

Understanding the visa system in UAE

Discover the different types of visas in the UAE and learn about their key requirements, benefits, and limitations



There are different **types of visas** available in UAE you can choose any of the below options:

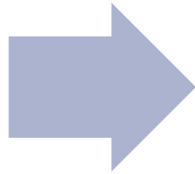
1. Transit Visa-for 48 or 96 hours
2. Tourist visa-30 day or 60 days
3. Five Year Multiple Entry Visa
4. Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) residents e-visa
5. Job seeker visa
6. Company-sponsored visa (work visa)
7. Sponsored by family
8. Golden Visa (10 years)
9. Green Visa (5 years)
10. Student Visa
11. Retirement Visa
12. Company Shareholder Visa (Investor /Partner 2 years visa)



Five-year Multiple Entry Visa

Eligibility

This service allows issuing a tourist visa for a duration of (5) years without a sponsor or guarantor for all nationalities. The visa holder (tourist) is permitted to stay in the country for a period not exceeding (90) days per year during visit.



Requirements

- The bank statement should be submitted as an official document (It should be a coloured print out duly stamped & signed), from the bank, with a minimum balance of (\$4,000) monthly for the last (6) months .
- Health insurance should be issued from the United Arab Emirates and must have a duration of (180) days .
- Validity of this visa is two months from the date of issuance, meaning the first entry to the country must occur within two months from the visa issuance date.
- The duration of stay can be extended for an equal period, provided that the total duration of stay does not exceed (180) days per year. This extension is given only for one year .
- A family visa application can be submitted in case there are children under the age of (18). Parents cannot be given dependence visa under this scheme.
- (90) days will be counted in each year starting from the date of visa issuance, not based on the calendar year.
- The five-year visa is a multiple-entry visa, which means multiple entries are allowed as long as the stay in the country does not exceed (90) days
- If the stay within the country does not reach (90) days, the remaining days will not be carried over to the new year
- At the time of Visa application, first time to and fro tickets needs to be uploaded and place of stay must be proved. Passport copies should be valid for a period of 6 month at the time of application. Can be applied online through smart service application.
- The visa becomes invalid and will be executed against the financial guarantee if the holder violates the specified duration of stay within the country.
- Businessmen who have regular visits to meet their customers, vendors, participate in trade shows, attending of meetings for negotiations can take benefit of this visa.

Golden Visa- 10 years renewable residence visa

The UAE Golden Visa gives eligible residents the chance to stay for 10 years, and sponsor family members including spouses, children, and support staff.

To qualify, individuals must meet certain criteria, such as outstanding achievements, investments, Salary of AED 30K per month from same employer for 5 years and professional qualifications.

Golden Visa- Few categories in detail

Investors in Public Investments Requirements

- Submission of a letter from an investment fund accredited in the UAE stating that the investor has a deposit of (2,000,000) million dirhams.
- Or submission of a valid commercial license or industrial license and a memorandum of the association stating that the investor's capital is not less than two million dirhams.
- Or to be a partner in a company's capital with no less than (2,000,000) million dirhams.
- Or submission of a letter from the Federal Tax Authority stating that the investor pays the government no less than AED (250,000) dirhams annually.
- Or submission a letter from the Federal Tax Authority stating that he is a partner in an establishment that pays tax to the government, and his share in the tax is at least (250,000) dirhams annually

Real estate investors Requirements

- This service allows the real estate investor owning a property the purchase value of which is equal to or more than 2 million AED at the time of purchase, to apply for a 10-years renewable residence permit. The husband or wife, children and parents can be sponsored.
- In the event of a mortgaged property, a bank letter indicating 2 million AED paid against the loan amount as a proof to be provided .

Entrepreneurs Requirements

- A Letter from an auditor registered in the UAE stating that the project value is not less than (500,000) dirhams (project owner).
- Provide a letter from the authorities in the emirate stating that the project is of a technical or future nature in which leadership is achieved (project owner).
- Provide a letter from an accredited business incubator in the UAE to establish the proposed activity in the country (founder of a project).
- Valid passport copy.
- Valid health insurance.
- Proof of housing in the country (home ownership/house rental contract).

Green Visa

Green Visa is a 5-year visa and is issued to below eligible residents :

1. Freelancers and/or self-employed

People who wish to apply for a green visa need to submit:

- a freelance/self-employment permit from Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization
- proof of a bachelor's degree or a specialised diploma
- evidence of annual income from self-employment for the previous two years amounting to not less than AED 360,000, or proof of financial solvency throughout their stay in the UAE.



2. Skilled employees

To apply for a Green visa, skilled employees must:

- have a valid employment contract
- be classified in the first, second or third occupational level as per Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization
- hold a minimum of bachelor's degree or equivalent
- have a salary of not less than AED 15,000 per month and worked with the same employer for continuous period of 5 years

Retirement Visa

A retired foreign national will be given a residence permit without a sponsor or host within the country for five years, renewable under the same terms as when first granted.



The period of service of the foreigner before his retirement is not less than (15) fifteen years, whether inside or outside the country, and he has completed (55) fifty-five Gregorian years of age.

2. One of the two conditions must be met:

A. To be the owner of one or more real estate within the country, the value of his real estate or the total value of his real estate is not less than (1,000,000) million Dirhams, whether this value is the purchase or market value, provided that the competent authority in the emirate carries out the evaluation, and that he has a deposit of Its value is less than (1,000,000) million Dirhams inside or outside the country, provided that it is transferred and deposited in any financial institution in the country within (60) sixty days from the date of issuance of the residency, except for the event that he invests the value of the deposit inside the country.

B. The fixed annual income of the retiree shall not be less than (240,000) two hundred and forty thousand Dirhams or its equivalent in foreign currencies, whether the source of the income is inside or outside the country, provided that a bank account statement for the last (6) six months from the date of applying for obtaining the residency.

Other visa types

Job seeker Visa :

A foreigner is provided with a visit visa to explore employment opportunities for one or more visits without requiring a host or guarantor within the country, validity of either 60, 90 or 120 days.

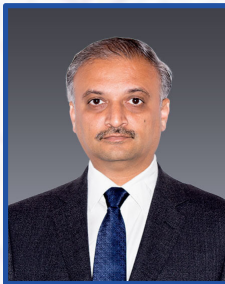
Work visa:

A residence permit entitles private sector workers to the right to reside in the country for a period of two (2) years, renewable for a similar period or periods in accordance with the same conditions under which it was granted.

Student Visa:

Students who wish to stay and study in UAE can apply for student visa sponsored by the institution where they are studying provided, they fulfill all the criteria

Any questions? Get in touch



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