



DOING BUSINESS IN UAE
FREE ZONES

Procedures

STEP 1 SELECT THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS

BRANCH COMPANY	OFFSHORE COMPANY	PUBLIC LISTED COMPANY	SINGLE SHAREHOLDER	MULTIPLE SHAREHOLDERS
<p>A branch is a legal entity of its parent company. Any company established outside the Jebel Ali Free Zone can establish a branch within Jafza. The Branch Company should be 100% owned by the parent company, operate under the same name and conduct the same business.</p>	<p>Minimum of one shareholder with no restriction in the maximum number of shareholders whether individual, non-individual or combined of both can set up an Offshore company in Jebel Ali Free Zone. The Offshore company is essentially a limited liability partnership within the Free Zone, with the liabilities of the company limited to the paid up capital.</p>	<p>A PLC is a company with limited liability with two or more shareholders. It is essentially a limited liability company within the Free Zone, implying that the liabilities of the company are limited to its paid up capital. A PLC has a legal personality distinct from that of its shareholders and has the capacity, rights and privileges of a person. A PLC must list its shares on the stock exchange and invite the public to subscribe to its shares.</p>	<p>A single shareholder (as an individual or a company) can register a Free Zone Establishment (FZE) in Jafza. An FZE is essentially a Limited Liability Partnership within the Free Zone, with the liability of the company limited to the paid up capital.</p>	<p>Two to 50 shareholders can set up a Free Zone Company (FZCo) in Jebel Ali Free Zone. These shareholders can be individuals (two to 50 people), non-individuals (two to 50 companies) or a combination of both. An FZCo is essentially a Limited Liability Partnership within the Free Zone, with the liabilities of the company are limited to the paid up capital.</p>

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STEP 2 SELECT PROPERTY SOLUTIONS



CUSTOMIZED
DEVELOPMENT



ONSITE RESIDENCES



OFFICES

PLOTS OF LAND



JAFZA ONE



SHOWROOMS



WAREHOUSES



RETAIL OUTLETS



WORKSTATIONS

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STEP 3 SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION

BRANCH OF UAE BASED COMPANY

1. Application Form (*typed & signed by the authorized signatory, if submitting physical form*)
2. Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) Form (*typed & signed by the authorized signatory, if submitting physical form*)
3. Brief Company Profile & Business Plan (Project Summary – one page)
4. Copy of UAE Company License and list of partners
5. Clear copy of partners passports with minimum 6 months validity including residence visa page (if any)
6. Clear copy of the proposed managers passport with minimum 6 months validity including residence visa page (if any).

BRANCH OF OVERSEAS COMPANY

1. Application Form (*typed & signed by the authorized signatory, if submitting physical form*)
2. Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) Form (*typed & signed by the authorized signatory, if submitting physical form*)
3. Brief Company Profile & Business Plan (Project Summary – one page)
4. Copy of certificate of Incorporation and List of Partners or Directors of the Parent Company
5. Clear Valid Passport Copies (Min. 6 Months Validity) of the Partners or Directors with Residence Visas (if any)
6. Clear Valid Passport Copies (Min. 6 Months Validity) & Residence Visa Page (if any) of the proposed Manager of the Branch. Company to confirm in writing, in case the proposed manager does not have Residence Visa in UAE.

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STEP 3 SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION Cont.

FREE ZONE ESTABLISHMENT (FZE) / FREE ZONE COMPANY (FZCO) NON – INDIVIDUAL SHAREHOLDERS

- 1.Application Form (Typed & Signed by the Authorized Signatory) - If Client is submitting Physical Form.
- 2.Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) Form (Typed & Signed by the Authorized Signatory)
- 3.Brief Company Profile & Business Plan (Project Summary) – One Page
- 4.Copy of Certificate of Incorporation and List of Partners or Directors of the Parent Company. If Applicant is UAE Company then, UAE Company License Copy and List of Partners
- 5.Clear Valid Passport Copies (Min. 6 Months Validity) of the Partners or Directors with Residence Visas (if any).
- 6.Clear Valid Passport Copies (Min. 6 Months Validity) & Residence Visa Page (if any) of the Director(s), Secretary & Proposed Manager. Shareholders to confirm in writing, in case Director, Secretary and Proposed manager does not have Residence Visa in UAE.

FREE ZONE ESTABLISHMENT (FZE) / FREE ZONE COMPANY (FZCO) INDIVIDUAL SHAREHOLDERS

- 1.Application Form (Typed & Signed by the Authorized Signatory)- If Client is submitting Physical Form.
- 2.Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) Form (Typed & Signed by the Authorized Signatory)
- 3.Business Plan (Project Summary) - One Page
- 4.Clear Valid Passport Copies (Min. 6 Months Validity) & Residence Visa Page (if any) of the Shareholder(s), Director(s), Secretary & Proposed Manager. Shareholders to confirm in writing, in case the proposed manager does not have Residence Visa in UAE.

Legal & Regulatory Framework

<http://jafza.ae/rules-regulations/>

Licensed Activities



Your activity will determine the type of license and the most appropriate facility suited for your needs. Jafza permits three main categories of activities:



TRADING



INDUSTRIAL



SERVICES



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Activities available
from Jafza](#)

Cost

Registration fees

- AED 5,000/- for Branch
- AED 5,000/- for FZE(One Shareholder)
- AED 5,000/- for FZCO (Multiple Shareholders) - One time fees.

License fees

- Trading with max 7 activities from one group AED 5,000 per year.
- Trading with max 12 activities from two groups AED 9,000 per year.
- Industrial License AED 5,000 per year.
- Service License AED 5,000 per year.
- Logistics License AED 15,000 per year.
- General Trading AED 15,000 per year.

Computer immigration card (CIC): AED 2,000/- per year.

Name plate AED 500/- (for Workstation and Offices).

Facility Lease charges

- The smallest facility available is a workstation for AED30,000 per year + 10% security deposit of the total rent (security deposit refundable). You will be able to apply for 2 visas.
- The cost of physical office spaces range between AED1,400/- to AED2,000/- per sq. meter per annum, a one time payment of 10% of the total rent payable as a security deposit (refundable)+ Insurance of AED 4/- per sq. m annually.
- The cost of a warehouse ranges between AED450/- to AED650/- per sq. m. + 10% security deposit of the total rent (security deposit refundable) + 2% PHL (Public Health Levy) annually + Insurance of AED 300 annually.



Share Capital

No minimum share capital requirements

Visa

Employment Visa is valid for 3 years

Process	Description	AED
Apply for Employment Visa	Entry Permit New	720
	DNRD Application fee	50
	EIDA schedule charge	90
	Government Medical Required = Yes (Mandatory)	350
	Medical 48 hours (Optional)	470
	Medical 24 hours (Optional)	600
	Medical VIP (Optional)	1200
	Employment Card Renewal Period = 3 years	450
	Entry Permit Urgency = Yes	160
	Applicant in Country = Yes	780
	Residence Permit New	690
	DNRD Application fee	50
	Residence Permit Stamping = Urgent	300
	Applicant age above 60 years	5000

Process	Description	AED
Apply for Employment Visa (VIP Package)	Entry Permit New	580
	DNRD Application fee	50
	EIDA Card	970
	Medical VIP (Mandatory)	1200
	Employment Card Renewal Period = 3 years	450
	Entry Permit Urgency	160
	Applicant in Country = Yes	780
	Residence Permit New	690
	DNRD Application fee	50
	Residence Permit Stamping Urgent	300
	Applicant age above 60 years	5000



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- Cross border investments
- Corporate mergers & acquisitions
- Funds
- Start-ups
- General Corporate & Commercial

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- The full spectrum of debt financing – bank lending, secured financing, margin financing, structured financing, leveraged and acquisition financing, infrastructure finance
- Securities and capital market matters including start-up funding, private placements
- Crypto and block chain technology
- Secondary market matters
- Insolvency and restructuring

❑Financial regulatory

❑General

- Succession and estate planning
- Technology and media
- Healthcare
- Commercial contracts
- Employment matters
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