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The objective of this brochure is to provide assistance to the investors in preliminary assessment of main costs related to setting up and doing business in Uzbekistan. Investors who need more specific data may contact the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan or UzInfoInvest Agency under the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, Trade and Investments of the Republic of Uzbekistan (contact information is provided in the Useful Contacts section).

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MAJOR MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN IN THE RECENT YEARS

	2004	2005	2006	2007 (9 months)
Real GDP growth, %	7,7	7,0	7,3	9,8
GDP, bln soums	12 189,5	15 210,4	20 759,3	18 230,7
Industrial Output, bln soums	8 074,8	10 913,4	14 521,1	13 164,0
Agricultural Output, bln soums	4 732,0	5 395,5	7 314,0	6 362,3
Investments, bln soums	2 473,2	3 012,9	3 838,3	3 967,3
Exports, USD mln	4 853,0	54 08,8	6 389,8	6 197,7
Imports, USD mln	3 816,0	4 091,3	4 395,9	3 900,1
Official exchange rate of the Central Bank, soums/USD (De- cember of respective year)	1 058,00	1 180,00	1 240,00	1 275,03*

Source: State Statistics Committee

* september 2007

Exchange rates as of December 4, 2007:

USD 1	1 286,30 soums
Euro 1	1 906,04 soums
Russian rouble 1	52,89 soums
Refinancing rate	14%

Source: Central Bank of Uzbekistan (www.cbu.uz)

COSTS TO SET UP A BUSINESS

Registration of a Company

Companies being established in Uzbekistan must be registered at the inspections for registration of business entities under district (town) khokimiats (local authorities). Companies with foreign investments are registered at the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Republic of Karakalpakstan, Justice departments of oblasts and Tashkent city. The companies with foreign investments (CFIs) are defined as those meeting the following requirements:

1) amount of chartered capital of the company cannot be less than the equivalent of USD 150 000; (2) one of the co-owners must be a foreign legal entity; (3) the share of foreign investments constitutes at least 30 percent of company's chartered capital.

	Cost (soums)
Notarizing charter and Constituent Agreement (for one document) (25% of MMW) ¹	4 657
Registration fee	93 150 ²
Consular legalization of the information about the foreign investor from trade register ³ (USD 10)	12 863
Translation of the excerpt from trade register (per page)	10 290
Notarization of translator's signature (10% of MMW)	1 863
Manufacturing seals and stamps	40 000 - 65 000
Notarization of original signatures upon setting up a bank account (2% of MMW)	373

There are following statutory requirements to the amount of chartered capital of the company depending on organizational and legal form:

- limited liability and additional liability companies – 50 MMW;
- open Joint-Stock Companies – USD 50 000;
- closed Joint-Stock Companies – 200 MMW.

Costs of Office Rental in Tashkent.

The following rates are the minimum and maximum monthly rental costs.

District	USD per square meter
Bektemir	1,5-5
Mirzo Ulugbek	6-15
Mirabad	1,8-7,5
Sergeli	2-6
Sobir Rakhimov	1,5-5,5
Uchtepa	2-7
Chilanzar	3-8
Khamza	4-12
Shaykhontokhur	3,5-7,5
Yunusabad	2-8,5
Yakkasaroy	3,5-9,5

Source: *Real Estate Market in Tashkent.*

¹ Since November 16, 2007, monthly minimum wage (MMW) equals 18 630 soums.

² Registration fee is 5 MMW (in Tashkent city - 3 MMW). For businesses set up in remote and mountainous areas registration fee is 20% of official fee, and for CFIs – 500 USD.

³ Companies with foreign investments and other businesses with foreign capital must submit statement from trade register of the country where founder is registered. This statement must be certified by the consular unit of Uzbekistan.

TAXES

There are two schemes of taxation in Uzbekistan: simple taxation scheme (flat tax) and general taxation scheme. Microfirms and small companies as well as private notaries, trade and catering companies, lottery, totalizator and other gambling businesses are the payers of flat tax. Meanwhile, microfirms and small companies can independently choose their taxation scheme. Other companies fall under general taxation scheme. There are also taxes paid by the actors of both taxation modes. Below is the diagram of Uzbekistan's tax system.

Taxation System in the Republic of Uzbekistan		
Flat tax	General Taxation Scheme	Taxes paid in both schemes
	Corporate Tax	Excise tax
	Value-added Tax	Mineral Resources Tax
	Water Resource Tax	Flat Social Fee
	Property Tax	Income Tax of Non-Residents' at the Source of Income
	Land Tax	Tax on Dividends
	Social Infrastructure Development Tax	Value-added Tax on Imported Goods
	Contributions to the Extrabudgetary School Development Fund	Contributions to the Republican Road Fund
Contributions to the Pension Fund		

FLAT TAX

Subjects: microfirms and small businesses. Businesses with no more than 20 employees are considered as microfirms in the manufacturing sector. Companies with no more than 50 employees are considered to be small businesses.⁴

For companies in all sectors of the economy: for exporter companies, whose share of exports of goods (works, services) of own output for hard currency, is:

- from 15 to 30 percent in total sales
- 30 percent and more in total sales

10% (flat tax rate depends on the types of operations of taxpayers)

tax rate is reduced by 30%
tax rate is reduced by 50%

⁴ In determining total number of workers, full-time and part-time workers of the company as well as non-employees are included (those performing works according to the service contract and other legal agreements).

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<p>CORPORATE TAX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - legal entities⁵ - for companies–exporters, whose share in exports of goods (services) of own output for hard currency is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - from 15% to 30% in total sales - 30% and more of total sales 	<p style="text-align: center;">10%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">tax rate is reduced by 30%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">tax rate is reduced by 50%</p>
<p>INCOME TAX OF NON-RESIDENTS AT THE SOURCE OF INCOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dividends and interest - insurance premiums paid for risk insurance or reinsurance - telecommunications or transport services for international cargo movement between the Republic of Uzbekistan and other states (freight revenues) - royalty, leasing proceeds, revenues from the services rendered, including management services, counseling, and other income except for income already levied corporate tax 	<p style="text-align: center;">10%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20%</p>
<p>VALUE-ADDED TAX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VAT rate <p>The amount of levied imports of goods (works, services) includes customs value of goods (works, services) determined according to the customs legislation as well as the excise and duties</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20%</p>
<p>EXCISE TAX</p> <p>Object of taxation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for excisable goods manufactured in Uzbekistan it is the value (including the excise) exclusive of VAT or physical volume of good; - for imported excisable goods - the customs value 	<p>Excise rates are set for excisable goods either in soums for unit of measurement or as a percentage of customs value or in USD for measurement unit</p>
<p>WATER TAX</p>	<p>For 1 cubic meter of water from surface sources – 14,4 soums, for water from underground sources – 18,5 soums</p>
<p>MINERAL RESOURCES TAX</p> <p>Object of taxation: 1) amount of mineral resources extracted (including useful by-products and valuable components); 2) amount of technical waste (production waste and mineral raw material processing waste); 3) estimated value of collected samples of semiprecious raw materials and other geological collectible materials</p>	<p>Mineral resources tax rates are determined by the Government of Uzbekistan. Tax rate varies depending on the type of mineral resource (from 0.4% up to 30%)</p>

⁵ Depending on type of activities, corporate tax rate may amount to 17 and 35%.

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<p>PROPERTY TAX Property tax for legal entities For exporting companies whose share of exports of goods (services) for hard currency amounts to: - 15% to 30% in total sales - 30% and more in total sales</p> <p>Individual property tax Object of taxation: houses, apartments, country homes, garages, and other buildings, premises, and facilities</p>	<p>3,5%</p> <p>tax rate is reduced by 30% tax rate is reduced by one-half</p> <p>0.5 % of inventory cost</p>
<p>LAND TAX</p>	<p>Set by the Cabinet of Ministers and differentiated depending on the yield of land plot and its location. For instance, basic rate for flat land tax on irrigated land in Tashkent city is 15 336,9 soums per hectare</p>
<p>SOCRAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT TAX Object of taxation: net profits after payment of all taxes</p>	<p>Maximum tax rate – 8% of net profits</p>
<p>MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EXTRABUDGETARY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT FUND</p>	<p>1% of sales (goods, works, services) exclusive of VAT and excise</p>
<p>MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS AND DUTIES TO THE REPUBLICAN ROAD FUND</p> <p>Duties levied according to the value of purchased and temporarily imported vehicles payable by the owners (users) of these vehicles upon registration at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Uzbekistan</p>	<p>1.5% of all sales (goods, works, services) exclusive of VAT and excise (amounts to 1-2.5% depending on type of activities) 6% of the value of purchased or temporarily imported vehicles (for trucks and buses the duty is 20% of value)</p>
<p>MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS AND DUTIES TO THE EXTRABUDGETARY PENSION FUND</p>	<p>0.7% of sales (goods, works, services) exclusive of VAT and excise</p>
<p>FLAT SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION</p>	<p>24% of payroll tax of legal entities</p>
<p>INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX - from 1 minimum monthly wage (MMW) up to 5 MMW - from 5 MMW (+1 soum) up to 10 MMW - 10 MMW and higher</p>	<p>13%</p> <p>Tax on 5 MMW + 18% of the amount exceeding 5 MMW Tax levied on 10 MMW + 25% from the amount exceeding 10 MMW</p>

Benefits for textile industry

Textile companies are exempt from excise tax on technological and auxiliary equipment, and spare parts imported for their own needs, also from VAT on imported technological and auxiliary equipment, and spare parts for own needs according to the list set by the decisions of the Cabinet of Ministers based on the reports of InterAgency Expert Council on approved projects. Textile companies, exporting 80% and more of their products for hard currency, are exempt from property tax (benefit is active until January 1, 2009).

Prevention of Double Taxation

Double taxation treaties include the following taxes: corporate tax, individual income and property taxes. Below is the list of 44 countries – signatories of treaties on preventing double taxation.

Austria	Kuwait
Azerbaijan	Kyrgyzstan
Belarus	Latvia
Belgium	Lithuania
Bulgaria	Luxembourg
Canada	Malaysia
China	Moldova
Czech Republic	Netherlands
Egypt	Pakistan
Finland	Poland
France	Portugal
Georgia	Romania
Germany	Russian Federation
Greece	Slovakia
India	Switzerland
Indonesia	Thailand
Iran	Turkey
Israel	Turkmenistan
Italy	Ukraine
Japan	United Arab Emirates
Kazakhstan	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Korea	Vietnam

DUTIES AND FEES

Certificates and statements

Certificates or statements of special government bodies are required for manufacturing certain types of products and certain business activities. Below are the deadlines and fees for these certificates and statements according to the legislation:

Certificates/statements	Deadlines, working days	Cost
Certificate of Hygiene	14	at most 10 MMW
Veterinary and phytosanitary report	3	1 MMW
Environmental examination	depending on object	from 3 to 75 MMW
Certificate of compliance	up to 30	depending on product
Recognition of foreign certificates of compliance	1-2	15 000-30 000 soums

Licenses

State fees for acquiring a license for certain types of activities are set in the following amounts.

Licensed activities	State fee (monthly minimum wage)
Licenses issued by the Cabinet of Ministers of Uzbekistan	
Development, production, maintenance and sales of arms and ammunition, armor, armored vehicles, spare parts, accessories and devices, if they are not used in other industries as well as special materials and equipment for their production	10
Development, production, transportation, storage and sales of explosives and toxic substances, materials as well as explosive devices	10
Research and development works in handling ion radiation sources, design, construction, and servicing ion radiation sources, design and production of technologies and ion radiation equipment	10
Development, production, recycling, utilization, storage, servicing, transportation, treatment, disposal and burial of ion radiation sources	10

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Design, construction, operations and maintenance of gas pipelines, oil pipelines, and petroleum product pipelines	10
Generating electricity at power stations connected to the integrated energy system	4
Design, construction, operation and maintenance of bridges and tunnels	5
Design, construction, operation, and maintenance of defense facilities	10
Design, construction, and operation of high risk facilities and potentially hazardous sites	10
Transporting passengers and goods by domestic and international railway communications	250
Transporting passengers and cargo by domestic and international air routes	3600
Air transport- related aircraft maintenance at airports	2900
Aviation works	300
Production, processing, and sales of oil, gas and gas condensate	10
Production of precious and rare metals and gems	10
Sales of petroleum products (gasoline, aircraft fuel, extragasoline, diesel, aircraft kerosene, black oil, fuel oil, bitumen as well as technical oils and lubricants) except for those packed in factory packaging	10
Production of food-grade rectified spirit including grape and berry spirits	200
Production of cognac and Calvados alcohol	200
Production of vodka, liqueur and balms	200
Production of cognac (brandy), cognac drinks and Calvados beverages	200
Production of raw grape spirit	100

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Production of grape and berry wine, and alcohol-containing semi-products	100
Production of champagne, sparkling and carbonated wines	100
Production of low-degree (except for beer) and strong spirits, tincture, and liquors	100
Wine production: low degree 4-8%, and strong wines – 9-28%	100
Production of grape wine materials (processed and unprocessed) and berry wine as well as cereals-based alcoholic semi-products	50
Production of jewelry from precious metals and gems	7
Geodesy and cartography	4
Collection and recycling of secondary metals and waste containing precious or non-ferrous metals and gems	10
Publishing activities	10
Activities of non-government educational institutions	10
Activities of religious educational institutions	10
Production, replication, duplication, sales, and lease of cinema and video products	10
Replication, duplication, and sales of cinema and video films and programs	10
Tourism services	10
Fermentation of raw tobacco	100
Production of tobacco products	200
Licenses issued by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Uzbekistan	
Design, assemblage, tooling, maintenance and technical servicing of automatic fire safety installations, security systems, fire and fire/security alarm systems	10
Cultivating drug-containing crops	5

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Licenses issued by the Ministry of Health of Uzbekistan	
Imports (exports), storage, sales, distribution, transportation, development and production, destruction of narcotics, psychotropic substances, and precursors, using drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors for academic and research purposes, and for production needs including healthcare and vet science	5
Healthcare activities	10
Pharmaceutical activities	10
Licenses issued by the Ministry of Finance of Uzbekistan	
Insurance activities of insurers and insurance brokers	10
Auditing practices	4
Lotteries, totalizators, and other gambling activities	35
Licenses issued by the State Property Committee of Uzbekistan	
Assessment activities	4
Mercantile and securities exchange activities	4
Licenses issued by the State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan	
Setting up customs warehouse	5
Setting up a duty-free shop	5
Setting up a warehouse under "free warehouse" customs regime	5
Licenses issued by the Central Bank of Uzbekistan	
Banking activities	-
Conducting foreign currency transactions with banks, other legal entities and individuals	USD 2 000
Production of security forms	4
Pawn shops	5
Credit unions	3
Microcredit organizations	3

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Licenses issued by Uzbek Agency for Communications and Information	
Design, construction, operation and maintenance of local telecommunications systems and providing local telephony services	85
Design, construction, and operation of long distance telecommunications systems and providing respective services	430
Design, construction, and operation of international telecommunications systems and providing respective services	1900
Design, construction, and operation of mobile radio-telephony systems and providing respective services	140000
Design, construction, and operation of personal paging systems and providing respective services	135
Design, construction, and operation of data transfer systems and providing respective services	200
Design, construction, and operation of rebroadcasting systems and providing respective services	340
Licenses issued by the State Inspection for Power Industry Oversight	
Conducting energy audits and examinations	5
Licenses issued by the Center for Coordination and Oversight of Securities Market under the State Property Committee of Uzbekistan	
Professional activities in the securities exchange market (activities of investment institutions in the securities market)	4
Licenses issued by the Main State Veterinary Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of Uzbekistan	
Veterinary activities	10
Licenses issued by the Ministry of Justice of Karakalpakstan, justice departments of oblasts and Tashkent city	
Legal counseling	5
Notaries	5
Wholesale trade of consumer goods by the national special wholesale bases and local bases enlisted in the Association of Wholesale Trade companies as well as Matlubotsavdo oblast shareholder companies	2

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Licenses issued by UzbekNavo Performance Association	
Concert and guest performances in Uzbekistan and abroad	State fee is set for each applicant for a license depending on the concert and performances and respective rating group
Concerts at weddings, jubilees, and other ceremonies	State fee is set for each applicant for a license depending on the concert and performances and respective rating group
Licenses issued by the State Committee for Architecture and Construction of Uzbekistan	
Developing architectural and construction records	5
Examination of construction designs	10
High-rise construction and maintenance works	10
Licenses issued by the Uzbek Agency for Road and River Transport	
Municipal, suburban, intercity and international passenger and cargo transportation	200
Passenger and cargo transportation by river	70
Licenses issued by UzStandard Agency	
Manufacturing, sales, and rental of measurement devices	4
Licenses issued by the Council of Ministers of Karakalpakstan, khokimiats of oblasts and Tashkent city	
Development, production, recording, replication, and sales of vinyl records, audio tapes and CDs	10
Selling petroleum products at gas stations and oil changing points	10
Rayon (town) khokimiats	
Wholesale trade	2

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Benefits for Agricultural Industry

Livestock breeding farms are exempt from excise and VAT for pedigree stock, technologies, and equipment imported for developing livestock breeding (benefits applicable until 2010). Sales of own agricultural products are exempt from VAT. Sales of new agroindustrial firms are exempt from corporate tax, property tax, VAT, and land tax provided dedicated spending of disposable funds for development of fruit and vegetable processing businesses, planting and expansion of orchards and vineyards (benefits are granted for 3 years after state registration). Companies - agricultural producers, using water resources for leaching salinized lands are exempt from water tax.

Patents

Legal entities and individuals – residents of Uzbekistan pay fees in national currency. Legal entities and individuals – non-residents of Uzbekistan pay fees in U.S. dollars or any other freely convertible currency against dollar unless otherwise specified by international treaties of Uzbekistan.

Duty's code	Duty's Intent	Rates	
		In national currency (coefficient against MMW)	Foreign currency (USD)
1. INVENTIONS, UTILITY MODELS, INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS			
1.1. Application fees			
1.1.1.	Application for issuance of a patent and formal examinationa) for one invention	1	420
	b) for one utility model	1	420
	c) for one industrial design	1	420
1.2. Examination fee			
1.2.1.	Examination of one utility model	2	840

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	Conducting research and technical examination of:		
1.2.2	a) one invention	3	1260
	b) per industrial design	3	1260
	c) if the invention application contains report on international search by one of international search bodies, according to the Treaty on Patent Cooperation, the fee per one invention	2,5	1000
1.3. Registration, publication and issuance of patents			
1.3.1.	Registration of invention, utility model, and industrial design	0,6	250
1.3.2.	Publication:		
	a) data on registered invention, utility models, and industrial design in official bulletin	0,2	84
	b) description of the invention, utility model	0,6	250
1.3.3.	Issuance of preliminary and actual patents	0,6	250
	- one patent per invention, industrial design, utility model patent	2	840
1.5.2.	Registration of assignment contract:		
	- invention patent, utility model, industrial design	3	1260
1.5.3.	Publication of information about application to grant any person the right to use the invention, utility model, and industrial design (open license)	0,2	84
2. BREEDING PRODUCTS			
2.1. Application fees			
	Application for patent of breeding product and formal examination	1	420

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2.2. Fees for examination of patent aptitude

2.2.1.	State examination of breeding product's novelty	3	1260
2.2.2.	Testing breeding product for distinctness, homogeneity, and stability	15	6300

2.3. Registration, publication, and issuance of patents

2.3.1.	Registration of breeding product	0,6	250
2.3.2.	Publication: a) in official information bulletin: - on acceptance of application for breeding product	0,2	84
	- registered breeding products	0,2	84
	b) description of breeding product: up to 35 pages including the essay and other materials:	0,6	250
	- for each subsequent list more than 35	0,01	8,4
2.3.3.	Issuance of patents	0,6	250

3. TRADEMARKS, SERVICE MARKS, TITLES OF THE PLACE OF GOODS' ORIGIN

3.1. Application fees

3.1.1.	Application for registration of trademark, service mark, and state examination of applied denotation:		
	- per one class of ICGS (International classification of goods and services)	1,4	600
	- for each class of ICGS in excess of one	0,1	60
	- for one class of ICGS of collective denotation	1,4	600
	- for each class of ICGS of collective denotation in excess of one	0,1	60

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3.1.2.	Application for registration of and granting right for the title of goods' place of origin, application for usufruct right of already registered title of place of origin and holding state examination	1,4	600
3.2. Registration, publication, and issuance of certificates			
3.2.1.	Registration of trademark, title of good's place of origin	0,6	250
3.2.2.	Publication of information on trademarks and titles of the places of good's origin	0,2	84
3.2.3.	Issuance of certificates	0,6	250
4. SOFTWARE APPLICATION AND DATABASES			
4.1. Application fees			
	Application for registration of computer software and database, and holding state examination	1	420
4.2. Registration, publication, and issuance of certificates			
4.2.1.	Registration of computer software and database	0,6	250
4.2.2.	Publication of the data on registered software applications and databases in official bulletin	0,2	84
4.2.3.	Issuance of certificates	0,6	250
5. TOPOLOGIES OF INTEGRATED MICROCHIPS			
5.1. Application fees			
	Application for registration of integrated microchip topology and holding state examination	1	420
5.2. Registration, publication, and issuance of certificates			
5.2.1.	Registration of integrated microchip topology	0,6	250
5.2.2.	Publication of data on registered topologies of integrated microchips in official bulletin	0,2	84
5.2.3.	Issuance of certificates	0,6	250

HUMAN RESOURCES

Main act regulating labor relations in Uzbekistan is the Labor Code of Uzbekistan adopted on December 21, 1995.

Minimum Labor Conditions

Paid pregnancy and delivery leave	70 days prior to delivery and 56-70 days after delivery
Average duration of working hours	No more than 8 hours/day or 40 hours/week
Paid leave	At least 15 working days
Overtime work as well as work on week-ends and holidays are paid	At least double the amount
Flat social contribution	24% of monthly wage of the worker
Mandatory contributions to the Extrabudgetary Pension Fund	2.5% of monthly minimum wage of the worker

Individuals – residents of Uzbekistan⁶ are subject to income tax on their earnings both within and outside Uzbekistan. Individuals – non-residents of Uzbekistan are levied taxes on income generated at the sources within Uzbekistan.

Amount of wages

In Uzbekistan amount of wages varies depending on the region, industry, and occupation. In addition to the wages, many companies make additional payments to their staff for health services, transport costs, nutrition, annual leaves, and thirteenth monthly wage. Amount of payments depend on the company and amounts to 50-80% of the payroll. The information below regarding amount of wages is indicated without aforementioned additional payments, and based on the survey data by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan in May 2007.

⁶ Individual – permanent resident of Uzbekistan or residing in Uzbekistan for 183 days or more within any period up to twelve months starting or ending in fiscal year is treated as the resident of Uzbekistan.

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Managerial Positions

Table below illustrates the amount of average wages of managerial staff of companies across industries nationwide:

	Industrial sector	Agriculture	Transportation and Communications	Construction	Trade	Catering	Services sector	Others
General manager	220 375	140 409	202 270	209 500	166 100	158 070	146 210	166 520
Finance Director	187 000	129 800	145 630	168 750	143 750	122 290	107 520	145 890
Factory Manager	192 600	164 700	132 500	153 680	192 500	85 830	90 000	145 890
HR Training Manager	192 500	130 330	132 580	149 370	128 000	86 870	80 000	121 440
Quality Control Manager	153 600	112 000	137 450	150 000	112 000	101 420	87 730	148 430
Operations Manager	163 500	114 420	139 150	148 420	138 660	123 000	92 000	144 920
Procurement Manager	158 500	118 100	143 150	143 200	131 070	103 710	96 910	116 460
Administrative Manager	200 000	125 230	165 000	165 730	141 140	118 350	106 220	124 200
Branch Manager	158 100	115 000	137 850	151 000	126 570	107 190	106 020	92 200
Marketing Manager	151 200	103 580	129 780	135 050	133 430	99 100	101 030	112 940
HR Manager	134 500	98 570	116 330	124 110	92 000	96 020	95 930	93 800
System Analyst	154 000	111 500	88 330	78 870	98 330	71 660	59 160	111 760
Finance Manager	160 500	104 750	139 100	142 380	126 880	95 450	93 600	149 280
Electric Engineer	136 800	96 600	103 380	115 200	78 330	75 830	81 250	124 200
Mechanical engineer	150 500	101 320	97 610	101 940	82 500	75 000	78 000	130 750
Marketing manager	163 500	107 850	143 330	124 180	119 500	89 820	111 820	148 320
Chemist	122 500	93 000	80 000	103 750		50 830	53 750	147 640
Assistance to the Manager	76 500	60 780	89 260	74 060	55 420	53 300	46 920	78 820
Programmer	140 500	108 000	141 120	98 330	93 750	121 660	83 750	111 750

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Non-managerial positions

Table below illustrates the average wages of non-managerial workers across industries nationwide:

	Industrial sector	Agriculture	Transportation and Communications	Construction	Trade	Catering	Services sector	Others
Controller	80 850	67 400	87 000	86 250	94 520	77 810	76 260	78 820
Operations/Equipment inspector	111 200	74 800	92 600	90 440	121 600	76 520	80 650	86 940
Secretary	62 400	52 400	59 370	54 800	64 000	59 880	85 460	82 910
Foreman	94 800	80 000	94 210	95 180	110 000	78 270	94 920	76 510
Warehouse manager	90 600	66 800	95 950	96 150	89 700	84 760	80 310	90 100
Electrician	77 650	55 300	94 820	80 200	65 310	69 500	90 000	97 310
Welder	90 400	106 250	92 850	85 250	82 500	77 500	120 830	100 800
Maintenance technician	70 300	62 380	91 150	83 370	90 000	77 500	120 000	100 060
Accountant (book-keeper)	100 800	66 000	88 720	90 240	90 620	73 930	82 730	110 390
Specialist	83 400	60 940	79 000	83 780	81 330	80 220	80 220	88 460
Operator/graphic designer/typesetter	76 000	56 600	67 610	66 870	65 000	71 660	109 160	86 920
Laboratory assistant	64 000	47 200	65 000	51 430	59 730	62 820	65 400	86 260
Truck driver	78 000	61 600	93 660	86 880	73 930	67 460	56 350	101 580
Telephone operator	69 000	51 660	62 460	67 620	82 500	75 000	75 830	62 120
Quality control inspector	91 000	68 000	91 840	85 120	83 930	75 520	72 800	88 150
Guard	59 400	46 300	48 680	58 100	50 950	52 870	50 730	97 970
Manufacturing operator (medium-level skills)	70 550	56 000	83 420	68 160	73 330	67 440	67 460	62 250
Manufacturing operator (without university degree)	63 100	51 200	72 830	73 920	54 000	60 890	66 960	74 580

Source: Findings of CCI survey, may 2007.

Benefits in Healthcare Sector

Private health institutions are exempt from excise and VAT in importing equipment and materials, income tax, property tax, land tax, social infrastructure development tax, contributions to the Republican Road Fund, contributions to the School Development Fund, and flat social fee provided disposable funds are spent for procurement of modern medical and diagnostic equipment.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Electricity

Uzbekenergo, State Joint-stock Company, is the main producer and supplier of electricity in Uzbekistan. Electricity tariffs are effective since March 1, 2007 (tariffs below are inclusive of VAT, except for tariff group VII – Population, populated areas).

Group of consumers	Title of consumers	Tariffs (soums)
I Group	Industrial and equivalent consumers with capacity of 750 kilovolt-ampere and more Two-tier tariff:- fee for 1 kilovolt-ampere of maximum load (soums per annum)- fee for 1 kilovolt-ampere of energy consumed	72 800 34,55
II Group	Industrial and equivalent consumers with capacity of 750 kilovolt-ampere One-tier fee (per 1kW/hour):	43,70
III Group	Government-funded agricultural sector consumers and pumping stations (per 1 kW/hour)	43,70
IV Group	Electricity-powered rail and municipal transportation (electric traction) per 1kW/hour	43,70
V Group	Non-industrial consumers, government organizations. Street lighting (1 kW/hour)	43,70
VI Group	Trade outlets, cafeteria, restaurants, and services sector (1kW/hour)	44,90
VII Group	Population, residential areas (1 kW/hour) Residents of residential buildings equipped with electric stoves (per 1 kW/hour)	43,70 21,85
VIII Group	Electricity used for heating, hot water supply, and cooling (A/C) (per 1 kW/hour)	43,70
IX Group	Advertising and illumination (per 1 kW/hour)	110,00
X Group	Economic needs of energy system (per 1 kW/hour)	43,70

Gas supply

Uzbekneftegaz National Holding Company is the main producer and supplier of natural gas in Uzbekistan.

Group of consumers	Tariffs (soums/cubic meter)(excl. VAT)
Wholesale consumers	20,54
Households	51,0

In Uzbekistan UzKommunXizmat Agency, Council of Ministers of Karakalpakstan, khokimiats of oblasts and Tashkent city are the responsible bodies for cold and hot water supply, heat supply and sewer treatment services.

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Cold water supply

Oblast/city	Cold water supply (soums/cubic meter) (excl. VAT)		
	households	government institutions	others
Karakalpakstan	75	865	865
Andijan	25,0	27,0	166,0
Bukhara	75,0	192,0	305,0
Jizzakh	60,0	80,0	150,0
Kashkadarya	35,0	150,0	180,0
Navoi	36,0	150,0	260,0
Namangan	75,0	95,0	220,0
Samarkand	75,0	171,0	235,0
Surkhandarya	25,0	31,0	31,0
Syrdarya	35,0	144,0	144,0
Tashkent	57,0	221,0	269,0
Ferghana	46,5	47,5	93,0
Khorezm	70,5	214,0	214,0
Tashkent city	40,0	40,0	40,0

Heat supply

Oblast/city	Heat supply (excl. VAT)		
	households		other (soums/Gcal)
	Central heating (soums per square meter /month)	Hot water supply (soums per person/month)	
Karakalpakstan	157,7	1 471,9	9 734,9
Andijan	212,0	1 895,0	14 600,0
Bukhara	178,2	1 669,3	10 420,0
Jizzakh	116,0	1 227,0	7 620,0
Kashkadarya	104,0	1 165,0	8 050,0
Navoi	106,0	1 602,0	18 356,0
Namangan	167,0	1 630,0	12 000,0
Samarkand	134,1	1 505,0	12 116,1
Surkhandarya	101,3	882,3	5 447,0
Syrdarya	149,3	1 548,1	8 731,0
Tashkent	208,0	1 944,0	12 435,0
Ferghana	188,0	1 895,0	12 174,7
Khorezm	145,0	1 508,0	9 116,8
Tashkent city	178,0	1 893,0	11 640,0

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Sewers

Oblast/city	Sewers (soums/cubic meter) (excl. VAT)		
	household	government institutions	other
Karakalpakstan			
Andijan	25,0	27,0	138,0
Bukhara	17,0	147,5	239,2
Jizzakh	61,5	78,0	155,0
Kashkadarya	26,0	31,2	72,3
Navoi	45,0	342,0	342,0
Namangan	40,5	41,0	41,8
Samarkand	41,0	126,0	172,0
Surkhandarya	18,4	19,7	19,7
Syrdarya	40,0	160,0	160,0
Tashkent	31,0	101,0	151,0
Ferghana	21,0	21,0	46,2
Khorezm	83,2	214,0	214,0
Tashkent city	30,0	30,0	30,0

TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

Local telephone services

Telephone services in Uzbekistan are provided by Uzbektelecom Joint-stock Company.

Services	Payment in soums					
	Companies, institutions, organizations				Households	
	Businesses		Government institutions			
	Non meter-based payment system	Meter-based payment system	Non meter-based payment system	Meter-based payment system	Non meter-based payment system	Meter-based payment system
Monthly subscriber fee for individual phone connection to the telephone network through wired subscriber line						
Urban telephone network	3480	3035	1712	1643	1200	800
Rural telephone network	1656	1200	622	529	410	260
Access fee for connection to the telephone network through wired subscriber line (dedicated number provided by operator) in the non-wired buildings (no connection to the telephone network)						
City of Tashkent, Nukus and oblast centers	39990		32635		14790	
Oblast-subordinated cities and rayon centers	25700		21205		9995	
Other residential areas	12135		10600		3740	
Fee for access to the telephone network through wired subscriber line by connecting telephone device (one number provided by the operator) in the wired premises (connected to the telephone network)*						
City of Tashkent, Nukus and oblast centers	31000		25300		11470	
Oblast-subordinated cities and rayon centers	20700		16440		7750	
Other residential areas	9410		8220		2900	

* Telephoned premise is a premise where subscriber line is organized from a telephone station to a telephone jack

Domestic Long distance telephone services

Services	Fee for each complete and incomplete minute of call (soums)			
	Automatically or connected by operator to the areas with no automatic access			Connected by operator to the areas with automatic access
Domestic long distance calls in the distance	Weekdays 7am – 10pm	Weekdays 10pm – 7am	Weekends 10pm – 7am	
up to 100 km	40	34	32	55
from 101 up to 300 km	55	46,75	44	65
from 301 up to 600 km	70	59,5	56	80
above 600 km	90	76,5	72	100

International Calling Services

International call to the following countries	Rate per minute, full and incomplete minute, soums
Central Asia (Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan)	365
Caucasus (Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan)	460
Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova	400
Europe	1 140
Asia	1 520
Asia (Bahrain, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Turkey)	1 275
Africa and America	1 265
Australia	1 725

Source: UzbekTelekom JSC, www.uztelecom.uz

Mobile Telecommunication services

5 operators – MTS-Uzbekistan, Beeline, COSCOM, Perfectum Mobile, and Uzbektelecom Mobile operate in the market of mobile communications.

Almost all mobile companies offer free-of-charge connection to the users. Also some companies offer free incoming calls within company network or free incoming calls from all mobile subscribers. Depending on tariffs, users may pay subscriber fee daily or monthly.

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Calling time (USD/1min) (for local calls)					
Incoming calls			Outgoing calls		
Within network	From mobile phones	From other phones	Within network	To mobile phones	To other phones
Free of charge	0-0,03	0,03-0,08	0,01-0,02	0,02-0,03	0,03-0,08

*Rates are in U.S. dollars and inclusive of all taxes. Payments are made in soums in the rate of Central Bank of Uzbekistan on payment date.

Source: www.mts.uz, www.beeline.uz, www.coscom.uz

Universal IP-telephony cards

Long distance and international calls

Country	Soums/minute	
	Fixed line	Mobile
European countries	500-1130	550-1130
Asian countries – 1(Bahrain, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey)	550-650	700-900
Asian countries-2 (those remaining)	650-1150	650-1150
Countries in Africa and America	550-1265	550-1265
Australia	700-1725	1000-1725
CIS countries	240-400	240-460

Source: *UzbekTelekom JSC* www.uztelecom.uz

Dial-Up

Some companies require subscriber fee for using dial-up services, and its amount depends on tariff. Amount of subscriber fee varies within USD 5-60 per month.

Daytime 9am - 6pm	Evening 6pm - 12pm	Night/Morning 12pm - 9am	Sunday – whole day
0.00-0.40 \$/hour	0.00-0.39 \$/hour	0.00-0.20 \$/hour	0.00-0.20 \$/hour

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Cost of cargo transportation varies depending on distance of transportation, type of cargo and destination country. Currently Uzbekistan uses the following routes for export/import transportation:

Route	Length (km)
Baltic ports (transit through Kazakhstan and Russia) – Klaipeda (Lithuania), Riga	4 354
Belarus and Ukraine (transit through Kazakhstan and Russia) – border crossing points of Chop (Ukraine) and Brest (Belarus) further to Europe	4 257
Ukrainian port of Ilichyevsk (transit through Kazakhstan and Russia) with access to the Black Sea	4 236
Eastern route across Kazakh-Chinese border crossing point up to eastern ports of China and Far Eastern ports of Nakhodka, Vladivostok, etc.	8 730
TransCaucasian route (transit route through Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, and Kazakhstan) with access to the Black Sea known as TRACECA corridor	2 050
Iranian port of Bandar-Abbas (transit through Turkmenistan) with access to the Persian Gulf	2 909

FOREIGN TRADE

According to the Customs Code of Uzbekistan the following main customs fees are paid while moving goods and vehicles across customs border:

- Customs duty;
- Value-added tax;
- Excise.

There are several options in paying customs duties:

- For goods originating from the countries who have free-trade agreement with Uzbekistan and exported by a resident of this country – customs duties are not levied;
- For goods originating from the countries that have Most-Favored Nation status agreements with Uzbekistan – customs duties are levied;
- For goods originating from other countries or with no reliable indication of origin – customs duties are levied in double rates.

The rates of customs duties on imports are determined according to the Annex # 1 to the Resolution PP-183 of the Cabinet of Ministers issued on 19.09.2005. The rate of average import duty amounted to 15.3% as of September 1, 2007.

List of countries –signatories to the free-trade zone treaty, with whom free-trade agreements have been signed

Azerbaijan	Moldova
Belarus	Turkmenistan
Georgia	Tajikistan
Kazakhstan	Russian Federation
Kyrgyzstan	Ukraine

List of the countries with most favored nation (MFN) status

Austria	Korea
Bangladesh	Latvia
Belgium	Lithuania
Bulgaria	Luxembourg
China	Malaysia
Cyprus	Malta
Czech Republic	Netherlands
Denmark	Pakistan
Egypt	Poland
Estonia	Portugal
Finland	Romania
France	Saudi Arabia

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Germany	Slovakia
Greece	Slovenia
Hungary	Spain
India	Sweden
Ireland	Switzerland
Israel	Turkey
Italy	United Kingdom
Japan	United States
Jordan	Vietnam

Value-added tax on imported goods

Along with customs value, amount of duty and excise is included in the taxable turnover of imports. Currently VAT amounts to 20%. The formula for calculation is as follows:

$$\text{VAT} = (A + B + C) \times 0.2$$

whereas,

- A = customs value;
- B = customs duty;
- C = excise tax (upon imports of excisable goods)

Excise on imported goods

Excisable goods imported into Uzbekistan by legal entities and individuals are levied excise tax. Object of excise is the customs value determined according to the legislation. Excise rates for excisable goods are set according to the Annex # 9-2 to the Resolution # PP-532 of the President of Uzbekistan issued on 18.12.2006.

Customs exemptions

Payment	Date	Benefit
Exemption from value-added tax and customs duty	At the moment of imports	<p>Technological equipment⁷ imported to Uzbekistan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for companies under construction or reconstruction specialized in manufacturing consumer goods; - by foreign investors as a contribution to the charter capital of the company with foreign investments; - according to the approved projects for creation of new businesses as well as modernization and technical refurbishment of existing factories given the appropriate approval of an authorized bank; - for leasing given the approval of an authorized bank.

⁷According to the Decree # UP-38 of the President of Uzbekistan issued on 14.03.2007, customs exemptions for equipment are granted based on the list of technological equipment approved by the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Finance, MFERIT, and State Tax Committee of Uzbekistan. This list is approved and registered by the Ministry of Justice under # 1669 on 31.03.2007.

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Exemption from value-added tax	At the point of imports	Technological equipment imported to Uzbekistan for privatized companies as investment commitments of foreign investor
Exemption from customs duties including VAT (except for customs clearance fees)	Throughout the period of implementation of quality management system	Technological equipment used in laboratory research and testing of products for the programme of development and implementation of product quality management system
Exemption from customs duty	At the moment of imports	Property imported by foreign investors into Uzbekistan for own production needs
		Goods imported by foreign legal entities who made direct investments into the economy of Uzbekistan in the amount exceeding USD 50 million provided that the imported goods are of own production
		Equipment imported by small businesses for setting up production
		Goods imported for advertising and presentations

Duties and VAT on exports

Exports of goods from Uzbekistan are not levied customs duties. Exports of goods for hard currency as well as of works and services implemented (provided) beyond Uzbekistan' territory including delivery to the Commonwealth of Independent States countries unless otherwise stated in the international treaties of Uzbekistan are taxable at zero rate of VAT.

Customs fees

Customs fees	Rates of fees
For customs processing: - goods and vehicles in the respective customs regimes except for regimes of transit, state forfeiture, temporary storage, processing on customs area (inward processing), and processing beyond customs territory (outward processing); - goods in the following customs regimes: "processing in the customs area" (inward processing) and "processing outside customs area" (outward processing); - imported wheat (HS code -1001), sugar (HS code - 1701), equipment for manufacturing facilities under construction.	0,2% of customs value but no less than one minimum monthly wage 0,2% of the value of services but no less than one minimum monthly wage 0,05% of customs value but no less than one minimum monthly wage

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For customs clearance in the transit regime:	
- for main page of cargo customs declaration;	equivalent of 10 euros
- for every additional page	equivalent of 5 euros
For storage of goods in the customs warehouse owned by the customs authorities, fee per day:	
- within first ten days (complete, incomplete)	0,1 % of customs value
- for every subsequent days	0,2 % of customs value
For customs escort of one vehicle within Uzbekistan in the distance of:	
- up to 200 km	equivalent of 50 euros
- over 200 km	equivalent of 120 euros
For making preliminary decision	equivalent of 50 euros
For issuing permit (license) for processing goods in the customs territory	equivalent of 150 euros
For issuing permit (license) for processing goods under customs control	equivalent of 150 euros
For issuing permit (license) for processing goods outside customs zone	equivalent of 150 euros
For out-of-office customs clearance of goods, per one working hour of one officer:	
- working time (9am-6pm)	equivalent of 5 euros
- overtime (6pm-9am), weekends and holidays	equivalent of 20 euros

Certificate of Good's Origin

Certification of goods' origin is the examination procedure for identification of goods' country of origin with subsequent issuance of certificate of origin of the goods from Uzbekistan or confirmation of goods' origin from other countries.

Examination of good's origin and issuance of certificate is completed within 3 days after the appropriate application.

Cost of Examination and Certificate of Goods' Origin

	Costs (soums, incl. VAT)
Goods' certificate of origin (spot check by an officer)	16 680
Goods' certificate of origin (without spot check by an officer)	15 000
Examination without issuance of certificate of origin	13 800
International certificate of origin	16 680
Endorsement of good's certificate of origin	13 200
Endorsement of original certificate	20 640

Furthermore, a number of other reports and certificates are used in foreign economic activities:

	Costs (soums, incl. VAT)
Confirmation of HS codes	2 500
Certificate of goods for own production needs	16 140
Inspection prior to shipment	0.3 - 0.8% of total value of contract

Source: *UzbekExpertiza OJSC*

CERTAIN COSTS FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

Visa fees

Nationals of certain countries must have visas for stay and transit in Uzbekistan. Consular fee for Uzbekistan visa depends on duration and mode of stay:

Entry, exit and transit visas:

up to 30 days	USD 60
up to 3 months	USD 80
up to 1 year	USD 160
Transit visa	USD 20 – 40

For each entry the visa fee is increased by USD 10.

Group visa:	
- up to 15 days for each person (group of at least 10 people except for children under 16)	USD 15
- up to 30 days and more for each person	USD 25
Visa extension fee:	
up to 24 hours	USD 15
up to 30 days	USD 50

Source: www.mfa.uz

Visa processing time for the visitors to Uzbekistan invited by legal entities or resident missions of foreign nations, international organizations accredited in Uzbekistan and private individuals is no more than 4 days excluding the day of application. Tourist visas are processed by consular institutions of Uzbekistan abroad, and visa processing time is at most 4 days excluding the day of application.

Home rentals

	Central residential area in Tashkent city (monthly)		Vicinity of Tashkent (monthly)	
	soums	USD	soums	USD
Houses (furnished)				
1-bedroom house	450 000 – 500 000	350 - 389	250 000 - 350 000	194 - 272
2-bedroom house	550 000 – 750 000	426 - 583	350 000 – 450 000	272 - 350
3-bedroom and terraced house	800 000 –1 500 000	622 - 1166	450 000 – 550 000	350 - 426
4-bedroom house with orchard and swimming pool	1 500 000 – 5 000 000	1166 - 3887	600 000 – 1 300 000	466 - 1010

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Apartments (furnished)				
1-bedroom apartment	300 000 – 400 000	233 - 311	200 000 -300 000	155 - 233
2-bedroom apartment	450 000 - 600 000	350 - 466	300 000 – 400 000	233 - 311
3-bedroom apartment	650 000 - 800 000	505 - 622	450 000 – 600 000	350 - 466

Source of information: Real estate market, Tashkent

Hotel Accommodation Rates

Average declared room rates:

	single room	double room
	USD	USD
Tashkent		
5-star hotel	120-195	195-215
4-star hotel	60-160	160-200
3-star hotel	30	40
Samarkand		
5-star hotel	95	150
4-star hotel	75-95	115-150
3-star hotel	35-65	50-80
Bukhara		
5-star hotel	70	110
4-star hotel	45-70	50-70
3-star hotel	25-35	40-50

Source: Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan.

Health services

Therapist counseling fees:

	soums	USD
Standard	4000	3,11
Average	5000	3,89
Comprehensive	6000	4,66

Counseling fees of physical therapists, psychiatrist and pediatrician:

	Initial		subsequent	
	soums	USD	soums	USD
Standard	4000	3,11	4000	3,11
Average	5000	3,89	5000	3,89
Comprehensive	6000	4,66	6000	4,66

Source: Government polyclinic №1

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Hospital fees:

Room category	Per night	
	soums	USD
Single room	130 000	101,06
Double room	85 000	66,08

*Source: MDS-Service (one of the most expensive private clinics in Tashkent)

Household Services

	Per month	
	soums	USD
Servicing (maid, whole day), minimum cost	200 000-350 000	155-272
Driver (main), minimum cost	250 000-450 000	194-350

Fitness center

Cost of fitness centers equipped with modern athletic inventory, showers, and swimming pool on average is 25 000-40 000 soums/month (USD 19,4 – 31,1) (3 times per week).

Theatres and museums

There are more than 27 theatres and 35 museums in Uzbekistan. One of the most popular theatres is Alisher Navoi State Academic Bolshoy Theatre of Opera and Ballet in Tashkent. Cost of ticket to this theatre is about 2 000 – 3 000 soums (USD 1.6-2.3) per person depending on the seat. Cost of ticket to one of the most frequented museums in Tashkent, the State Museum of Temurids' History is 400 soums (USD 0.3) per person.

Outdoor Advertising

The cost of outdoor advertising on 3x6 meter billboards on the streets of central districts of Tashkent with night lighting is about 500 000 soums (approximately USD 390) per month.

Public Transportation

	soums	USD
Taxi		
For every 1,000 meters	200	0,16
Rate for taxi call	1500	1,17
Bus, metro, tram, trolleybus (in Tashkent)		
One fare	250	0,19
Monthly pass	25 000	19,4

CERTAIN COSTS FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

Domestic Airfare

Fares from Tashkent (one-way ticket)	USD	
	Economy class (annual)	Business class
Andijan	29	39
Bukhara	34	50
Samarkand	28	40
Navoi	31	-
Namangan	28	38
Nukus	49	66
Termez	38	60
Urgench	53	72
Ferghana	28	38

International Airfare

Destinations from Tashkent (one-way ticket)	USD	
	Economy class (annual)	Business class
Moscow	280	405
Beijing	435	680
Frankfurt	510	1250
London	510	1250
Istanbul	429	699
Seoul	650	800

Source: Uzbekistan Airways, www.uzairways.com

VIP-hall

Passengers included in the list approved by the Cabinet of Ministers are served free-of-charge in the VIP-hall of Tashkent airport, while others are entitled to use VIP-hall for certain fee. VIP-hall fee for departures is equivalent of USD 50 in national currency at the rate of Central Bank of Uzbekistan, and USD 25 for arrivals.

CIP- hall

CIP-hall is designed for free-of-charge catering to the passengers departing by Uzbekistan Airways flights from Tashkent airport with first-class and business-class fares and for economy-class passengers for certain fee. CIP-hall service fee for departures is USD 30 in national currency at the rate of Central Bank of Uzbekistan, and USD 15 - for arrivals.

CERTAIN COSTS FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

Luggage

Each passenger who has paid at least 50% of transportation fee is entitled for carriage of following luggage:

- first-class 40 kg
- business class 30 kg
- economy class 20 kg

Car rental

Rental cost of business car (e.g. Mercedes) is about USD 80-150/day, minivan – USD 60-100/day, Nexia sedan – USD 20-50/day. Average cost of car rental with driver is USD 250/month.

Petrol prices vary depending its types:

Petrol type	soums per liter
Ai - 98	1 500
Ai - 96	1 400
Ai - 91	785
Ai - 80	710
DT	725

Mail services

Costs of standard letter depend on its weight and destination country.

Letter's weight (grams)	For CIS countries (in soums)		To other foreign countries (in soums)	
	Ground	Air	Ground	Air
up to 20	200	250	250	350
20 -100	410	580	720	1010
100 – 250	1540	2155	1890	2640
250 – 500	2780	3890	3510	4920
500 – 1 000	4420	6190	6210	8700
1 000 – 2 000	6380	8930	9925	13895

Registered letter are charged based on weight similar to common letters depending on mode of delivery (ground or air). Fee for order does not depend on weight and mode of delivery, while for all deliveries to the CIS countries it is 290 soums (USD 0,2), the fee for other foreign countries is 430 soums (USD 0,3).

Source: O'zbekiston Pochtasi, www.pochta.uz

International remittances

There are several money transfer companies operating in Uzbekistan. Below are the fees of Western Union for money transfers abroad.

Amount of remittance (USD)	Fee (USD)
50,00 or less	13
50,01 – 100	15

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100,01 – 200	22
200,01 – 300	29
300,01 – 400	34
400,01 – 500	40
500,01 – 750	45
750,01 – 1000	500
1000,01 – 1500	75
1500,01 – 1750	80
1750,01 – 2000	90
2001,00 – 2500	110
2500,01 - 3000	120

Note: For amounts exceeding USD 3,000, USD 20 added to the transfer fee for each amount of USD 500.

Source: www.nbu.com

Other companies' fees for money transfer are set as a percentage of the remittance. For instance, tariffs of service providers "Asia-Express" and "Bystraya Pochta" (Fast Mail) are 2%, while "Anelik" charges 3% of the remitted amount.

International schools

In Uzbekistan there are 3 stages of primary and secondary education: primary education (Grade 1-4), secondary school (Grade 5-9) and high school (Grade 10-12). School education is 12 years (starting age of 6-7). Education at government educational institutions is free-of-charge. There are parallel tuition fee-based international schools. Currently there are several international schools nationwide with international education programs.

Tashkent International School

Enrollment fee: USD 500	USD
Tuition fee for 1 academic year (2007-2008):	
Kindergarten	10,420
Grades 1-6:	13,000
Grades 7-10:	15,120
Grades 11-12:	15,645

Source: www.tashschool.org - official school website

Tashkent Ulugbek International School

Enrollment fee: USD 500	USD
Tuition fee for 1 academic year (2007-2008):	
Kindergarten (per month)	250
Grades 1-6:	6,000
Grades 7-12:	7,000

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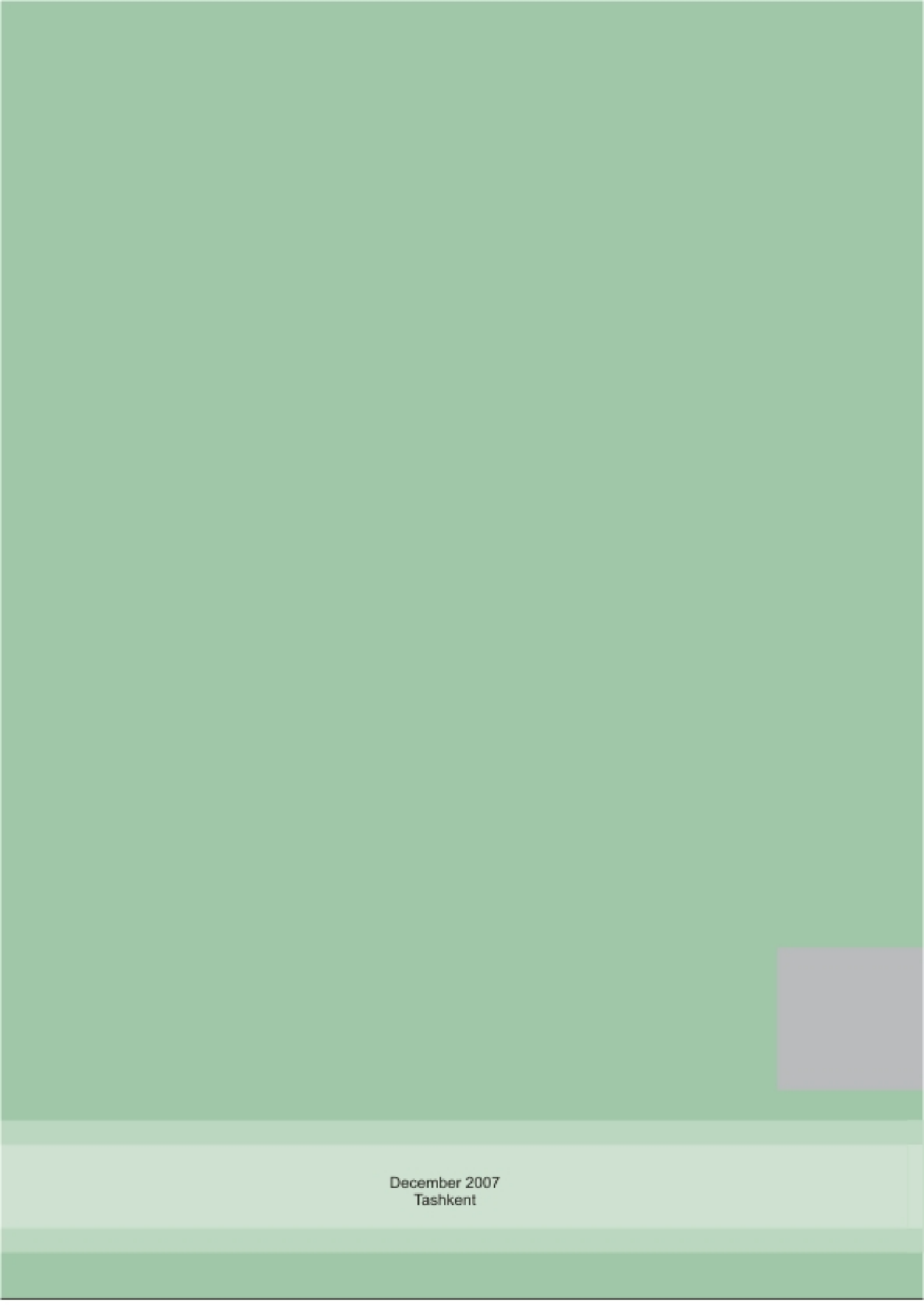
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