



Vietnam's Legal & Licensing Reform: Navigating Administrative and Regulatory Changes

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- **LICENSING REFORMS**
 - FAST-TRACK INVESTMENT PROCEDURES IN THE AMENDED INVESTMENT LAW
 - STREAMLINED LICENSING PROCEDURES
- **WHAT MUST WE DO/ LEARN?**

LEGAL REFORMS

Private sector is officially recognized for the first time as key to Vietnam's economic growth in Resolution No. 68-NQ/TW

- **Market Access and Business Activities:** Businesses can operate in any sector unless explicitly prohibited, with any restriction required to be based on legal, transparent, and public interest justifications rather than arbitrarily applied. This new perception should remove the long-rooted “ask-give” mechanism commonly adopted by competent authorities.
- **Tackling Vietnam's Talent Bottleneck:** Focus on training 10,000 CEOs to solve leadership challenges.



Resolution No. 68-NQ/TW - Pushing private sector development

- **Reducing Administrative Burden:** Target to cut licensing procedures by 30% by 2025. Reforms aim to standardize law enforcement across provinces, address implementation gaps, and ensure legal predictability for businesses.
- **Digital Transformation of Governance:** Modernizing government systems with AI and big data.
- **Support for Startups and Innovation:** More funding and legal frameworks to boost innovation.

Resolution No. 68-NQ/TW - Pushing private sector development (cont.)

- **Sustainable Development:** Private enterprises are encouraged in investing in green energy, digital services, and to focus on sustainable investments.



- Resolution 68 is not a law, but it highlights the Government's strong commitment to economic development by redefining the private sector's role in Vietnam



Reduction of bureaucratic barriers

- Resolution No. 66-NQ/TW aims at adopting legal instruments :
 - to eliminate at least 30% of unnecessary business and investment conditions
 - To reduce at least 30-50% of the time required to handle administrative procedures and 30-50% of the administrative procedure costs to businesses
 - To facilitate 100% online submission of periodical reports

LICENSING REFORMS

Fast-track investment procedures in the amended Investment Law

- Investors in eligible sectors (innovation, R&D, semiconductor, etc.) in priority zones:
 - Can get the Investment Registration Certificates in 15 days from the submission date of the application dossier
 - Are not required to apply for:
 - ✓ In-principle investment approval
 - ✓ Technology appraisal
 - ✓ Environmental impact assessment report
 - ✓ Detailed master planning

Streamlined licensing procedures

- Recent administrative restructuring in local government shall result in much more efficiency in the government structure that facilitates business and social development in Vietnam, helping reduce the red tape and time-consuming procedures to investors.
- During the transition, it takes time for the new Government restructuring to operate properly. However, in the long run, investors will eventually enjoy a never before: streamlined procedures, reduced bureaucracy, efficient governance and a more business-friendly environment in Vietnam.

Conclusion – What must we do/ learn?

- Get familiar with the new local governance system
- Monitor new requirements and remain compliant
- Leverage incentives for strategic sectors
- Stay informed on legal updates by regularly consulting legal counsel

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