

# Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Tourism

## SMEs Online Registration System

### - About the System -

An implementation of the Cabinet's Resolution no. 2416-06 of 2017 which comprise developing a registry for SMEs, the SMEs Online Registration System was launched by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Tourism in April 2019 during the Global Entrepreneurship Congress (GEC), Bahrain 2019 to classify the size of enterprises in accordance with Ministerial Resolution No. (229) of 2017 on the classification of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

- The "SMEs Online Registration System" is a reflection to the five-year plan of the SMEs Development Board (SDB), and a reflection to the government's orientation in accordance with Bahrain Vision 2030, which aims to diversify sources of income and support the national economy by providing the necessary tools and services of value added for the development of non-oil exports, and what this constitutes of renewed prospects for the national economy cycle.
- The "SMEs Online Registration System" comes in parallel with the government's electronic transformation plan to enhance investment opportunities, and the effectiveness of the performance of all sectors, by providing the largest number of government services electronically.
- SMEs contribute to drive the national economy as they represent the largest segment of the total number of enterprises by 98%.
- The system aims to promote the growth of startups and the development of small and medium-sized Enterprises in order to increase their contribution to GDP and create new job opportunities for citizens.
- The system allows you to obtain the "SME Classification Certificate" which is an official certificate approved by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism indicates the size of your enterprise.
- The SME Classification Certificate allows the eligible institutions to benefit from the Cabinet's Resolutions No. (2416-06) of 2017 and No. (2516-04) of 2019, which are concerned with allocating a 20% share of the value of government procurements and tenders to SMEs, and granting SMEs 10% preference in the biddings of service facilities within government departments and in the government tenders as well, except for tenders and auctions of a special nature.
- This certification also enables taking advantage of "Export Bahrain" services, which include:
  - Export finance and credit insurance, providing consultancies, and providing programs in partnership with specialized institutions, in addition to workshops for exporters and those wishing to export.
- Registration in the system allows you to benefit from initiatives and support programs dedicated for the SMEs sector provided by the supporting sectors.
- By registering in the system, the enterprise enters among the largest database dedicated to SMEs in Bahrain and receives alert notices about the latest initiatives and programs and the most important news related to SMEs.
- The Ministry is working on developing the second phase of the system to improve data quality, increase ease of use and add a bundle of new services and programs aimed at developing SMEs.

We invite SMEs owners to sign up for free on the "SMEs Online Registration System" to obtain classification certificates by visiting the website of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism or via the following link:

<https://www.moic.gov.bh/ar/eServices/Pages/sme.aspx>