



Know Your Reserved Sectors

Government under the Second Republic wishes to inform the public that the policy to reserve certain economic sectors exclusively for local entrepreneurs is part of a broader macro-economic strategy aimed at achieving vision 2030, as provided for under the Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment Act of 2008.

Under the Second Republic, Government remains firmly committed to accelerating economic growth and transformation. This commitment is evident through the implementation of a range of policy measures designed to stimulate sustainable economic development. In this regard, the promulgation of Statutory Instrument 215 of 2025, read together with the Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment Act [Chapter 14:33], as amended by Finance Act No. 1 of 2018, Finance Act No. 2 of 2024, and Finance Act No. 7 of 2025, provides clear guidance on investment thresholds reserved for Zimbabwean citizens.

Foreign nationals who wish to participate in the Reserved Sectors are required to apply for a permit from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. Similarly, foreign investors already operating within the Reserved Sectors were afforded an opportunity to regularise their operations by submitting applications to the Ministry by 31 January 2026.

In line with this framework, Government has also gazetted investment thresholds that are open to foreign participation within selected Reserved Sectors. These include Retail and Wholesale Trade, Grain Milling, the Haulage and Logistics Industry, as well as the Shipping and Forwarding Sector. Applications to participate in these sectors will be considered within a period of sixty days from the date of submission. Upon meeting the prescribed requirements, successful applicants will be issued with permits.

In terms of Statutory Instrument 215 of 2025, read together with the Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment Act [Chapter 14:33] and its subsequent amendments, Zimbabwe has designated twenty-one Reserved Sectors, categorised as follows:

EXCLUSIVE RESERVED SECTORS

1. Transportation: passenger buses. Taxis and car hire services.
2. Barber shops. Hair dressing and beauty salons.
3. Employment Agencies.
4. Estate agencies.
5. Valet services.
6. Bakeries.
7. Tobacco grading and packaging.
8. Advertising Agencies.
9. Provision of local arts and craft. Marketing and distribution.
10. Artisanal and small scale mining.
11. Borehole Drilling
12. Clearing and Customs
13. Pharmaceutical retailing

RESERVED SECTORS WITH THRESHOLDS

14. Retail and Wholesale Trade
15. Grain Milling
16. Haulage and Logistics Industry
17. Shipping and forwarding

ADDITIONAL RESERVED SECTORS

18. Brick moulding

19. Granite Mining

20. Quarrying

21. Travel Agencies

For further information, members of the public are encouraged to contact their nearest Ministry of Industry and Commerce office or visit the Ministry's website at www.mic.gov.zw

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