

## Israel

**Country:** [Israel](#) [1]

**EIA Law:** Planning & Building Law 5725-1965 (with amendments) (Unofficial translation)

**Law Link:** [Link](#) [2]

**EIA Regulations:** Planning & Building Regulations (Environmental Impact Statements) 5763-2003

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**Projects Requiring EIA:** Government projects

Private Projects

**Abridged Assessments:** No

**Assessment Detail:** Abridged assessments are not discussed in the Planning & Building Law or Regulations.

**Best Practices in Lieu of EIA:** No

**Who Conducts Screening:** Government

**Criteria for Screening:** List or appendix of project or activity types

Proposed project or activity may cause significant environmental impact

**Criteria for Screening Detail:** The regulations identified certain types of activities that require the project proponent to submit an EIS. P&B Regulations, sec. 2(a). An EIS may be required for any plan that may have a significant impact on the environment. P&B Regulations sec. 2(2), 2(3).

**Who Prepares EIA:** Project Proponent (with or without contractor)

**Who Pays for EIA:** Project Proponent

**EIA Contractor Qualifications:** Yes

**EIA Contractor Qualification Detail:** "The Minister of Environmental Protection shall prescribe for the categories of plans the professions, the education and professional training, the qualifications and the professional experience required of a professional." Planning & Building Act sec. 83(B)(b)

**Conflict of Interest:** No

**Conflict of Interest Detail:** Conflicts of interest are not addressed in the Planning and Building Law or Regulations.

**Terms of Reference:** Yes

**Days for Decision Maker Review:** 31-60

**Automatic Approval:** No

**Written Decision:** Yes

**Written Decision Detail:** Written decision is implied in P&B Regulations section 12(d). "The guidelines, the statement, the environmental adviser's opinion and the planning agency's decision shall constitute background documentation of the plan. . . ."

**Authority to Impose Conditions:** Yes

**Authority to Impose Conditions Details:** Yes, the planning agency shall decide which provisions for the prevention of negative environmental impacts (mitigation) shall be included as a condition for approval. P&B Regulations sec. (12)(c).

**Expiry of Decision:** Indefinite.

**Financial Assurances or Bond:** No

**Interdisciplinary Team:** No

**Range of Alternatives:** Yes

**Range of Alternatives Detail:** Terms of reference for preparing EIA "may" require project proponent to reference the environmental implications of other alternatives to the plan's proposed location, no action alternative, and technological alternatives. P&B Regulations sec. (8)(b)(2)

**No Action Alternative:** Yes

**No Action Alternative Detail:** Yes, if required by the project-specific terms of reference. P&B Regulations sec. (8)(b)(2)

**Type(s) of Impact Analysis:** Direct environmental impacts

Cumulative environmental impacts

**Mitigation:** Yes

**Mitigation Detail:** EIA shall include "proposals for means of preventing negative environmental impacts." P&B Regulations sec. (8)(b)(5)

**Monitoring Plans:** Yes

**Monitoring Plans Detail:** EIA shall include "proposals for . . . monitoring or follow up measures or other measures designed to protect the environment." P&B Regulations sec.(8)(b)(5)

**Draft EIA Available:** No

**Draft EIA Locations:** Other

**Public Notice of Final EIA:** Yes

**Public Notice of Final EIA Detail:** Although the public has access to the final EIA after it is deposited (approved), the Law and Regulations do not require public notice that the EIA is available.

**Final EIA Available:** Yes

**Final EIA Available Detail:** If the agency accepts the plan, the materials are available to the public. P&B Regulations sec. (12)(d)

**Final EIA Locations:** Internet

Agency or ministry office

**Fee to View EIA Documents:** No

**Fee to Obtain EIA Documents:** No

**Availability of Reference Studies:** Yes

**Public Notice of Final Decision:** Yes

**Public Notice of Final Decision Detail:** P&B Regulations sec. (12)(d)

**Public Scoping:** No

**Public Review of TOR:** No

**Public Participation Opportunities:** Review of final EIA

**Public Meetings:** No

**Criteria to Hold Public Meeting:** Other

**Days for Public to Review Final EIA:** 0

**Public Comments on Draft EIA:** No

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**Response to Public Comments:** No

**Response to Public Comments Detail:** A Ministry of Interior investigator will conduct public hearings for the objectors. 1525-1965 (107)

**Facilitation of Public Participation:** No

**Citizen Administrative Review:** Yes

**Citizen Administrative Review Detail:** District Courts are for appeals of quasi-judicial decisions of administrative agencies. Courts Law, 5744-1984 (33-42)

**Citizen Judicial Review:** Yes

**Citizen Judicial Review Detail:** Objectors can be heard under the general building and planning laws. P&B Act sec. (112)

**Project Monitoring:** Yes

**Project Monitoring Detail:** Depending on the scoping guidelines, the EIA may be required to include information on follow-up measures. P&B Regulations sec. (8)(b)(5).

**Enforceability of EIA:** No

**Enforceability of Permit:** No

**Days for Public to Review Draft EIA:** 0

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[2] <http://www.sviva.gov.il/English/Legislation/Documents/Planning%20and%20Building%20Laws%20and%20Regulations/PlanningAndBuildingLaw1965-Excerpts.pdf>