

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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01 What is Vertigo Free Zone?

Vertigo Free Zone is a full-service industrial and commercial park located in Xhafzotaj, Durrës, strategically positioned near Albania's main port, international airport and key national roadways. Designed to serve as a gateway between the EU and Western Balkans, Vertigo offers a fully serviced environment for businesses seeking efficiency, scalability and regional access. It combines custom-built infrastructure with significant fiscal incentives, streamlined business setup and support services tailored to the needs of manufacturers, logistics companies, tech firms and more. Whether you're a growing enterprise or an established player, Vertigo provides the space, support and location to help your business thrive.

02 Where is Vertigo Free Zone located?

It's located in the heart of Albania's trade corridor, only 6.77 km from the largest port in the Balkans, the Port of Durrës, 18.24 km from the Tirana International Airport, and major highway networks like the Corridor VIII.

03 Who can operate inside Vertigo Free Zone?

Vertigo Free Zone welcomes businesses from manufacturing, logistics, technology, R&D, agro-processing and commercial sectors. However, it is not limited only to these industries. Companies from a wide range of sectors can apply, as long as their operations align with the zone's regulatory framework and contribute to economic development. Both startups and established enterprises are encouraged to explore the benefits Vertigo offers.

04 Are there VAT exemptions?

Yes. Businesses operating in Vertigo benefit from **0% VAT** on all goods supplied within the zone, making internal operations more cost-effective. Additionally, exports and re-exports from the zone are fully exempt from VAT, streamlining international trade and reducing financial burden on outbound shipments.

05 What are the corporate tax incentives?

Companies operating within Vertigo Free Zone benefit from a reduced corporate income tax rate of just **7.5%** for the first five years of activity, offering significant savings compared to the national standard.

06 What property tax benefits are offered?

0% property tax for the first 5 years

Businesses operating within Vertigo Free Zone are fully exempt from paying property tax on buildings and facilities for five consecutive years, helping reduce long-term operational costs.

No tax on property transfers within the zone

Transfers of property ownership inside the zone are not subject to transfer tax, making it easier and more cost-efficient for companies to restructure, expand, or change ownership of assets.

07 Are there incentives for employees?

Yes. Vertigo Free Zone offers generous tax incentives that reward workforce development:

150% tax deductibility for salaries and social contributions

Employers can deduct **150%** of the cost of employee wages and contributions, effectively lowering their taxable income and making hiring more affordable.

200% tax deductibility for staff training and R&D investments (for 10 years)

Businesses that invest in employee training or research & development can deduct twice the value of those expenses from their taxable income for up to 10 years.

08 Are 100% foreign-owned businesses allowed?

Yes. Albania permits full foreign ownership, and businesses operating in Vertigo Free Zone can be 100% foreign-owned with no restrictions on profit repatriation or capital withdrawal.

09 Is there any minimum capital requirement?

There is no fixed minimum capital requirement imposed by Vertigo Free Zone, but capital needs may vary depending on the type of business activity and legal form. Our Investor Desk can provide tailored guidance during the setup process.

10 What infrastructure is provided on-site?

- Fiber-optic internet
- Internal road network
- Dedicated power grid
- Secure fencing and signage-ready layouts
- On-site parking, cafés, banking counters, and 24/7 security

11 Can I customize the unit to fit my business needs?

Yes. Spaces are adaptable for production, logistics, offices, showrooms and tech operations.

12 What everyday services and amenities are available at Vertigo Free Zone?

Vertigo Free Zone is designed not only for industrial and commercial efficiency but also for day-to-day convenience. A range of thoughtful services and on-site amenities ensure smooth operations and enhance your team's overall work experience:

- **Restaurants & Cafés**
Quick-service food options and cafés for staff and visitors
- **Retail & Banking Access**
On-site convenience retail, ATM and banking counter
- **Green & Relaxation Areas**
Outdoor spaces to recharge
- **Meeting & Informal Work Zones**
Designed for quick discussions and daily team check-ins
- **Parking & Security**
Dedicated parking areas and 24/7 security with controlled access
- **Technical & Facility Support**
Maintenance, utilities, cleaning and infrastructure assistance on call
- **Logistics & Waste Management**
Daily coordination available if needed, plus compliance with environmental standards

13 How secure is Vertigo Free Zone?

The zone is protected with perimeter fencing, 24/7 on-site security personnel, CCTV systems and gated access control. A dedicated fire and emergency response team is also present.



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