

STEP-BY-STEP PROCESSES

Regulatory Framework

Key regulatory processes for investors in Sokoto State, from first engagement to land, permits and utilities.

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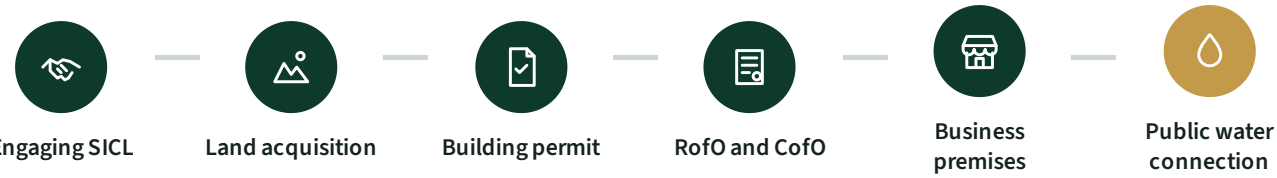
AT A GLANCE

The investor journey

This guide sets out, step by step, the key regulatory processes an investor will go through when establishing a project in Sokoto State.



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LEGAL AND REGULATORY INSTRUMENTS

Regulatory Framework

The categories of state law and regulation that typically underpin the investor processes in this guide. The specific Sokoto State instrument for each is to be confirmed.

Investment agency law

Sokoto State Investment Promotion (Lead Agency) Executive Order No. 4 of 2023 designates SICL as the sole lead agency and One-Stop Investment Centre (OSIC) for investment promotion, facilitation, and aftercare in Sokoto State.

Revenue harmonisation law

Sokoto State Revenue Codification and Harmonisation Law (and the Sokoto State Internal Revenue Service Law). Harmonizes all state and local government taxes, levies, and fees into a unified collection system, preventing double taxation.

Small claims procedure

Provides easy access to an informal, inexpensive and speedyeresolution of simple debt recovery disputes in the magistrate court.

Right of way regulations

Sokoto State Regulations on Right of Way (RoW) of Fiber-Optic (Regulation No. 01, 2023) issued by the Sokoto State Urban and Regional Planning Board (SSURPB) & Executive Order of 8th December 2023. Waives and caps telecommunication/fiber-optic deployment RoW fees at ₦0 – ₦145 per meter.

Service-efficiency directive

Mandates ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) to deliveregovernment services in a timely and efficient manner.

PROCESS 01 | 5 STEPS

Engaging Sokoto Investment Company Limited

The entry point for investors: from first contact through to investment delivery and aftercare.

01

STEP 01

Get in touch with SICL via official email, phone or website.

02

STEP 02

Submit a project proposal in the form of a concept note by official email, or deliver it to the SICL office at No. 8 Kano Road, Sokoto.

03

STEP 03

Meet the SICL team, physically or virtually, for advisory and technical support on investor engagement.

04

STEP 04

Investment crystallisation and delivery.

05

STEP 05

Project aftercare services, retention and expansion.

REGULATORY MDAS

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PROCESS 02 | 10 STAGES

Land Acquisition and Resettlement

The stages from site identification to compensation of landowners and conveyance to the investor.

01 Site identification, selection and ground-truthing.

02 Social impact assessment and sensitisation of the host community on the intended project.

03 Examination of the land acquisition proposal from the investor and the social impact assessment.

04 Sensitisation of the community to be affected by the intended project.

05 Notice of acquisition, perimeter survey and compensation assessment survey of the land.

06 Engagement with the investor to determine the compensation rate with the host community.

07 Legal drafting and signing of agreement.

08 Field inspection, enumeration, claims survey and assessment of compensation.

09 Compilation of report on the perimeter survey and compensation assessment.

10 Approval, payment of compensation to dispossessed landowners, and conveyance of the compensation payment certificate to the company.

REGULATORY MDAS

Sokoto atate Ministry of Lands

EST. COMPLETION TIME

2-3 weeks

CONTACT

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PROCESS 03 | 5 STEPS

Obtaining a Building Permit

The process for submitting building plans and receiving approval to build.

01

STEP 01

Register with the state urban development / physical planning authority, complete the application form and submit your building plan and relevant documents.

02

STEP 02

Receive notification of processing charges (fees) and make payment.

03

STEP 03

Physical site inspection and assessment of plans and documents by relevant professionals.

04

STEP 04

Receive notification of the inspection outcome and complete any further compliance requirements.

05

STEP 05

Collect the approved building plan and approval letter.

REGULATORY MDAS

Sokoto urban and regional planning board

EST. COMPLETION TIME

3-4 weeks

CONTACT

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Phone Numbers:• +234 803 545 7875

PROCESS 04 | 7 STEPS

Right of Occupancy and Certificate of Occupancy

The steps to register a Statutory Right of Occupancy (RofO) and obtain a Certificate of Occupancy (CofO).

01
STEP 01
Obtain the Statutory Right of Occupancy application form from the state land registry, or download it where available online.

02
STEP 02
Gather copies of all relevant land documents. Original copies are preferred; keep photocopies for safekeeping.

03
STEP 03
Generate an invoice and pay the applicable fees through the designated government payment channel.

04
STEP 04
Receive notification of your RofO registration status by phone call, text or email.

05
STEP 05
Fill and sign an acceptance of the terms and conditions, allowing a white copy of the CofO to be printed for vetting by the Office of the Surveyor-General.

06
STEP 06
Printing of the white copy CofO, signing and collection.

07
STEP 07
Receive notification that the CofO is ready from the Deeds Registrar, and collect it once all outstanding charges are settled.

REGULATORY MDAS
Sokoto state Urban and Regional Plammimg Board

CONFIRM AGENCY NAMES

EST. COMPLETION TIME
TO BE CONFIRMED

CONTACT
TO BE CONFIRMED

PROCESS 05 | 5 STEPS

Business Premises Registration

The registration of business premises with the state.

01

STEP 01

Visit the head office of the state ministry responsible for trade, industry and investment, or its website, to begin registration.

02

STEP 02

Complete the application form and select the applicable registration category.

03

STEP 03

Generate an invoice for payment, carefully selecting the category and payment type.

04

STEP 04

Pay the registration fee and download or keep the receipt.

05

STEP 05

Upload or submit all required documents and await administrative approval.

REGULATORY MDAS

Sokoto Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry

EST. COMPLETION TIME

2-3 Weeks

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TAXATION AND INVESTMENT INCENTIVES

Incentives for investors

Investors registered with the State can obtain certificates that make them eligible for certain benefits, alongside a range of federal government incentives.

State incentives

Sokoto State tax incentives and the certificates available to registered investors to be listed here once confirmed.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INCENTIVES

Available to qualifying investors nationwide

01 Tax holidays, including reductions in corporate income tax payable.

02 Value-Added Tax (VAT) exemptions on imported raw materials, and on imported vehicles for investors and their foreign employees.

03 Duty exemption on plant, machinery and equipment.

04 Greater incentives for investors who demonstrate the capacity to add value and invest in priority sectors.

05 Grants and special access to credit for investors promoting rural areas.

Federal tax legislation has recently been reformed. Confirm current incentives and eligibility with the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC) and the federal tax authority before relying on them.

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