



IMO STATE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY INCENTIVES

S/N	The Name or Title of Incentive Measure	Description of Incentive Benefits	Year Introduced	Legal Document /Legal Reference Instrument	Duration /Mode	Sector(s)	Federal or State Level	Implementation Agency	Eligibility Criteria	Awarding Agency
1.	Availability of Industrial Land	Imo has large hectares of land reserved in various Local Government Areas for industrial								
2.	Income tax relief	Income tax relief for a period of three years and which can be extended for a period of one year and thereafter another one year or for one period of two years – Pioneer Status Incentives	2010	ISIPA law, 2010 Section 24	3years	Agriculture	Federal	FIRS	The company must be a small or medium company as defined by Section 105 of CITA 2004(As amended	FIRS

									by S.22(c) of Finance Act 2019)	
3.	Free transferability of capital and returns	Subject to this section, a foreign investor in an enterprise to which this Law applies, shall be guaranteed unconditional transferability of funds through an authorized dealer, in freely convertible currency, of- (a) Dividends or profits (net of taxes) attributable to the investment.	2010	ISIPA Law 2010 Section 26(a)	Continuously, subject to future amendment	Companies in all sectors	Federal and State	Imo State Government through Imo State Investment Promotion Agency (ISIPA)	Companies in all size and scale	Imo State Government through Imo State Investment Promotion Agency (ISIPA)
4.	Free transferability of capital and returns	Payments in respect of loan servicing where as foreign loan has been obtained, and	2010	ISIPA Law 2010 Section 26(b)	Continuously, subject to future amendments	Companies in all sectors	Federal and State	Imo State Government through Imo State Investment Promotion Agency (ISIPA)	Companies of all scale and size	Imo State Government through Imo State Investment Promotion Agency (ISIPA)
5.	Free transferability of capital and returns	The remittance of proceeds (net of all taxes), and other obligations in the event of a sale or liquidation of the enterprise or any interest attributable to the investment	2010	ISIPA Law 2010 Section 26(b)	Continuously, subject to future amendments	Companies in all sectors	Federal and State	Imo State Government through Imo State Investment Promotion Agency (ISIPA)	Companies of all scale and size	Imo State Government through Imo State Investment Promotion Agency (ISIPA)
6.	Protection against nationalisation and expropriation	No person who owns, whether wholly or in part, the capital of any enterprise shall be compelled by law to surrender his interest in the capital to any other person.	2010	ISIPA Law 2010 Section 27(1b)	Continuously, subject to future amendments	Companies in all sectors	Federal and State	Imo State Government through Imo State Investment Promotion Agency	Companies of all scale and size	Imo State Government through Imo State Investment Promotion Agency

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7.	Protection against nationalisation and expropriation	There shall be no acquisition of an enterprise to which this Law applies by the State Government, unless the acquisition is in the State interest or for a public purpose and under a law which makes provision for: (a) Payment of fair and adequate compensation; and (b) A right of access to the courts for the determination of the investor's interest or right and the amount of compensation to which he is entitled.	2010	ISIPA Law 2010 Section 27 (2 a & b)	Continuously, subject to future amendments	Companies in all sectors	Federal and State	Imo State Government through Imo State Investment Promotion Agency (ISIPA)	Companies of all scale and size	Imo State Government through Imo State Investment Promotion Agency (ISIPA)
8.	Pioneer status incentive	Grant income tax relief for a period of three years, which can be extended for a period of one year and thereafter another one year, or for one period of two years	1971	(Section 10(2)(a)(b) IDITRA) Industrial Development income tax Relief Act	3years	Industries /Products	Federal and State	Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission, Industrial Inspectorate Department, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Federal Inland Revenue Service	Pioneer industry or product	Federal Inland Revenue Service

9.	Pioneer status incentive	Exempted from paying tax on dividends paid by the pioneer company during the pioneer period to the extent that they are paid out of income exempted from tax	1971	(Section 17(3) IDITRA) Industrial Development income tax Relief Act	3years	Industries /Products	Federal	Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission, Industrial Inspectorate Department, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Federal Inland Revenue Service	Pioneer industry or product	Federal Inland Revenue Service
10	Exemption of interest on loan	Provides exemption from tax interest on any loan granted by a bank to a company	1990	COMPANIES INCOME TAX ACT, CAP. 60 LFN Section 11(2) CITA	1year	Agricultural trade or business; or the fabrication of any local plant and machinery; or providing working capital for any cottage industry.	Federal	Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS)	The rate of interest on the loan shall not be more than the base lending rate at the time the loan was granted	Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS)