

**Middle East North
Africa Business
Information
Center**



SAUDI ARABIA: WORK WEEK

Business hours vary in different parts of the country. Saudi companies usually close for two hours in the afternoon and remain open throughout the early evening. Retail stores close for the noon prayer and reopen around 4:00 P.M.

The normal workweek runs from Saturday through Wednesday, with many companies also requiring a half or full day on Thursday. Friday is the Muslim holy day.

Work Week:

U.S. Embassy: 08:00 - 17:00 Sat. thru Wed.

Government: 08:00 - 14:30 Sat. thru Wed.

Banks: 09:00 - 12:00 and
17:00 - 19:00 Sat. thru Wed.

Businesses: 08:00 - 12:00 and
16:00 - 20:00 Sat. thru Wed.
08:00 - 13:00 Thursdays.

Information Source: U.S. Foreign & Commercial Service

Posted By: Trade Information Center, 2005