

Practical Guide for Investors in Algeria: Everything about the investor's rights and obligations

Why this guide?

This **"Practical Guide for Investors"** has been prepared by the High National Commission for Appeals related to Investment (HNCAI), as part of an original and special legislation governed by the law No.22-18 dated 24 July 2022 related to investment, and its texts enforcement.

It intends to inform and sensitize investors wishing to invest as part of the strategy of investment initiated by public authorities.

It is a document that contains information on the established bodies in charge of investment, as well as steps to follow from the **"investment project registration phase"**, through the investor's digital platform or by visiting the territorially competent one-stop shop until the **"actual entry into operation phase"**.

This information is prepared following a method that clearly sets out the features and the steps related to investment, allowing the investor to carry out a successful investment and avoid as best as possible conflicts. It informs the investor to abide by his rights and obligations as part of an investment project that he intends to implement.

As an investor, you must, in an enlightened manner, **become acquainted with the regulations in force related to investment**, being aware of the steps and **conditions of granting advantages** related to investment, be it on the **creation** of a new activity, an **extension** of your production capabilities, the **rehabilitation** of an existing investment, or the relocation of your activity from abroad.

As an investor, take the time to learn about the process related to the act of investing.

Who can invest in Algeria?

Any legal or natural person, national of foreigner, resident or non-resident: Article 1 of the law No. 22-18 dated 24 July 2022, related to investment.



Through a dedicated digital platform, the investor is informed of the operations and steps to follow in order to undertake his investment project. It provides the necessary information regarding investment opportunities in Algeria, land offer, investment incentives and advantages, as well as the steps relating to investment : **Article 23 of law No. 22-18** dated 24 July 2022, related to investment.

Legislative and regulatory texts list related to investment:

- Law No.22-18 dated 24 July 2022, related to investment.
- Presidential decree No.22-296 dated 4 September 2022, setting the composition and functioning of the High National Commission for Investment Appeals.
- Executive decree No.22-297 dated 8 September 2022, setting the composition and functioning of the National Investment Council.
- Executive decree No.22-298 dated 8 September 2022, setting the organization and functioning of the Algerian Investment Promotion Agency (amended and supplemented by Executive Decree n° 24-111 of 13 March 2024).
- Executive decree No.22-299 dated 8 September 2022, setting the modalities of investments registration, investments cession or transfer, and the amount and modalities of collecting the fees related to investment files processing.
- Executive decree No.22-300 dated 8 September 2022, setting the list of activities, property and services non-eligible to advantages, as well as the financing minimum thresholds that qualify for the transfer guarantee.
- Executive decree No.22-301 dated 8 September 2022, setting the list of localities falling under the areas to which the State gives special interest in terms of investment.
- Executive decree No.22-302 dated 8 September 2022, setting the qualification criteria for structuring investments, and the modalities to benefit from exploitation advantages and evaluation grids.
- Executive decree No.22-303 dated 8 September 2022, related to investments follow-up and the measures to take in case of non-compliance with the subscribed obligations and commitments.
- Law No.23-17 dated 15 November 2023, setting the conditions and modalities of granting economic land that falls under the State's private domain intended for investment projects.
- Executive decree No.23-486 dated 28 December 2023, specifying the extent of economic land belonging to the state's private domain intended for investment projects eligible for concession.
- Executive decree No.23-487 dated 28 December 2023, setting the conditions and modalities concession convertible into cession of the economic land falling under the State's private domain intended for investment projects.
- Executive decree No.23-488 dated 28 December 2023, establishing, organizing and setting the operating procedures of the National Industrial Land Agency.
- Executive decree No.23-489 dated 28 December 2023, establishing, organizing and setting the operating procedures of the National Touristic Land Agency.
- Executive decree No.23-490 dated 28 December 2023, establishing, organizing and setting the operating procedures of the National Urban Land Agency.

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- The one-stop shop of major projects and foreign investments, with national jurisdiction.
- o Decentralized one-stop shop, with local jurisdiction (Wilaya)

Presentation of the AAIP



The Algerian Investment Promotion Agency (AAPI) is a public administrative establishment, endowed with legal personality and financial autonomy. It is under the authority of the Prime Minister. For further details, please utilize the QR code.





The Investor's digital platform



The law No. 22-18 introduced, in its article 23. the investor's digital platform, implemented by the AAPI that also ensures its management. It is an instrument of communication, orientation, accompaniment and follow-up, as well as facilitation and dematerialization. For further details, please utilize the QR code.





Appeal procedure before The High National Commission for Appeals related to Investment



The procedure for introducing an appeal before the High National Commission for Appeals related to Investment, by an investor who feels aggrieved, is based on the articles n° 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the Presidential decree n° 22-296 dated 4 September 2022, setting the composition and functioning of the High National Commission for Appeals related to Investment.

This appeal procedure generally encompasses any contestation of the Agency's decisions, including economic land grating procedure.

Right to appeal by the aggrieved investor

All investors have the right to appeal before the High National Commission for Appeals related to Investment (HNCAI), an institution reporting to the Presidency of the Republic, as stipulated in Article 11 of law NO. 22-18 dated 24 July 2022, related to investment, particularly, in case of withdrawal/refusal to grant advantages/ refusal to issue decisions, documents and authorizations by the concerned administrations and organisms, as specified in **Article 6 of the Presidential Decree No. 22-296.**

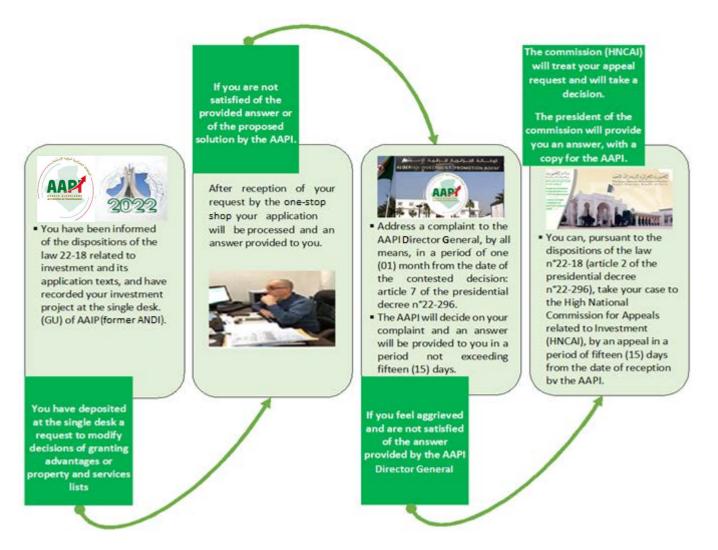
Under penalty of inadmissibility of its appeal, **the investor** must **address** a <u>prior complaint before the AAPI</u>, by all means, within one (01) month from the **contested decision notification date**. Upon reception of the prior complaint, the **Agency General Director** must **decide** on the case within a period not exceeding fifteen (15) days, from the date of reception of the contested decision.

Every aggrieved investor can **introduce appeal** before **the Commission**, within period of (15) days from the date of reception by the AAIP of the contested decision, as stipulated in **Article 6 of the Presidential Decree No. 22-296.**

The **appeal** must be **individual**, **signed**, and include, notably, the name and surname, address, and capacity of the appellant or their **duly authorized representative**, along with a **statement** outlining the **facts** and **arguments**, as stipulated in **Article 8 of Presidential Decree No. 22-296**.

The **appeal**, to be addressed to the Commission (HNCAI) either **directly** or via the **investor's digital platform**, must be accompanied by all necessary **documents** and **supporting materials**.

The **Commission (HNCAI) must render a decision within a period not exceeding one (1) month** from the date of its referral, as provided in **Article 9 of Presidential Decree No. 22-296.**



Furthermore, the investor can introduce a judicial appeal before the competent courts, in accordance with the legislation in force.