS



## OTHER ADVANTAGES THAT FACILITATE INVESTMENT

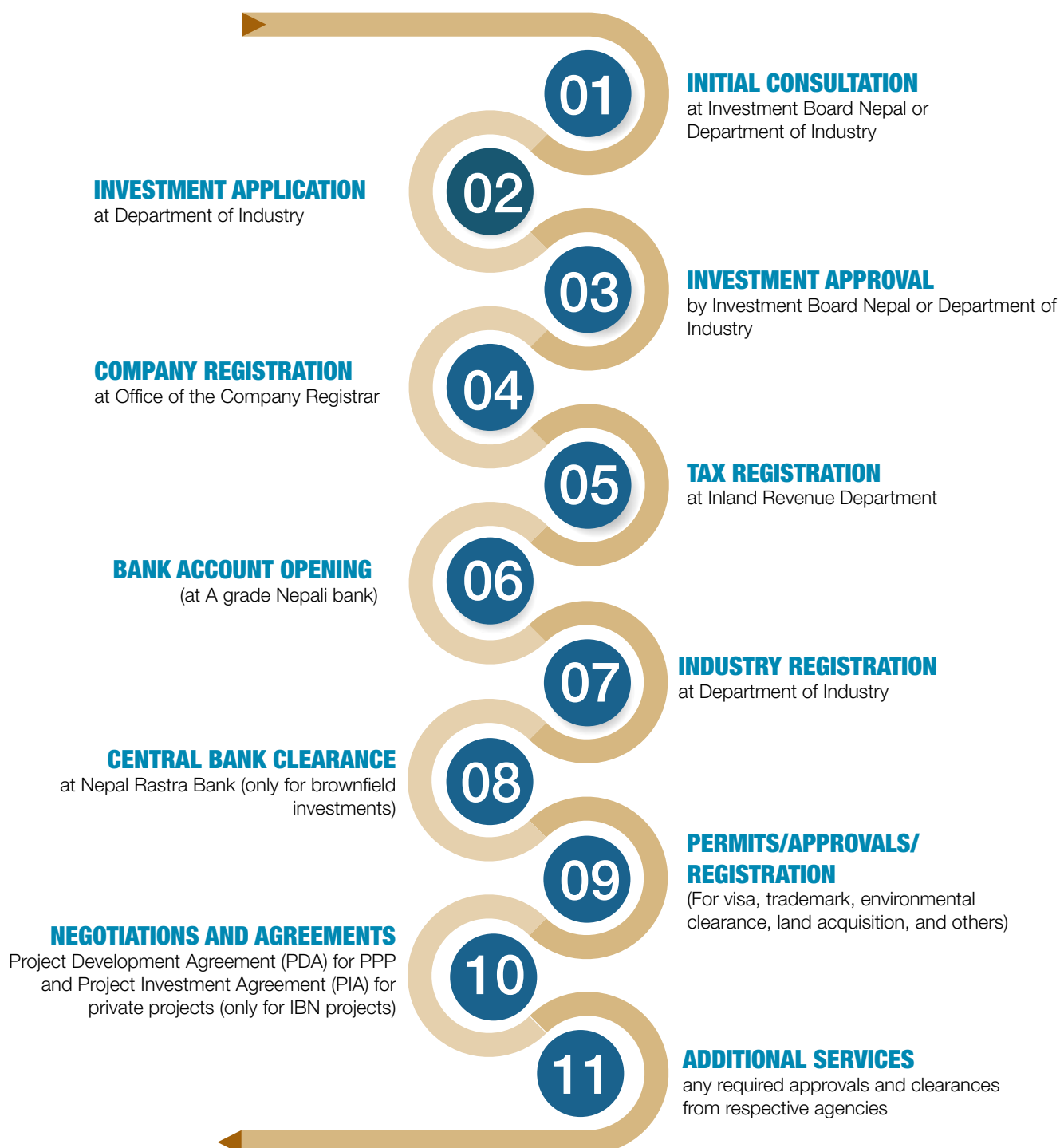


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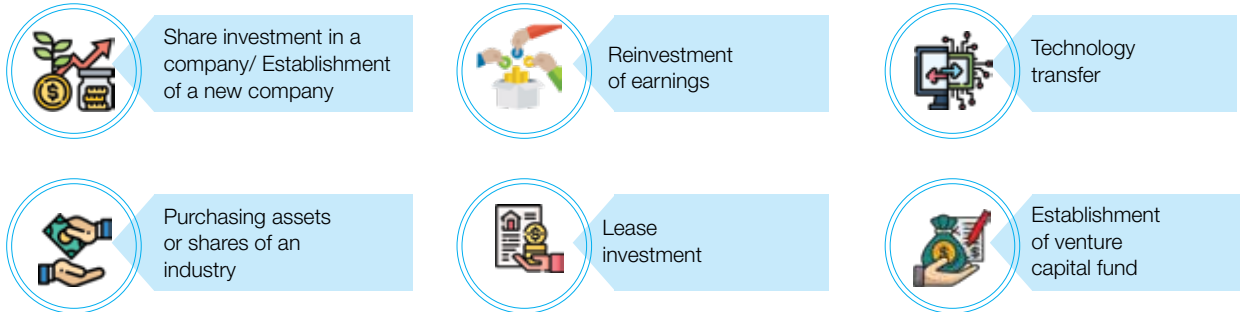
## Chapter 6

# Investing in Nepal

# INVESTMENT PROCESS



# INVESTMENT MODALITIES



## APPROVING AGENCIES

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### Department of Industry

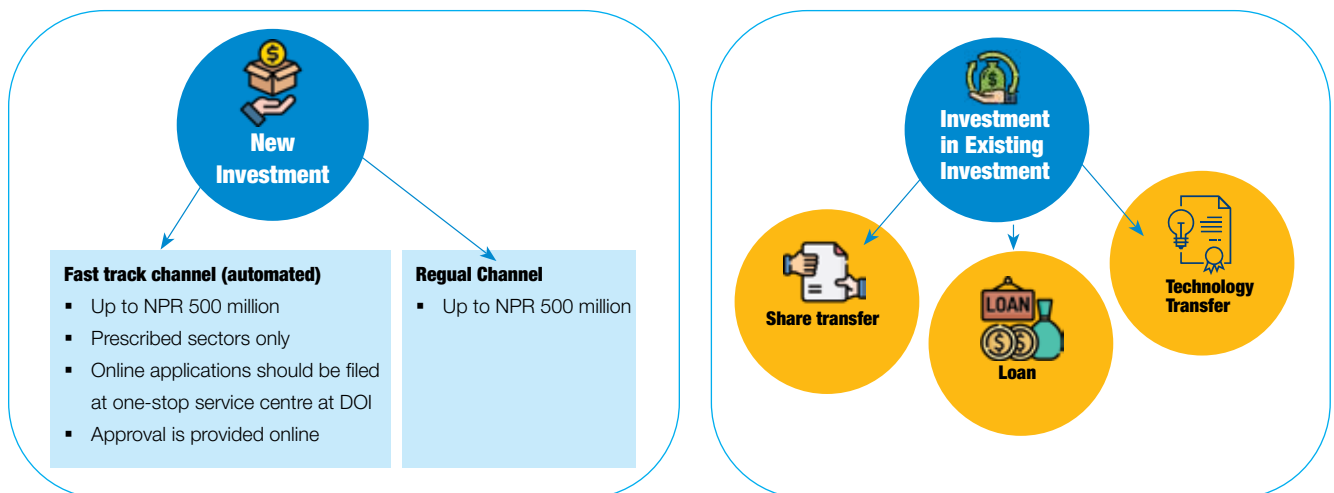
All Foreign Investment

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### Investment Board Nepal

Estimated Project Cost:  $\geq$  NPR 6 Billion

## Approval Process through Department of Industry



## Documents required for foreign investment approval

Documents required	FDI approval	Investment by Share Transfer	Technology Transfer
Prescribed Application Submission	✓	✓	✓
Project Proposal/Report	✓		
Joint Venture Agreement (JVA), if there are more than one investors	✓		
Industry/Company Registration Certificate		✓	✓
Tax clearance certificate		✓	✓
Audit Report		✓	✓
Share Transfer Agreement		✓	
Request from the share transferor		✓	
Request from the share transferee		✓	
Current shareholders' list as certified by the Company Registrar's Office		✓	
Citizenship certificate of local party or Certificate of Incorporation including Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association, if local party is a company.	✓		✓
Copy of passport of foreign party or Certificate of Incorporation, including Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association, if party is a company.	✓		✓
Copy of passport and Biodata of foreign party if party is an individual.		✓	
Biodata / Company profile of the foreign party	✓		✓
Financial Credibility Certificate (FCC) of the Foreign Investor provided by a home country bank	✓	✓	
Letter of authorization from the company or investor, if necessary	✓	✓	✓
Copy of minutes of Board meeting from the concerned companies			✓
Copy of minutes of Board meeting, Certificate of incorporation and company profile if the foreign party is a company.		✓	
Technology Transfer Agreement (TTA)			✓
Notarized copy of Board decision of foreign company for investing.	✓		
Notarized copy of passport of the Director/ Shareholders of foreign company	✓	✓	
Schedule for repatriation of investment received from purchase, sale or transfer of company shares or rights		✓	
Copy of approved scheme			✓
If there is Trademark in Technology Transfer, copy of registration certificate of Trademark which has not expired			✓



## Documents required for foreign loan approval

Nepali individual, firm, company, bank and financial institution, and other organized institution can avail loan from outside by obtaining prior approval from Nepal Rastra Bank for industries or businesses other than those not opened for foreign investment as per Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer Act.

### Documents to be submitted with Application for Approval of Foreign Loan in Nepal Rastra Bank

**A)** Certified copy of the loan agreement between the lender and the borrower. (Not Mandatory in some exceptions)

### **B) Documents related to the lender:**

In the case of institution:

- 1) Certified copy of the institution's registration certificate,
- 2) Certified documents disclosing the beneficial owner,
- 3) Certified copy of the decision of the board of directors or authorized personnel regarding loan disbursement,
- 4) Certified copy of the latest audited financials (However, if the loan amount is less than or equal to USD 1 million or its equivalent in foreign currency, it is not mandatory to submit the audited financials. Similarly, if the financial statement submitted by the foreign investor is accompanied by the financial statement prepared by the board of directors/higher management along with the evidence stating that it does not need to be audited, the audited financials shall not be mandatory),
- 5) Certified copy of documents related to source of the foreign loan.

For foreign banks and financial institutions, financial institutions that have received approval from the government or central bank or other regulatory en-

ties to provide loans, finance companies, pension funds, hedge funds, government/inter-government owned institutions, including institutions listed in stock market as lender, documents mentioned in point (B) shall not be required. However, identification document of the lender shall have to be submitted

In the case of natural person:

- 1) Certified copy of the passport.
- 2) Certified copy of documents relating to the source of the foreign loan.

### **C) Documents related to the borrower:**

In case of institution:

- 1) Copy of institution's registration certificate,
- 2) Copy of business operation license (if applicable),
- 3) Copy of permanent account number certificate,
- 4) Copy of memorandum of association and articles of association (not required for institutions listed in the stock market)
- 5) A copy of the decision of the Board of Directors or the authorized personnel to avail loan,
- 6) Copy of the latest audited financials (not required for institution listed in stock market),
- 7) Copy of the latest tax clearance certificate/submission of tax returns (not required for institution listed in stock market)
- 8) Evidence of not being in the blacklist of the Credit Information Bureau (without elapse of six months while submission of the application with all documents).

In case of natural person:

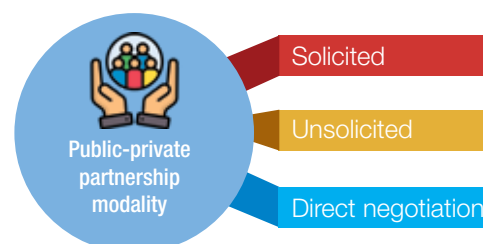
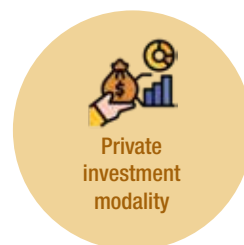
- 1) Certified copy of citizenship certificate,
- 2) Evidence of not being in the blacklist of the Credit Information Bureau (without elapse of six months while submission of the application with all documents).

## Investment Board Nepal

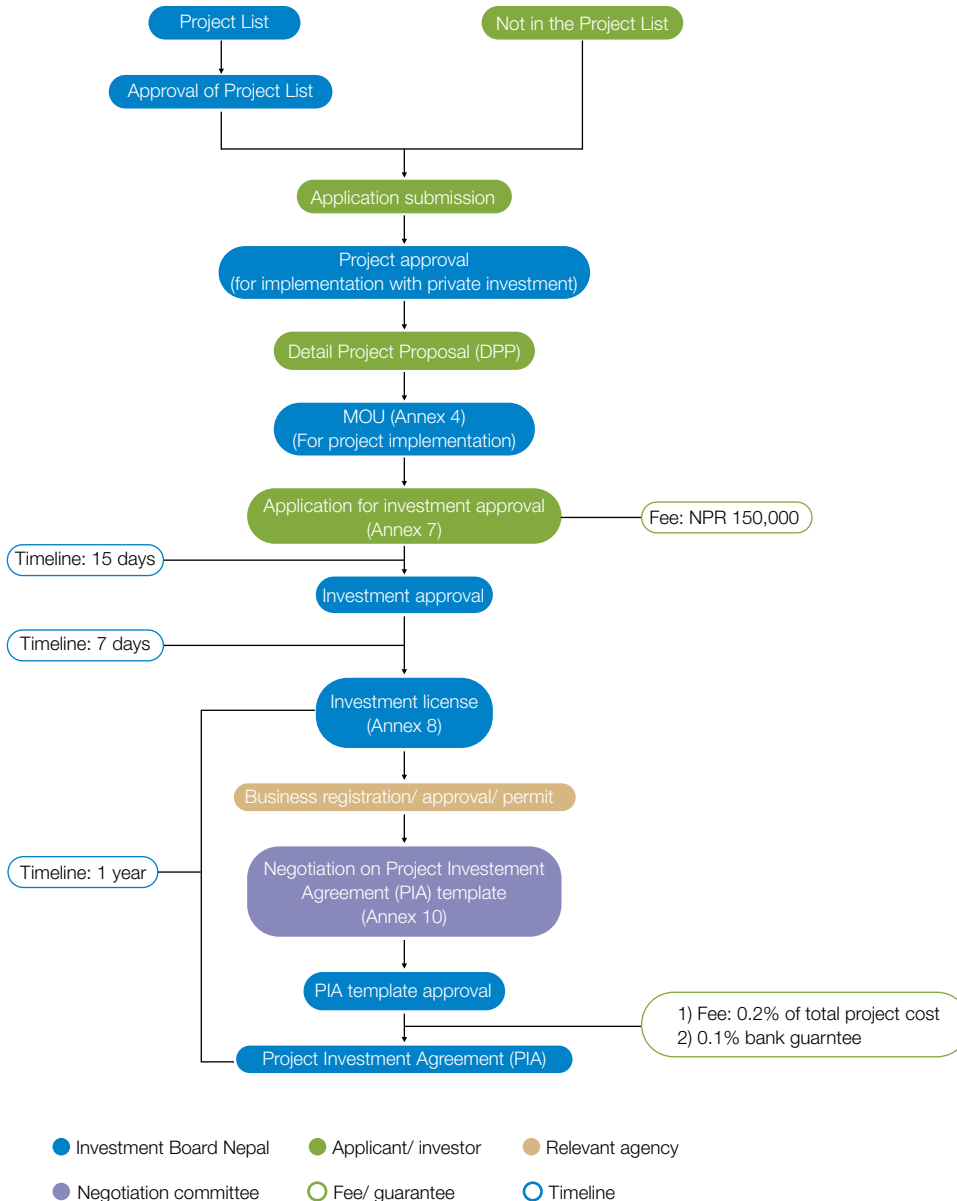
### Documents required for investment approval

1. Application in accordance with Annex-7 of Public Private Partnership Investment Rules (PPPIR 2020) (Rule 31.1)
2. Voucher for NPR 150,000 deposited in designated account.
3. Name, nature, location and concept of the project.
4. Details of estimated project cost.
5. Details of financial source and the estimated ratio of domestic or foreign equity or foreign debt (if any).
6. Business plan.
7. Action plan for project implementation.
8. Updated record of shareholders of the applicant company or institution.

### Project development modalities



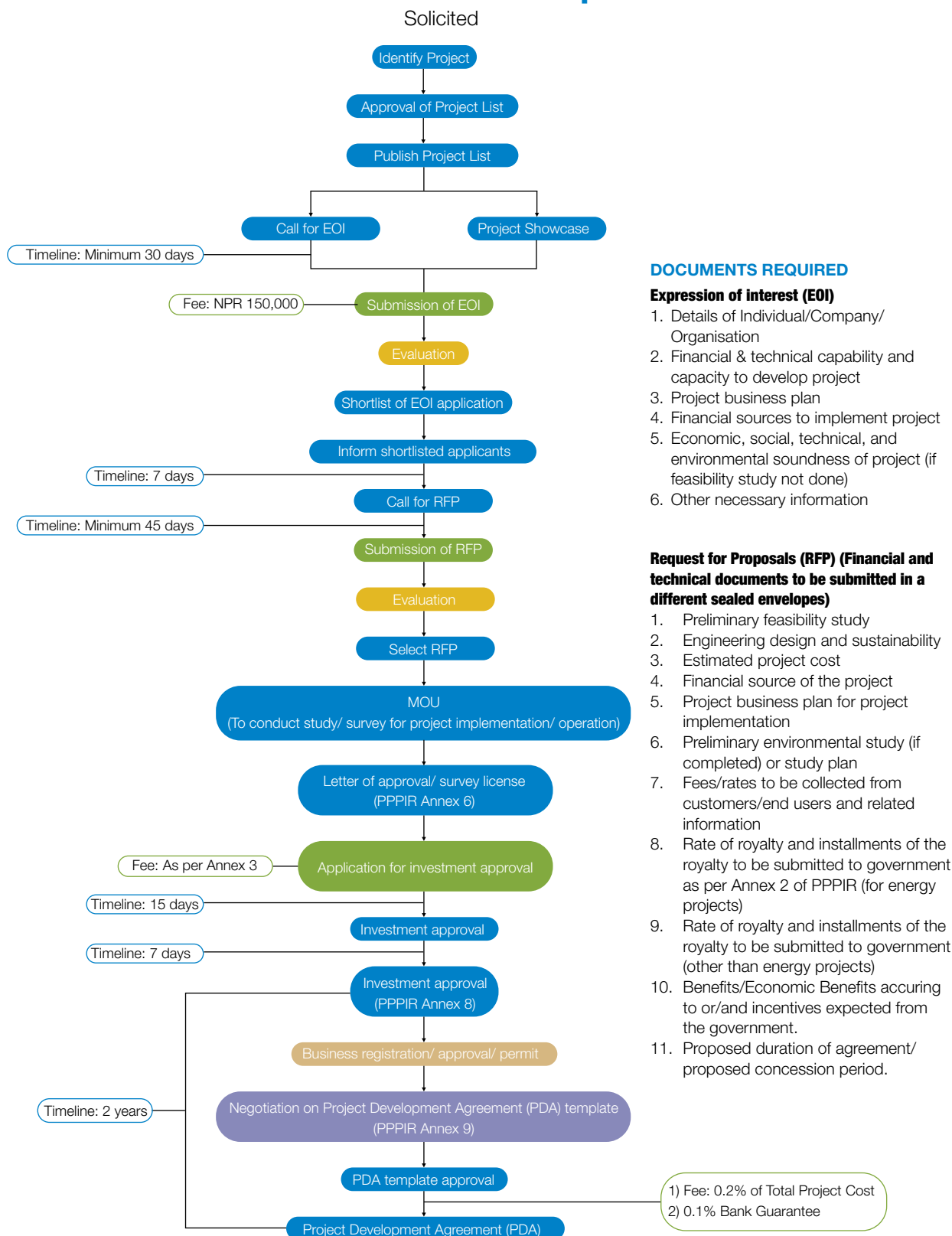
## Private Investment



### Documents required

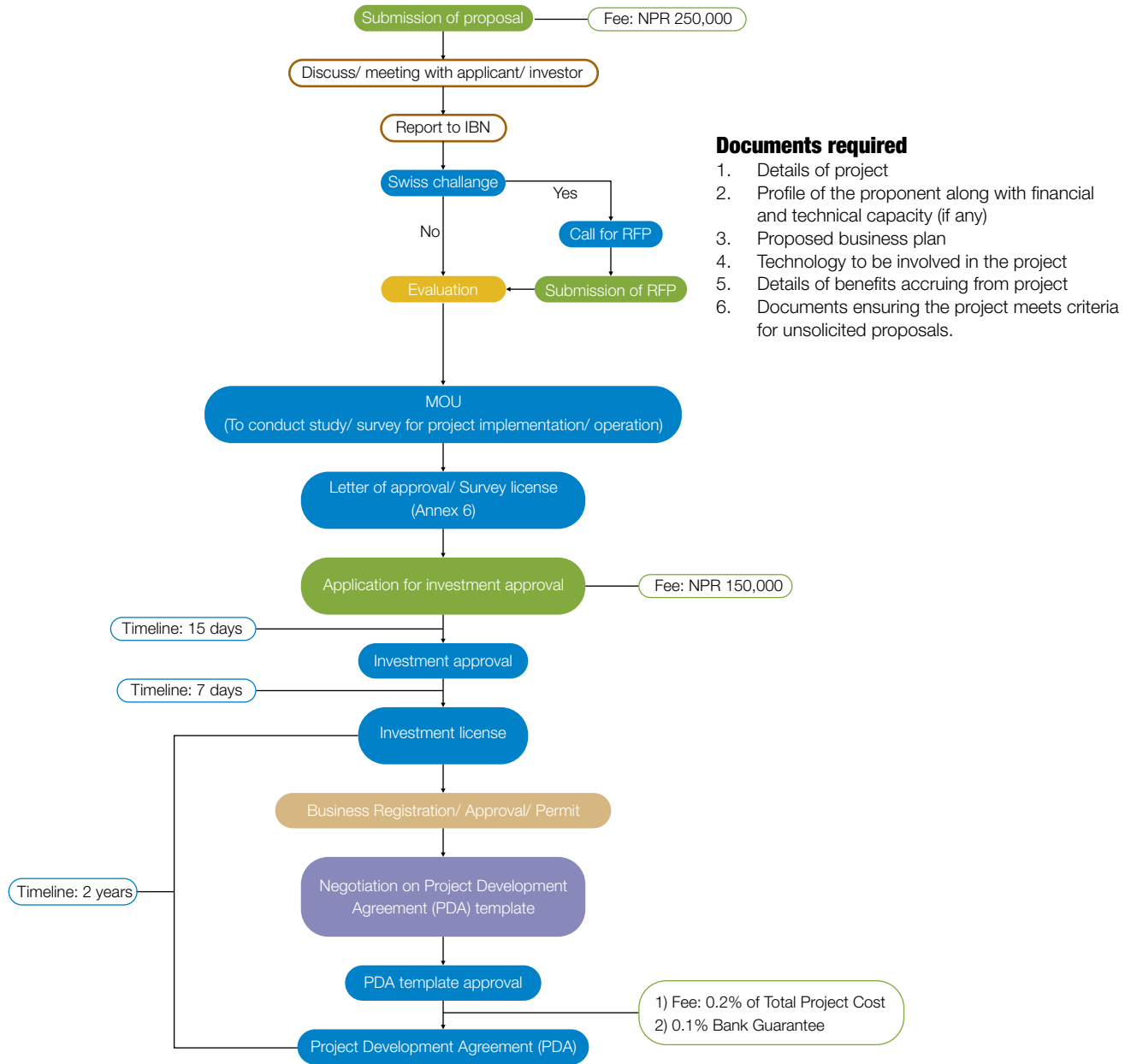
1. Application
2. Details of the project with following information
  - Financial capacity of the private investor
  - Technical aspects
  - Composition of shareholders
  - Experience
  - Employment generation

## Public Private Partnership



## Public Private Partnership

### Unsolicited

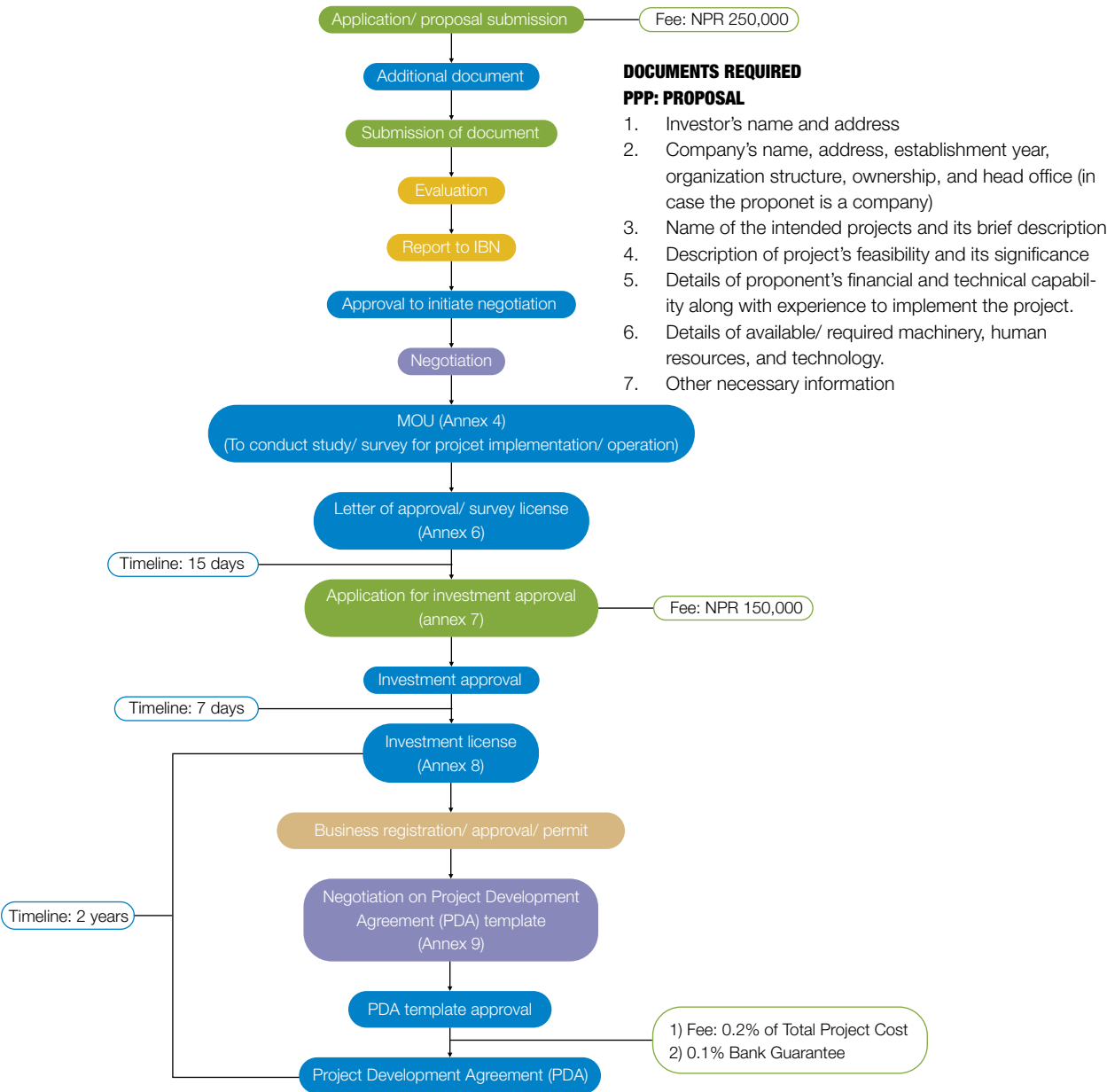


- Investment Board Nepal    ● Experts committee    ● Applicant/ investor    ● Evaluation committee
- Relevant agency    ● Negotiation committee    ● Fee/ guarantee    ● Timeline



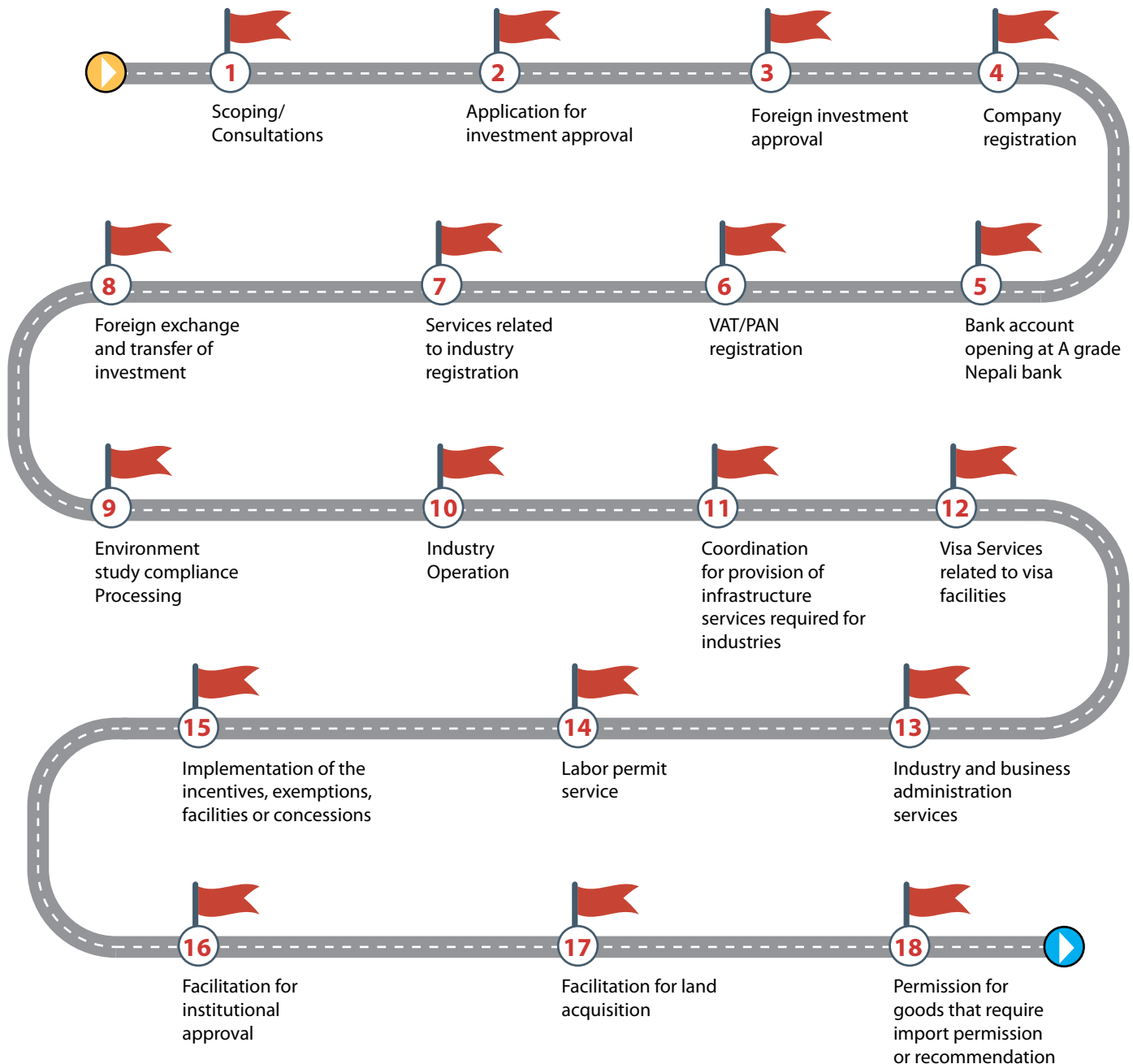
## Public Private Partnership

### Direct Negotiation



# ONE STOP SERVICES

OSSC: The following services are provided to investors:



# COMPANY REGISTRATION



To start a business in Nepal, an investor needs to incorporate a company. According to the Company Act 2006, the Office of the Company Registrar (OCR) under the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies is responsible agency for incorporation of a company in Nepal.

## Private Limited Company

- Limits the number of shareholders to 101
- Cannot make an invitation to the general public for share subscription
- A private company can have a maximum of 11 directors

## Public Limited Company

- Has a minimum of 7 shareholders with no maximum limit
- Has a minimum paid-up capital of NPR 10 million
- A public company is required to have at least one female director, if the company has a female shareholder
- May also offer shares to the public at the Nepal Stock Exchange (NEPSE) under the Companies Act and Securities Act

## Branch Office

- Companies registered abroad can register their branch office or liaison office in Nepal
- Not necessary to have FDI to Nepal

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

### For the registration of a company

- Memorandum of Association (2 copies).
- Approval for foreign investment from respective agency (1 copy).
- Articles of association (2 sets).
- Passport of the authorized investor (1 copy).
- If the foreign investor is a company, Company registration certificate of the said company and decision of the board of the directors to invest in the new company (1 copy).
- JVA agreement and approval from DOI in case of joint venture investment along with project proposal (1 copy).
- Citizenship of the witness (1 copy).
- Power of Attorney issued in favor of the advocates associated with registration (1 copy).

## FEES

The non-refundable fees for the Public Limited Company Registration are:

Range of authorized capital (NPR)	Fee (NPR)
Capital upto 1,00,00,000	15,000.00
Capital from 1,00,00,001 to 10,00,00,000	40,000.00
Capital from 10,00,00,001 to 20,00,00,000	70,000.00
Capital from 20,00,00,001 to 30,00,00,000	1,00,000.00
Capital from 30,00,00,001 to 40,00,00,000	1,30,000.00
Capital from 40,00,00,001 to 50,00,00,000	1,60,000.00
Capital above 50,00,00,000	1,60,000 plus additional 3000/Per 1.Cr

The non-refundable fees for the Private Limited Company Registration are:

Range of authorized capital (NPR)	Fee (NPR)
Capital upto 100,000	1,000.00
Capital from 1,00,001 to 5,00,000	4,500.00
Capital from 5,00,001 to 25,00,000	9,500.00
Capital from 25,00,001 to 1,00,00,000	16,000.00
Capital above NRS 1,00,00,000	16,000 plus additional 3000/Per 1.Cr

Please visit the official website of Office of the Company Registrar; [www.ocr.gov.np](http://www.ocr.gov.np) for more detail.

# TAX REGISTRATION



Any enterprise doing business in Nepal needs to register itself and obtain a Permanent Account Number (PAN) from the Inland Revenue Department (IRD). Enterprises with turnover of NPR 3 million or more, also need to register for VAT at the same department.

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

### For PAN/VAT Registration

- Application form.
- Copy of citizenship certificate. (for foreigners: any official identification document).
- Copy of the company registration certificate (if applicable).
- Two identical passport size photos of the person who signs the application form. (for partnerships: two identical size photos of each partner).
- Proof of deposit if requested by Inland Revenue Office (foreigners only).
- Sketch map of the location of main office or head office.
- In case of registration for VAT, if possible, declaration of estimated taxable amount of next three months, otherwise state the non-possibility in the application.
- To apply for registration of PAN, the company can use the IRD website ([www.ird.gov.np](http://www.ird.gov.np)) and register online as well.

Please visit the official website of Inland Revenue Department [www.ird.gov.np](http://www.ird.gov.np) for details.

# INDUSTRY REGISTRATION



After registration at the tax office, the industry is required to get registered in the respective sector-specific government agency/ministry. Industrial Enterprises Act, 2020 makes it mandatory for all businesses falling under the definition of 'industry' to be registered at the DOI.

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

1. Application
  2. Description of project
  3. Copy of Nepali citizenship certificate or photocopy of passport in case of foreign citizen
  4. Copy of firm or company registration certificate if applicant is firm or company
  5. Description including mapping of industry site
  6. Authorized letter and identity document of authorized person in case representative has been appointed
  7. Letter of foreign investment approval in case of operation of industry with foreign investment
  8. Agreement in between partners if industry is to be established in partnership.
  9. Recommendation of rural municipality or municipality of area of industry establishment
  10. Other necessary documents allocated by industry registering body
- Copy of approved Memorandum of Association and regulation
  - Decision of operator committee
  - Updated share list
  - Audit report and tax clearance certificate of previous fiscal year
  - Feasibility Study Report and license of survey/production of electricity production having reinstatement period in case of industry producing hydroelectricity
  - Distance verification document of Lumbini Development Trust in case of industry to be established in Rupandehi and Kapilbastu district
  - Agreement of other entities (In case of industry related to Tourism, Health, Medicine, Communication, Forest, Labor etc.)

[Note: The above is applicable for foreign investment in new industry.]

Please visit the official website of Department of Industries [www.doind.gov.np](http://www.doind.gov.np) for details.

# BRINGING INVESTMENT

Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB), the central bank, discharges central banking responsibilities including regulation of foreign exchange. The currency of investment should be in convertible currencies (Indian currency is allowed for Indian investors). NRB provides approval for remitting foreign currency of approved foreign investment (Only Pre Notification for Greenfield investment) and foreign loan and records both foreign investment and foreign loan. In accordance with the prevailing laws, Nepal Rastra Bank grants the approval of foreign currency exchange facility for repatriation of foreign investment and earnings.

## For feasibility studies and pre-operating expenses before investment approval

- A pre-approval from NRB is not required.
- The investor may transfer the amount to bank account of the concerned investor or his/her representative.

- Amount up to 3% of the paid-up capital can be capitalised after investment approval.
- Amount invested for feasibility study and pre-operating expenses cannot be repatriated if foreign investors do not invest in the proposed company/industry or the total investment amount exceeds the approved capital of the company/industry.

## For projects/ industries

- Approval from the Central Bank is not required if-
  - the investor has an investment approval from concerned authorities (DOI/ IBN) and it does not reduce the ownership and ownership ratio of Nepali investors.
  - the investment is made in sick industries.
  - the investment is made in company listed in the stock exchange.
- Investor is required to submit written information to the NRB prior to remitting the fund to Nepal.

## Documents required for bringing funds for approved projects

Documents of receiver (company based in Nepal)	Documents of sender
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Application to remit the approved foreign investment.</li> <li>2. Copy of resolution/ minutes of the Board of Directors or authorised representative/officials*.</li> <li>3. Copy of foreign investment approval.</li> <li>4. Copy of the company/ industry registration certificate*.</li> <li>5. Copy of business license (if required) *.</li> <li>6. Copy of Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association*.</li> <li>7. Copy of PAN registration certificate*.</li> <li>8. Certificate from Credit Information Bureau certifying that the company incorporated in Nepal is not blacklisted (valid for six months only)*.</li> <li>9. Certified copy of foreign investment agreement and approved share transfer agreement (if required).</li> <li>10. Copy of share valuation report of the company*.</li> </ol>	<p><b>If the investor is a company:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Certified copy of company registration.</li> <li>2. Certified copy of the latest audited financials (only if the amount is higher than USD 1 million or its equivalent in foreign currency).<sup>1</sup></li> <li>3. Copy of document that identifies the ultimate beneficiary (not required for the company listed in stock exchange).</li> <li>4. Certified copy of minutes of the Board of Directors or authorised representative.</li> </ol> <p><b>If foreign investor is a natural person:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Certified copy of the passport (Special arrangements for the company established in joint venture by the GoN and NRNA).</li> </ol> <p><b>If sender is representing a principal</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Certified copy of the passport/ certificate of incorporation.</li> <li>2. Certified copy of source of investment.</li> <li>3. Certified copy of relationship certificate with the approved foreign investor.</li> <li>4. Self-declaration satisfying national/ international legal compliances of anti-money laundering regulations.</li> <li>5. Certified copy of decision of the Board of Directors or authorised person along with contract between sender and receiver.</li> </ol>

Notes: "Certified" means certified by a Notary. Applicant must be the authorized person.

\*If foreign investment is done by share transfer of a company/ industry listed at the Nepal Stock Exchange, the documents indicated with the asterisk (\*) are not required. Reinvestment does not require any approvals.

1. Similarly, if the financial statement submitted by the foreign investor is accompanied by the financial statement prepared by the board of directors/higher management along with the evidence stating that it does not need to be audited, the audited financials shall not be mandatory.

# RECORDING FOREIGN INVESTMENT

Foreign Investment must be recorded at Nepal Rastra Bank in order to have recognition of foreign investment made in compliance with prevailing laws. The foreign investor shall submit an application along with the documents within the period of six months from the date of remittance of foreign currency. Nepal Rastra Bank shall make decision on recording and provide a certificate of recording within seven working days.

## (A) Documents of Nepali recipient company:

- 1) A copy of the decision of the board of directors or the authorized personnel related to recording of foreign investment or the application from the concerned foreign investor/individual or organization authorized by the foreign investor,
- 2) Copy of approval of foreign investment,
- 3) Copy of company/industry registration certificate,
- 4) Copy of business operation license (if applicable),
- 5) Copy of permanent account number certificate,
- 6) Copy of memorandum of association and articles of association,
- 7) Copy of latest audited financials,
- 8) Copy of proof of latest tax clearance or submission of tax returns,
- 9) Copy of updated shareholder's registration record from the Office of the Company Registrar (in case of a company listed in stock market, shareholder's record certified by a share registrar licensed by the Securities Board),
- 10) Certificate and system generated evidence issued by relevant bank and financial institution regarding the inflow of foreign currency into Nepal for foreign investment,
- 11) Certified copy of foreign investment agreement and approved share purchase-sale agreement (if required),
- 12) For inflow of foreign currency, evidence of approval or Pre-notification made to Nepal Rastra Bank

- 13) If the inflow amount related to foreign investment is lower due to SWIFT charge, bank commission, service fee etc. charged by foreign and domestic bank and financial institution, such can also be recorded as foreign investment based on document evidences. However, such fee cannot be recorded as foreign investment if it exceeds more than 3 percent of the net inflow amount.

## (B) Documents related to Sender If Foreign Investor is a Company:

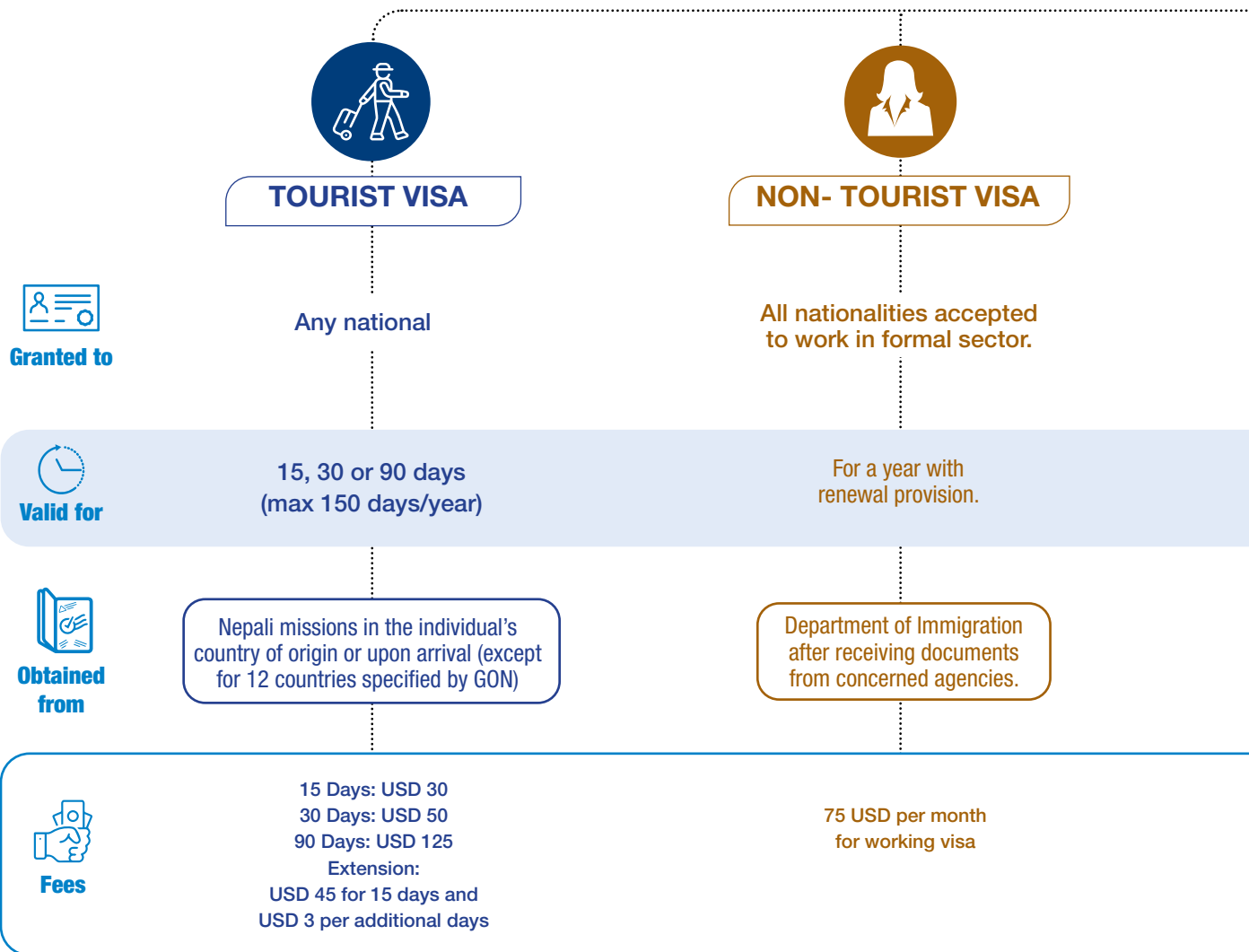
- 1) Certified copy of registration certificate of institution,
- 2) Certified copy of the latest audited financials. (However, if the investment amount is less than or equal to USD1 million or its equivalent in foreign currency, it is not mandatory to include the audited financials. Similarly, if the financial statement submitted by the foreign investor is accompanied by the financial statement prepared by the board of directors/higher management along with the evidence stating that it does not need to be audited, the audited financials shall not be mandatory),
- 3) Certified copy of the document verifying the identity of the beneficial owner (not required in case of company listed in stock market)
- 4) Certified copy of the decision of the board of directors or the authorized personnel regarding foreign investment in Nepal.

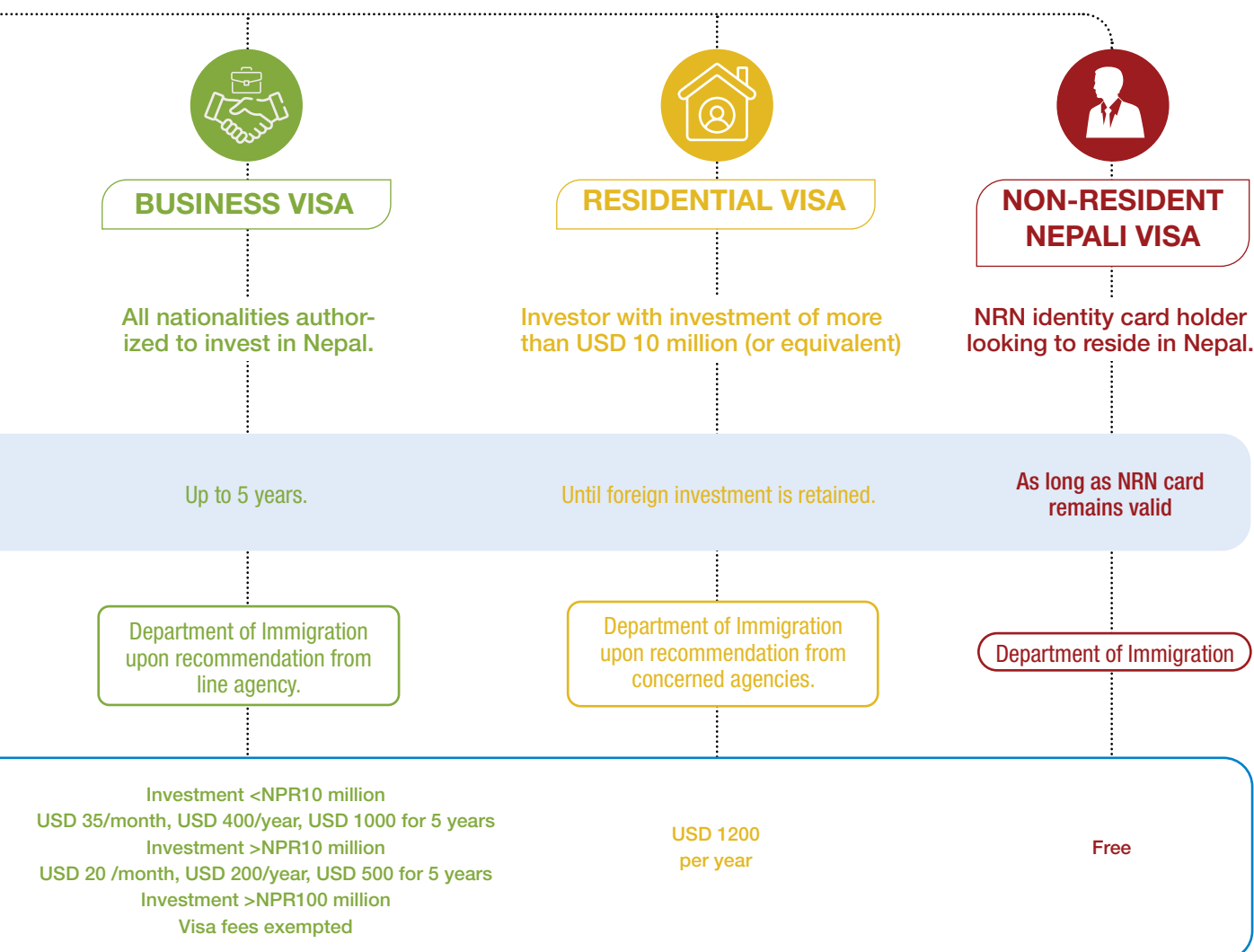
## Documents to be submitted for Recording of Foreign Loan

1. Copy of foreign loan approval letter from the Rastra Bank,
2. Copy of certificate regarding inflow of foreign currency into Nepal pertaining to foreign
3. loan and system generated certificate issued by bank and financial institution,
4. Copy of the latest audited financials (not required for institution listed on stock market),
5. Copy of the latest tax clearance or submission of tax returns (not required for institution
6. listed on stock market),
7. A copy of the decision of the board of directors or the authorized personnel regarding recording of foreign loan,
8. Certified copy of repayment schedule of the loan,
9. Recommendation from Government of Nepal, Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Supplies or approval letter from the relevant entity (if available).



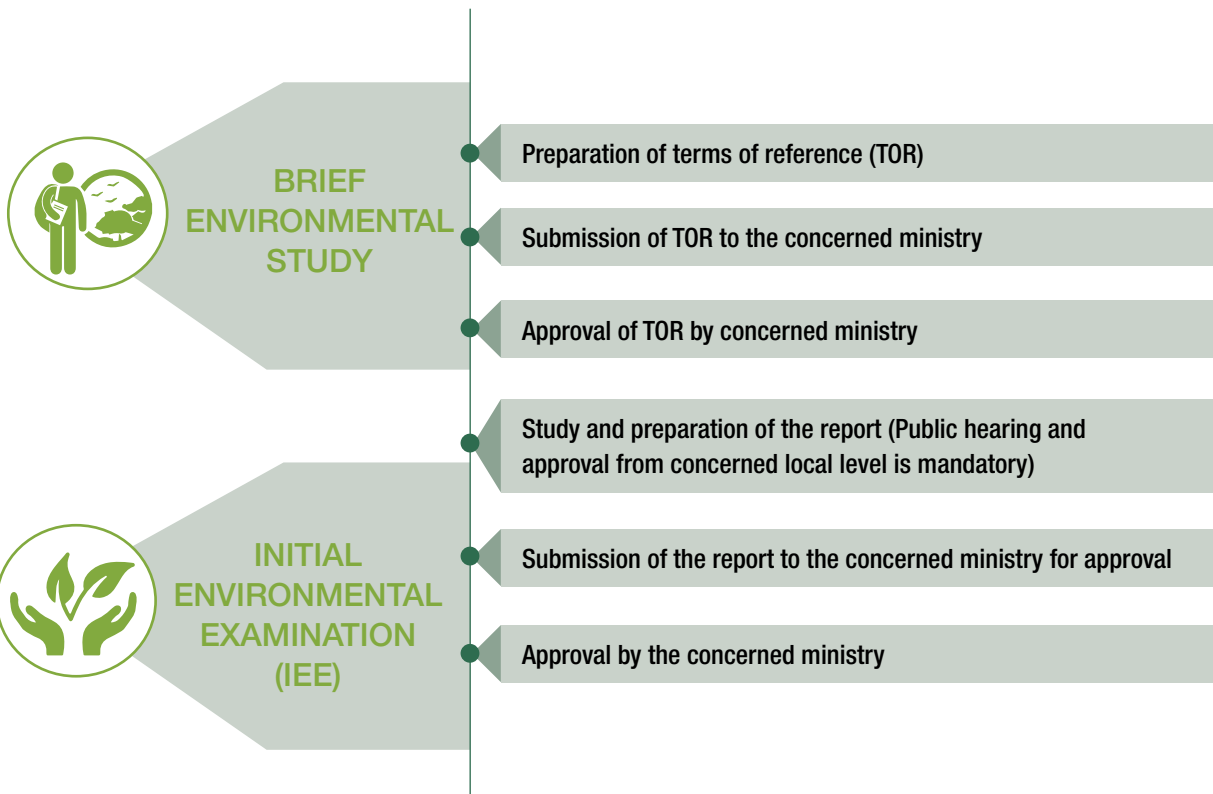
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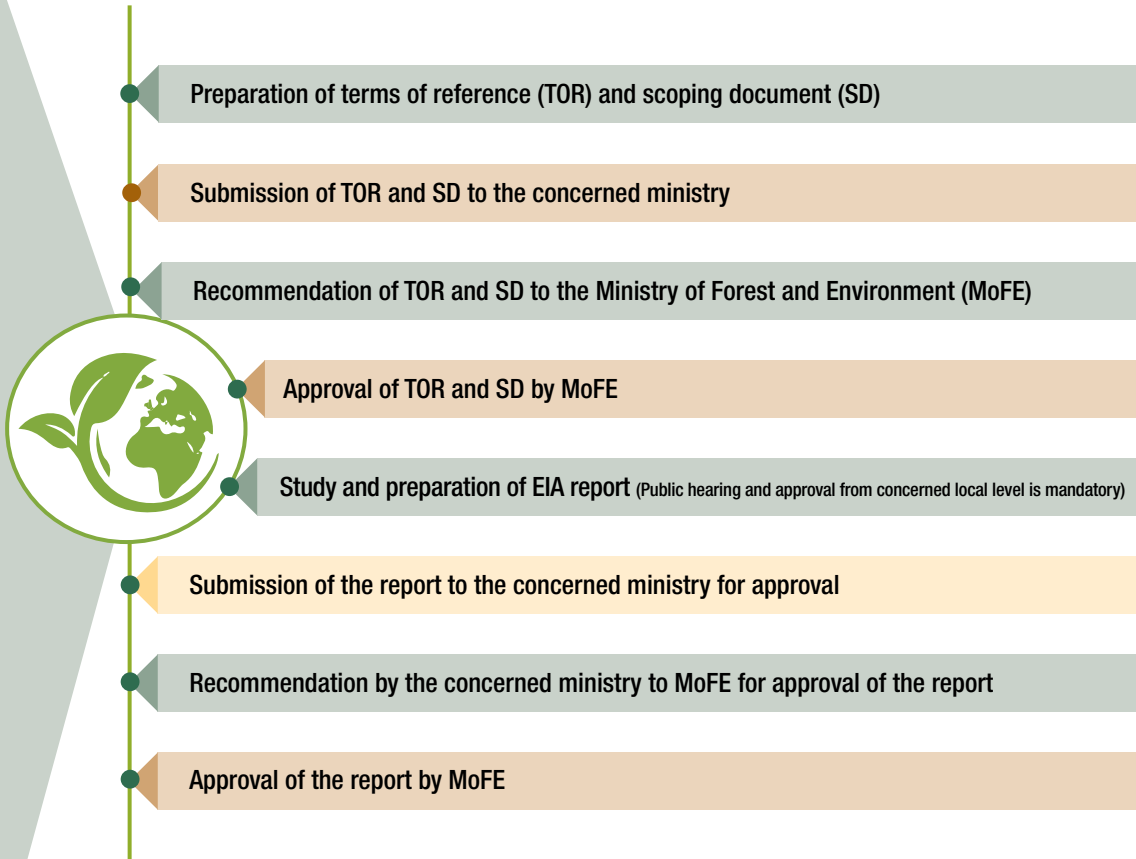


# ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMPLIANCES

Based on projects' size and the possible environmental and social impacts, all projects must undergo either Brief Environmental Study (BES), Initial Environmental Examination (IEE), or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in accordance with the Environment Protection Act (2019) and Rules (2020).



## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)



Industries willing to obtain Pollution Control Certification, as per Environment Protection Act 2019 and Rules 2020, can obtain the Certification from the Ministry of Forests and Environment or relevant Provincial Ministry.



## POLLUTION CONTROL CERTIFICATION

## SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS STANDARDS



Provisions on tackling social issues such as resettlement and rehabilitation and benefit sharing for affected families to help them improve livelihoods are mainly dependent on negotiations between the government and investors and are laid out in the PDA/PIA document. Nepal does have a policy on Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation for Infrastructure Development Projects 2015, which provides guidance for resettlement and rehabilitation of affected households.

# LAND AVAILABILITY

Depending upon the type of land (government or private), the land is available through the following process:

## A. Private Land



### Through acquisition process

- An entity with approved foreign investment can acquire land required for the industry through the process of Land Acquisition Act 1977

### Through direct negotiation process

- Negotiate with the owner to purchase or lease private land
- Need registration at Land Revenue Office
- Where land cannot be identified by the investor, or where the land required is in excess of the prescribed ceiling, the approving authority shall provide necessary arrangement, approval, and facilitation to identify the required land

Land exceeding the prescribed land ceiling will be made available by the approval of the cabinet



## B. Government Land



### Forest land

- Leased to the company as per the approved DPR and BES/ IEE/ EIA report in accordance with Forest Act 2019.



### Non-forest land

- Leased to the company according to the "Government land Registration and Leasing Policy 2071"
- Lease terms:
  - Short term: 5 years
  - Medium term: 20 years
  - Long term: 30 years
- Lease can be renewed after the term expires

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## Chapter 7

# Facilities and incentives



# INCOME TAX

Industries are entitled to several income tax exemptions under the prevailing laws. The Industrial Enterprise Act, 2020 has offered following exemptions which indicate the basic exemption in rate of tax leviable in the income earned by several industries. Through the annual finance bill, the government also provides additional exemption.

Industry	Specific subsectors	Exemption on tax rate leviable on income	Conditions
Manufacturing	All	20 % and additional 5 %	additional exemption is provided to income earned by exporting products
	Fruit-based brandy, cider, or wine established in the least developed and underdeveloped regions	40 % and 25 % respectively	Upto ten years from commencement of commercial transaction
	Other than fruit-based brandy, cider, or wine, established in the least developed, underdeveloped and less developed regions	90 %, 80 %, 70 % respectively	Upto ten years from commencement of commercial transaction
	Producing and processing local tea products, dairy industries dealing in milk products, textiles	50 %	
	Industry established with investment of more than one billion rupees and providing direct employment to more than five hundred individuals throughout the year	100 % and 50 %	First rate for first 5 years from commencement of transaction and second rate for next 3 years respectively
Infrastructure	Road, bridge, tunnel, ropeway, railway, tram, trolley bus, airport, industrial structure, infrastructure complex	40 %	
Energy	Commercial generation, transmission or distribution of hydropower or project generating electricity from solar, wind and bio substance	100 % and 50 %	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First rate for first 10 years from commencement of transaction and second rate for next 5 years respectively</li> <li>Commencement should be made by specified date</li> </ul>
Tourism Industry (with investment higher than 2 billion)		100% and 50%	For 5 years of commercial operation and for next 3 years respectively.
Operation of a zoological, geological, biotech park, and software development, data processing, cyber-café and digital mapping established inside a technology park and information technology park		50 %	As specified by the Government of Nepal by publishing a notice in the Nepal Gazette

### Incentives on Customs

- Duty drawback facilities for industries deprived of bonded warehouse or passbook facilities, and facilities of deposit of import duties if the finished products are to be exported or sold in Nepal in foreign convertible currencies.
- The import customs duty of raw materials, subsidiary raw materials, and packaging materials will be one level lower than finished goods.
- Incentives of customs duty on import of various equipment for industrial production.



### Incentives and Facilities for Industries in Special Economic Zones (SEZ)

Exemption on income tax rate leviable		Exemption on dividend taxes leviable	Zero VAT when
SEZ located in mountains and specified hilly districts	SEZ in remaining places	100% for first 5 years and 50% for the next 3 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materials or services are exported by industry operating within the SEZ</li> <li>• Raw materials and goods produced to industries within the SEZ</li> </ul>
Full exemption for the first 10 years and 50% for the remaining period	Full exemption for the first 5 years and 50% for remaining period		

Customs Duty	Provisions for Foreign License-Holders	Other Provisions
Entitled to receive customs duty concessions and other facilities under a bank guarantee of Government for importing raw materials and auxiliary raw materials, packing materials and plant, machinery equipment, tools, and spare parts and up to three vehicles depending upon the nature and size of the industry.	Foreign investors entitled to repatriate the fund received from sales of partial or full shares; dividends; and principal and interest on foreign loans in a foreign currency as mentioned in the MoU with the SEZ Authority	A one window unit will be established in the SEZ to provide all relevant services and facilities to industries established there.
Provided any exporter sells the imported material as prescribed to industry located in SEZ and provided that such exporter has submitted custom duty in lieu of import of such goods which will be reimbursed by the custom office as prescribed.	Foreign license-holders can conduct transactions in a foreign currency through accounts in commercial banks at the recommendation of SEZ Authority.	Lease Rate: Rs. 20.00 per square meter per month.
		Yearly rebates (%)
		1st Year50
		2nd Year40
		3rd Year25
		Strikes and protests are strictly prohibited in the SEZ.

Please visit the official website of Special Economic Zone Authority Nepal; [www.seznepal.gov.np](http://www.seznepal.gov.np) for more details.



### Guarantees of Incentives and Facilities

- All provisions of incentives, exemptions, facilities, or concessions provided to the industries shall enjoy change in law protection.

### Security of Property

- No industry registered under the Industrial Enterprises Act, 2020 will be nationalized or expropriated except for public purposes.
- The Government of Nepal will provide industrial security for all industries.
- National treatment is given to all industries with foreign investment.



### Hedging

The hedging facility will be available to infrastructure development projects such as:

#### Eligible projects:

- Hydroelectricity project of capacity of 100 MW or more,
- Construction of more than 30 km length electric transmission line with capacity of 220 KVA or more,
- Construction of metro or mono rail of more than 10 km length,
- Construction of fast track of more than 50 km length,
- Construction or expansion of international and regional airport.
- Projects related to health, agriculture, tourism, information technology, industrial infrastructure and urban development projects above NPR 2 billion cost.
- Other projects specified by the decision of the council of ministers, Government of Nepal.

#### Document required:

1. Application
2. Copy of approval letter from the concerned authority for implementation of the project.
3. Copy of project loan agreement.
4. Copy of approval letter for bringing foreign loan in foreign currency.
5. Copy of agreement relating to hedging fee and letter of intent from concerned ministry on bearing hedging fee.
6. Copy of memorandum of association and articles of association of the company.
7. Copy of notice issued by concerned ministry where a project has been selected for providing hedging facility through the decision of Government of Nepal.
8. Details of the projected inflow and outflow of foreign currency.





### Special Facilities to Investors

- The investor may enjoy all facilities provided in accordance with the prevailing laws without any hinderance.
- Additional incentives may be made available to the investor if the project is completed before the stipulated date, at less than stipulated cost, with higher quality or providing benefits to the Government of Nepal.
- Facility of foreign exchange will be made available for projects with foreign equity and loan for stipulated purposes.
- The harmed party is entitled to compensation in case a party carries out any act in contravention with the PPPIA and an agreement made for project development.
- Generally, the concession period will not exceed 30 years. But, for projects that are Government priorities this period may be extended up to 50 years to make the project viable.
- The government may extend the concession by 5 years in special circumstances.



### Incentives for License Holders under IBN's Projects

The IBN may recommend the following incentives to the Government of Nepal for license holders:

- Capital subsidy on equipment/ raw materials required for project construction.
- Partial subsidy on electricity tariff during project implementation.
- Providing government land on reduced lease rate or at no cost.
- Additional concession on tax or export subsidy.
- Concession on customs duty and other tax/fees for import of equipment.
- Concession on lease rental rates.
- Provision for an interest rate lower than the market interest rate.
- Use of government-owned infrastructure at no cost or at a subsidized rate.
- Bank guarantee facility or concession on customs duty for goods, machinery and equipment used for project implementation, subject to return.
- Economic and other benefits as specified by the IBN.



### Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for Construction, Operation and Expansion of the Projects

- National pride projects, transformative projects, and national priority projects.
- Multipurpose storage hydro projects as specified by the Government.
- Transport infrastructure projects.
- Projects to modernize agriculture sector.
- Waste-to-energy projects.
- Drinking water processing or waste-water treatment projects.
- Other projects specified by the OIBN.
- This facility could be provided in the form of capital, operational grants or loan.



# REPATRIATION

## Earnings from the following can be repatriated:

- Sales of shares
- Dividend
- Remaining amount after liquidation
- Royalty
- Lease amount
- Compensation
- Other amounts as prescribed by law.

**Recommendation by:** Foreign investment approving agency (IBN/DOI) within 15 working days of application submission.  
Approval by: Nepal Rastra Bank

### Documents required:

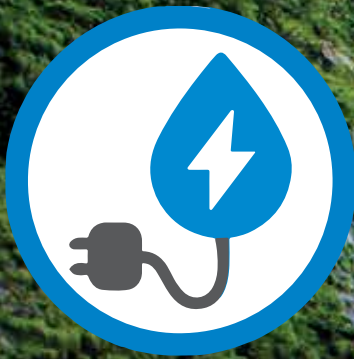
1. Recommendation from concerned foreign investment approving agency (IBN or DOI).
2. Copy of the minutes of annual general meeting, or board of directors, or authorized officer.
3. Copy of the Certificate of FDI recorded in NRB.
4. Copy of the most recent audit report.
5. Copy of the most recent tax clearance certificate or proof of tax details submission.
6. Proof of the company/ industry not being blacklisted by the Credit Information Bureau (CIB) of Nepal.
7. A self-declaration stating that the company/ industry does not have any outstanding loan default in BFIs, is not engaged in embezzling foreign currency, does not have outstanding tax liabilities as well as compliance to the national and international laws on anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism, and to prevailing laws.
8. In the case of royalty from technology transfer, copy of details of royalty as per the technology transfer agreement certified by a Chartered Accountant and/or invoice issued by the concerned investor.
9. In the case of sale of shares of the company not listed in stock market, share valuation report from a chartered accountant who is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal or by an investment banking entity licensed by the Securities Board of Nepal disclosing price per share (fair market value), specific value or range (not more than 10% of the lower-end price).
10. Proof of payment of taxes as per prevailing laws applicable on the amount to be repatriated, including advance income tax, value added tax, capital gain tax,
11. In case of repatriation of the amount against the technology transfer, agreement of technology transfer and/or copy of approved agreement.
12. Documents listed in 2, 4, 5 and 6 above are not required in case of divestment of foreign investment in a company listed in the Stock Exchange by selling shares in the securities market provided evidence of such transaction is submitted.
13. Investors can apply for repatriating the earning of Branch Office in Nepal and royalty for technology transfer.

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## Chapter 8

# Sectoral investment opportunities





# ENERGY

- Nepal's electricity demand is projected to increase by 5,787 MW in 2025 and 13,242 MW in 2035.
- In 2023 Nepal had 2,240 operational hydropower projects, including 121 with a combined capacity of generating 2,085 MW. Additionally, the government has issued permissions for generating 9,012 MW of hydropower and 707 MW of solar energy.

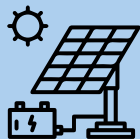


## POTENTIAL INVESTMENT AREAS



### Hydroelectricity

The gross hydropower potential is 72,544 MW, of which 42,000 MW is technically and economically feasible. Nepal has plans to develop more projects to generate 15,000 MW by 2028. India to Import 10,000 MW of power from Nepal in the coming 10 years. Nepal began exporting electricity to India in 2021.



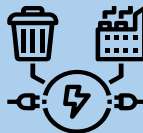
### Solar Energy

Nepal experiences average solar radiation ranging from 3.6 to 6.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day, with about 300 sunny days annually, it is an ideal location for solar power generation. NEA has estimated the economic potential of solar power at around 1,829 Megawatt-peak (MWp). Solar energy generation by NEA and IPPs: 61,940 kW. AEPC supported generation: 10,080 kW through rooftop solar systems and 2,929 kW through solar mini grids.



### Biogas

50.4% of population are engaged in agriculture producing biomass. Nepal has installed 439,547 small and 355 large biogas plants that use cattle dung and crop residues to produce energy.



### Waste to Energy

Nepal has commissioned 7 large waste-to-energy facilities. Approximately 6 million tons of waste is collected annually, with around 54% organic content. Prefeasibility studies have identified investment potential in more such projects in the provinces.



### Wind Energy

Nepal's wind energy potential estimated area of 6,074 sq. km. Study on 10% area reflects the capacity to generate over 3000 MW of electricity.



### Other Sectors

Geothermal, Green Hydrogen, Waste Heat Recovery System (WHRS)



# HEALTH

- The health sector contributed 1.6% to Nepal's GDP for the past decade on an average, anticipated to grow by 6.5% and contribute 1.9% of GDP in 2023/24.
- The open border with India and duty-free access to China for approximately 8,000 products have enhanced trade opportunities.
- Since 2016, Nepal have had duty-free access to the US market for 77 items for a 10- year period.
- Contribution of private sector in current health expenditure is 69.7%.
- Expenditure in private hospitals NPR 25.4 billion (2019/20)



## POTENTIAL INVESTMENT AREAS



### Wellness Tourism

Tourists from more than 120 countries visit Nepal every year and many come for wellness and recuperation activities. In terms of source, 73.82% of foreign Ayurvedic medicines are found in Nepal.



### Pharmaceutical Industry

Nepal's pharmaceutical sector meets 45% of domestic medicine demand, indicating huge potential for investment in the industry.



### Medical Education

Nepal has a projected requirement of 301,895 medical professionals by 2030, with the likely shortage estimated at 89,918. Nepal is also an emerging destination for undergraduate level medical education for foreign students.



### Health Care Sector

There has been a surge in hospital visits and hospitalisations since 2011 when there was a 38.2% increase in the elderly population. The health care spending per capita has also increased from USD 49 in 2017 to USD 58 in 2020.



# INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

The IT service exports in Nepal was valued at around USD 515 million in 2022, a growth of 64.2% over 2021.

Nepal has:

- 106 IT export services companies,
- 14,728 freelancers in software development and technology, and
- 51,781 Information Technology Enabled Service (ITeS) freelancers exporting services through digital platforms.
- total broadband subscription of 131.62%

## POTENTIAL INVESTMENT AREAS



### Digital Foundation

- Connectivity (5G/6G)
- Data Centres
- IT Parks
- IoT and Big Data
- Cyber Security Operation Centre



### Agriculture Sector

- Precision farming
- Smart irrigation
- Automated harvesting



### Health Sector

- Health chat bots for patient support
- Blockchains for health records
- Telemedicine platforms



### Urban Infrastructure

- Automated waste sorting
- Intelligent waste management system



### Energy

- Smart grid technology
- Energy storage



### Finance

- AI powered fraud detection
- Automated trading algorithms





# MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing contributes 5.3% of GDP among industrial sector. (National Statistics Office, 2022)

The average GDP from manufacturing accounted for NPR 108462.35 million from 2010 to 2022, reaching an all-time high of NPR 131257.46 million in 2021.

## Potential Products

**Agriculture-Based Manufacturing:** Tea, coffee, large cardamom, ginger.

**Medicinal and Aromatic Products:** Jatamanshi, Sugandhwal, Yarshahumba, Chirayito, Timur, Boddhichitta and Rudraksha

**Industrial Products:** Cement, pharmaceuticals, metal and metal products, assembly plants, electronics, furniture, leather and allied products.

**Nepal's top manufacturing exports:** Zinc sheet, polyester yarn and thread, woollen carpet, juice, particle board, jute goods, palm oil, ready-made garments.

## OTHER POTENTIAL EXPORTS



Pashmina

**95%**

of production is exported.



Leather product

**80% exported** from Nepal

Footwear

only **42%** of domestic market fulfilled



Handmade paper and paper products

- Nepal accounts for 0.7% of total exports in the world
- Exported to more than 60 countries



Forest products

- Rosin and turpentine, fragrant oil, medicinal and aromatic, and non-timber products.
- More than 85 species are traded internationally
- 700 species of medicinal and aromatic plants available



Himalayan spring water

- Natural fresh water



Honey

- Potential to produce about 10,000 tons annually and more.





# AGRICULTURE

Economic growth rate (2022/23): 5.84%; share of agriculture in GDP: 24.1%; population engaged in agriculture: 50.4%.



## Major staple food crops

Rice, maize, millet, wheat, barley, and buckwheat.



## Major cash crops

Oilseeds, potato, tobacco, sugarcane, jute, cotton, tea, coffee and large cardamom



## Important pulse crops

Lentil, gram, pigeon pea, black gram, horse gram and soybean.

## POTENTIAL INVESTMENT AREAS



High quality edible oils such as mustard, sunflower and soyabean



Processing of non-timber forest products, herbs and medicinal/aromatic plants.



Integrated Agro-processing zone (industrial zone).



Agro-machinery and tools assembling



Chemical/ organic fertilisers.



Large Scale Agro-based Infrastructure and irrigation projects.



Smart practices in agriculture  
Agro laboratory, aquaponics, hydroponics,  
and climate smart technology





# TRANSPORTATION

Transportation contributes **6.79%** of Nepal's GDP



## ROAD

Length of national highway

**14,666.11 km**  
(end of march 2024)



## AIRPORT

Total **34** airports  
**3** International Airport



## ROPEWAY

**6** Operational  
passenger cable car  
service



## RAILWAY

**3** operating lines with  
**62 km** length (2023/24)



## WATERWAY

Feasibility study carried out  
for operation of watercrafts

in **11** routes.

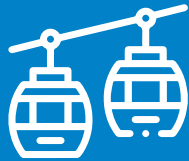
## POTENTIAL INVESTMENT AREAS



Road and Tunnel Projects



Bus Rapid Transit Projects



Cable Car Projects



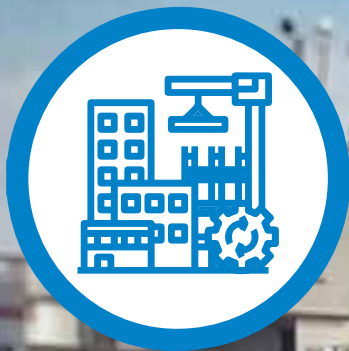
Railway/ Metro Rail Project



Airport Projects



Multistorey Parking



# URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE



- Population living in urban municipalities is 66.2% (2021 census)
- Total 10.58 million population concentrated in 19 Urban Clusters



54.2% households in urban municipalities use tap/piped water as main source



Hill and terai municipality generate waste 0.72 kg and 0.88 kg per HH/day



56 percent waste is organic



37 percent is recyclable waste



## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES



### Urban Water Supply Business

- Water supply system
- Processed drinking water
- Installation of public tap and water-vending stations



### Urban Sanitation and Waste-water Management

- Construction and Operation of sewerage line and waste-water treatment plants in major large-sized cities
- Construction and Operation of Highway refreshment centers



### Solid Waste Management

- Compost manure
- Recyclable wastes



### Urban Transport Facilities

- Bus parks / Bus terminals and multi-storey parking lots in major cities



### Development of Housing Facilities

- Land development
- Single housing
- Apartments



### Parks and other recreational facilities

- View tower,
- Skywalk,
- Urban gardens,
- museums,
- Water parks and water fronts



### Multipurpose Commercial Complex and convention centres



### Operation and Management of heritage sites



# TOURISM

Total tourism earning  
contributed 1.1% of GDP  
(2023)



Nepal is a complete tourism package with unparalleled natural beauty, a rich cultural heritage and varied climates.

Among FDI received industries,  
33% are tourism related



Country of the world's highest peak, home of  
the eight tallest mountains.



Nepal's cultural and natural diversity are  
conserved in 10 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



Rich biological diversity including that of  
mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians,  
freshwater fish, butterfly species, flowering  
plants, among others.



The country is good for recreation and ecotourism, trekking, mountaineering and  
adventure, religious purpose.



## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Hotels and resorts: Heritage, nature-based, MICE hotels and resorts



Training institutes in hospitality management, adventure tourism, and eco-tourism .



Tourism Infrastructure such as conservation of culture heritage, convention and exhibition centers, recreation facilities, theme park, amusement park



Wellness Centres at high altitude with ayurvedic and herbal treatments and yoga and meditation training centres



Air-based adventure, water-based adventure sports, canoeing, skiing, zipline





# MINES AND MINERALS

Exploration of the minerals is a high priority of the Government of Nepal.



The contribution of the mining and quarrying sector to GDP in Nepal stands at 0.51% (2022/23).



Nepal has granted 422 prospecting licenses and 158 mining licenses.

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Gem



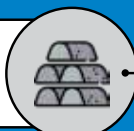
23

Non-metallic



21

Metallic



63<sup>+</sup>

Mineral commodities identified



9 Construction



4 Fuel



Other Opportunities yet to be explored



## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Limestone and cement



Petroleum resources



Dolomite



High-grade magnesite



Iron



Beneficiation Plants



Smelting Plants



Polishing and cutting  
industries for gemstones

## ANNEX 1

# RESTRICTED SECTORS

**Nepal does not allow FDI in some sectors, which are as follows:**

- Poultry farming, fisheries, beekeeping, fruits, vegetables, oil seeds, pulse seeds, milk industry and other sectors of primary agriculture production unless the firm exports 75% of its firm production.
- Cottage and small industries.
- Personal service business (hair cutting, tailoring, driving etc.).
- Industries manufacturing arms, ammunition, bullets and shell, gunpowder, or explosives, and nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons; industries producing atomic energy and radioactive materials.
- Real estate (excluding construction industries), retail, internal courier service, local catering service, moneychanger, remittance service.
- Travel agency, guide involved in tourism, trekking and mountaineering guide, rural tourism, including homestay.
- Business of mass communication media (news-paper, radio, television, and online news) and motion picture in national language.
- Management, account, engineering, legal consultancy service and language training, music training, and computer training.
- Consultancy services with foreign investment of more than 51 percent.

Except for the areas mentioned above, all sectors and industries mentioned in the Industrial Enterprises Act are open for foreign investment.

## ANNEX 2

# RELEVANT AGENCIES AND ORGANISATIONS

### OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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### MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

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### MINISTRY OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION

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### MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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### MINISTRY OF FEDERAL AFFAIRS AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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### MINISTRY OF FINANCE

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