



Dubai Visas for Visits, Work and Living

From remote work to long-term investors, Dubai offers a wide range of visa options for everyone seeking to visit, work, or establish residency in this dynamic global city.

What Visa Should I Get?

Depending on why you're coming to Dubai, there are a number of visa options available. If you're visiting the city looking for business opportunities and won't be working in the UAE, then a visit visa is all you need.

Nationals of many countries can receive a visa on arrival, while those requiring a pre-arranged visa can easily apply online through official channels.

Once you've decided to establish yourself in Dubai, you will need to apply for a residency visa. For workers employed by a Dubai-based company, this will be handled by your employer. However, if you're setting up your own business, working as a freelancer, or want to retire in Dubai, you can arrange your own residency visa.

Key Visa Categories

- Visit visas for tourism and business exploration
- Residency visas for long-term living
- Specialized visas for investors and entrepreneurs
- Remote work and retirement options

Main Residency Visa Types

Dubai offers several residency visa options, typically valid for five or ten years, designed to accommodate different professional backgrounds and lifestyle choices.



Golden Visa

For investors, entrepreneurs and talented professionals seeking long-term residency



Green Visa

For skilled individuals, freelancers or self-employed professionals



Virtual Work Visa

One-year visa for remote-work employees of international companies



Retirement Visa

For individuals aged 55+ wanting to retire in Dubai's world-class environment



Blue Visa

Newly launched visa for those involved in environmental and sustainability work

Golden Visa: Premium Residency

The Golden Visa is a prestigious 10-year residency visa designed for exceptional individuals who contribute significantly to the UAE's economy and society. This visa provides long-term stability and numerous benefits for qualified applicants and their families.

Who Qualifies?

- Property owners with significant investments
- Investors with substantial capital in UAE businesses
- Entrepreneurs with innovative business ventures
- Individuals with outstanding talent in various fields
- Those who have made exceptional humanitarian contributions
- Specialist workers in priority sectors
- Elite recent graduates from top universities

Key Benefits

- 10-year renewable residency
- No sponsor required
- Ability to sponsor family members
- Permission to stay outside UAE for extended periods
- 100% business ownership in certain sectors

For detailed eligibility criteria, visit the [General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs website](#).

Green Visa: For Skilled Professionals

The Green Visa is a five-year residency option specifically designed for skilled professionals, freelancers, and self-employed individuals who meet education and income requirements.

Freelancers & Self-Employed



Independent professionals who can demonstrate stable income and possess relevant qualifications. Must hold a university degree or equivalent certification.

Skilled Professionals



Experienced workers in specialized fields with proven expertise. All applicants must meet minimum income requirements and educational qualifications.

Education Requirement: All Green Visa applicants must have university degrees or equivalent qualifications, along with meeting relevant income thresholds.



Virtual Work Visa: Remote Work Paradise



Work Remotely from Dubai

Dubai's virtual working programme offers a unique opportunity for digital nomads and remote workers. This one-year residency visa is ideal for those employed by international companies who wish to live in Dubai while working remotely.

Eligibility Requirements

- Proof of employment from an employer outside the UAE
- Minimum one-year contract validity with current employer
- Monthly income of at least **US\$3,500** or equivalent
- Documentation proving remote work arrangement

Important Note: Virtual Work Visa holders are not permitted to work for UAE-based companies during their residency.

Retirement Visa: Your Golden Years in Dubai

Retirement Visas are available to individuals aged 55 or above who meet specific financial requirements. Retiring to Dubai offers vast opportunities for relaxation, travel, self-exploration, and access to world-class healthcare facilities in a cosmopolitan environment.

Financial Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet **one** of the following financial requirements:

Annual Income

Minimum yearly income of approximately **US\$49,000** (AED 180,000) annually from pension, investments, or other sources

Property Ownership

Unmortgaged property valued at minimum **US\$275,000** (AED 1 million), or mortgaged property with at least this amount paid off

Fixed Deposit Savings

Minimum of approximately **US\$275,000** (AED 1 million) in a three-year fixed deposit account

Combined Assets

A combination of three-year fixed deposit savings and property worth minimum **US\$275,000** (AED 1 million) total, with property making up at least US\$137,500 (AED 500,000)

Blue Visa: Environmental Leadership



The Blue Visa is a 10-year residence visa designed for individuals who have made exceptional contributions toward environmental protection and sustainability, both inside and outside the UAE.

Who Qualifies?

- Supporters of environmental action and advocacy
- Members of international environmental organizations
- Representatives of international companies with sustainability focus
- Members of environmental associations and NGOs
- Global environmental award winners
- Distinguished activists in environmental work
- Leading researchers in sustainability fields

Both Emirati nationals and residents who are sustainability advocates and experts can apply directly to the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security, or through nomination by competent UAE authorities.

Visit Visa Options

Dubai offers several visit visa categories designed for different purposes, from job exploration to tourism. Each visa type has specific requirements and validity periods to accommodate various visitor needs.

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Job Exploration Visa

For qualified professionals seeking employment opportunities in Dubai

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Multi-Entry Tourist Visa

Five-year validity for frequent visitors and tourism purposes

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Business Opportunities Visa

For investors exploring commercial ventures in the UAE

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Relative/Friend Visit Visa

For visiting family members or friends residing in Dubai

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Single-Entry Tourist Visa

Standard tourism visa for short-term stays

Visit Visa: Explore Job Opportunities

This specialized visit visa allows qualified foreign nationals to explore employment opportunities in Dubai for one or more visits without requiring a host or guarantor within the country.

Requirements

1. Personal photograph (passport style)
2. Passport copy valid for at least 6 months
3. University degree or equivalent qualification

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must meet the following professional standards:

- Be a skilled worker at the first, second, or third professional level of the occupational classification approved by the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization
- Hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent as minimum education level
- Have graduated from one of the top 500 universities worldwide according to Ministry of Education classification

Fees Structure

60-day visit visa	AED 200
90-day visit visa	AED 300
120-day visit visa	AED 400
Value Added Tax (5%)	Applicable

Financial Guarantees

- Security deposit: AED 1,000
- Warranty service fee: AED 20
- Collection and return fee: AED 40

Additional Fees (if inside UAE)

- Knowledge Dirham: AED 10
- Innovation Dirham: AED 10
- Processing fee: AED 500

Multi-Entry Tourist Visa (5 Years)

This premium visa option grants foreigners a five-year multi-entry tourist visa, valid from the date of issue, without requiring a guarantor or host within the country. Perfect for frequent visitors who want flexibility and convenience.

Requirements

1. Personal photograph
2. Passport copy valid for at least 6 months
3. Six months bank statement
4. Valid health insurance
5. Round-trip airline ticket

Terms & Conditions

- Passport must be valid for at least 6 months
- Must provide proof of US\$4,000 bank balance over 6 months
- Maximum continuous stay: 90 days (extendable once)
- Total annual stay not to exceed 180 days
- Valid health insurance coverage required

Complete Fee Breakdown

Application Fee	AED 100
Issuance Fee	AED 500
Guarantee Amount	AED 3,000
Warranty Service Fee	AED 21
Collection & Return Fee	AED 20
Knowledge Dirham	AED 10
Innovation Dirham	AED 10
Service Fee	AED 52.5
TOTAL	AED 3,713.5

Note: Total amount may vary depending on individual circumstances.

Business Exploration Visit Visa

This visa category is specifically designed for investors and entrepreneurs who wish to explore business opportunities in Dubai without requiring a local sponsor or host.

Required Documents

- Color personal photograph
- Passport copy with minimum 6 months validity
- Proof of investment or business interest

Visa Duration Options

- **60-day visa:** AED 200
- **90-day visa:** AED 300
- **120-day visa:** AED 400
- Plus 5% VAT on all fees

Financial Deposits

- Security deposit: AED 1,000
- Service fee: AED 20
- Collection/return fee: AED 40

Additional Fees (if in UAE)

- Knowledge Dirham: AED 10
- Innovation Dirham: AED 10
- In-country processing: AED 500

The total visa amount may vary depending on individual circumstances and processing requirements.

Multi-Entry Visa for Truck Drivers

A specialized multi-entry visa granted to truck drivers entering through land ports or UAE embassies abroad, specifically for those transporting goods to the UAE.

Documentation Requirements

1. One personal photograph
2. Passport copy (minimum 6 months validity)
3. Proof of relationship with UAE shipping company
4. Valid driving license
5. Current vehicle license

Key Conditions

- Passport validity minimum 6 months
- Proof of business relationship with UAE transport company required
- Valid medical insurance mandatory
- Visa can be issued from land ports or UAE embassies
- Payment of prescribed fees and security deposit required

Visa Fees & Insurance

30-day visa	AED 300
60-day visa	AED 500
90-day visa	AED 700
Plus VAT (5%)	Applicable

Medical Insurance

- 30-day: AED 40
- 60-day: AED 60
- 90-day: AED 90

Security Deposit

- Deposit: AED 2,000
- Service fee: AED 20
- Collection fee: AED 40

Relative or Friend Visit Visa

This single-entry visa allows foreigners to visit relatives or friends in the UAE for periods of 30, 60, or 90 days without requiring a formal sponsor or host arrangement.

Required Documents

1. Two personal photographs
2. Passport copy (minimum 6 months validity)
3. Marriage contract (if applicable)
4. Birth certificate (for family visits)
5. Salary certificate or employment contract
6. Identity card from country of origin for certain nationalities (Iraq, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan)

Eligibility

The visitor must be a relative or friend of either:

- A UAE citizen, or
- A foreigner with valid UAE residency

Applicants must attach proof of relationship and justification for the visit.

Fee Structure

30-day visa	AED 200
60-day visa	AED 300
90-day visa	AED 400
VAT (5%)	Applicable

Security Deposit

- Deposit amount: AED 1,000
- Service fee: AED 20
- Collection/return: AED 40

Medical Insurance

- 30-day: AED 40
- 60-day: AED 60
- 90-day: AED 90

Additional (if in UAE)

- Knowledge & Innovation Dirhams: AED 20
- Processing fee: AED 500

Single-Entry Tourist Visa

The standard tourist visa grants foreigners a single-entry visit for tourism purposes, with validity periods of 30 or 60 days. The sponsor or host must be an establishment operating in the tourism sector.

Simple Requirements

- One personal photograph
- Copy of valid passport
- Identity card from country of origin (for Iraq, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan nationals)

Visa Fees

30-day tourist visa: AED 200

60-day tourist visa: AED 300

Plus 5% Value Added Tax

Note: No security deposit required for this visa type

Processing Fees (if in UAE)

- Knowledge Dirham: AED 10
- Innovation Dirham: AED 10
- In-country fee: AED 500

Total amounts may vary based on individual circumstances.

Essential Conditions

- Valid passport or travel document approved for UAE entry and return to country of residence, with minimum 6 months validity
- Confirmed travel ticket for onward journey or departure from UAE
- Valid medical insurance coverage for the duration of stay in UAE

Visa Duration & Fees Overview

A comprehensive comparison of the main visit visa types available, helping you choose the right option for your needs.

Visa Type	Duration	Base Fee	Key Features
Job Exploration	60-120 days	AED 200-400	For qualified professionals, requires university degree
Multi-Entry Tourist	5 years	AED 600	Multiple entries, requires US\$4,000 bank balance
Business Opportunities	60-120 days	AED 200-400	For investors, requires proof of investment
Truck Driver	30-90 days	AED 300-700	Multi-entry for goods transport, higher security deposit
Relative/Friend Visit	30-90 days	AED 200-400	Requires relationship proof and sponsor documentation
Single-Entry Tourist	30-60 days	AED 200-300	Standard tourism, no security deposit required

All fees exclude VAT (5%), security deposits, insurance, and additional processing charges. Actual costs may vary based on individual circumstances.

Important Considerations

Security Deposits

Most visit visas require refundable security deposits ranging from AED 1,000 to AED 3,000. These deposits are returned upon successful completion of the visit and departure from the UAE. Collection and return processing fees apply.

Processing Location

Visa fees differ depending on whether the applicant is already inside the UAE or applying from abroad. In-country applications incur additional fees including Knowledge Dirham (AED 10), Innovation Dirham (AED 10), and processing fees (AED 500).

Medical Insurance

Valid health insurance coverage for the duration of stay in the UAE is mandatory for most visa categories. Insurance costs vary based on visa duration, typically ranging from AED 40 to AED 90.

Documentation Accuracy

All submitted documents must be authentic, current, and meet validity requirements. Passport validity of at least 6 months is standard across all visa types. Incomplete or inaccurate documentation may result in delays or rejection.

How to Apply for Your Dubai Visa



The visa application process in Dubai is streamlined and largely digital, making it accessible and efficient for applicants worldwide.

Determine Visa Type

Review requirements and choose the appropriate visa category based on your purpose of visit or residency plans.

Gather Documents

Prepare all required documentation including passport copies, photographs, financial proof, and supporting certificates.

Submit Application

Apply online through official government portals or authorized service providers. Pay applicable fees and security deposits.

Track & Receive

Monitor your application status online. Upon approval, receive your visa electronically or through designated channels.

For detailed guidance and official applications, visit the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs (GDRFA) website or contact authorized service providers.

Get Expert Support for Your Dubai Visa

Navigating visa requirements can be complex. Our professional services team provides comprehensive support to ensure your application process is smooth, efficient, and successful.



Free Consultation

Schedule a complimentary consultation to discuss your specific visa needs and receive personalized guidance on the best options for your situation.



Application Processing

Our team handles the entire application process on your behalf, ensuring accuracy, compliance, and timely submission through official channels.



Document Preparation

We assist with gathering, verifying, and preparing all required documentation to meet official standards and avoid delays or rejections.



Ongoing Support

From initial inquiry through visa approval and beyond, we provide continuous support and updates on your application status.

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