



مركز الشارقة لريادة الأعمال
Sharjah Entrepreneurship Center



مجلس الأعمال الإماراتية البريطانية
UAE - UK Business Council

UAE Free Zones

Select List of Free Zones That Cater to 4IR Startups



Key Licensing Concerns

License Types

	Financial Services	Non-Financial Services	Retail Services	
Startup Packages	License fee	AED 55,050	AED 37,800	AED 22,000
	Registration fee (one time)	Included in package		
	# of business activities	Unlimited number of business activities within same sector		
	Flexi desk / office option	Must rent office: WeWork (monthly) – AED 547 (virtual desk) to AED 8,750 (serviced office) Regus Business Center (monthly) – AED 396 (lounge) to AED 840 (office) Commercial Offices – Depends on number of employees – AED 100,000 (3 employees) to AED 280,000 (9+ employees)		
	Monthly payment plan	Available through WeWork, Regus		
	Share capital required	Depends on type of activity – Up to AED 183,500		
	# of shareholders allowed	1-5 individuals		
	# of visas provided	1 visa per 8sq.mt. office space		
	Shareholder visa cost	AED 4,248 for new visas; AED 2,616 for renewals		
Ongoing Licensing	Annual license renewal fee	AED 48,000	AED 29,700	AED 15,000
	Visa costs per employee	AED 4,248 for new visas; AED 2,616 for renewals		
	Visa duration	3 years		
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report		
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers	<p>Hub71: Offers startups access to acceleration programs, over AED 1.46mn in non-equity benefits, free office space and insurance, Tech Startup License at AED 2,571 for seed stage startups and AED 14,692 for growth stage startups</p> <p>Plug and Play: Accelerator program that provides funding, mentorship, access to global network, contracts and pilots, Tech Startup License at AED 2,571 for Seed stage startups and AED 14,692 for growth stage startups</p>			



Key Licensing Concerns

License Types

	Services	Trading	Industrial	General Trading	
Startup Packages	License fee	2 year licensing fee currently waived			
	Registration fee (one time)	Waived			
	# of business activities	Up to 5 activities			
	Flexi desk / office option	Flexi desk – Available for companies that require only one visa Free zone offices – Available at add'l cost		Warehouses of 379 sq.mt.+ have inbuilt offices charged at extra fee. Rent starts at AED 350/sq.mt.	Flexi desk – Available for companies that require only one visa Free zone offices – Available at add'l cost
	Monthly payment plan	Not available			
	Share capital required	AED 150,000			
	# of shareholders allowed	No limit			
	# of visas provided	Service and trading companies – 1-4 visas depending on size of office Industrial companies renting warehouses – No upper limit			
	Shareholder visa cost	AED 4,130			
Ongoing Licensing	Annual license renewal fee	AED 5,000	Industrial - AED 5,000	AED 15,000	
	Visa costs per employee	AED 4,130			
	Visa duration	3 years			
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report			
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers	KIZAD Entr. and Incubation Centre : SMEs receive 15%-36% discount on licensing fees. Shared workstations or dedicated offices available for an extra charge				



Key Licensing Concerns

License Types

	Freelancer	Limited Liability Company	Branch	
Setup Packages	License fee	1 year - AED 4,500 (Currently waived) 6 months – AED 2,250	1 year license: AED 15,000 (Currently waived)	1 year license: AED 15,000 (Currently waived)
	Registration fee (one time)	None	AED 3,500 (Currently waived)	AED 3,500 (Currently waived)
	# of business activities	3 (AED 1,000 per additional activity)	5 (AED 1,000 per additional activity)	5 (AED 1,000 per additional activity)
	Flexi desk / office option	Must rent hot desk at extra cost: Starting at AED 20,000 per year	Must rent desk / office at extra cost: Serviced Desk - Starting at AED 20,000 per year Fitted Fitted Office & Serviced Office - Starting at AED 50,000 per year	
	Monthly payment plan	Not available		
	Share capital required	None		
	# of shareholders allowed	Min. of 1 shareholder, no maximum except for freelancer package which can have 1 shareholder only		
	# of visas provided	2 visas	Serviced Desk – 2 visas Serviced Office – 3 visas Fitted Office – Depends on office size	
	Shareholder visa cost	AED 4,895		
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	1 year - AED 3,500 (1 st renewal waived) 6 months – AED 1,750 (1 st renewal waived)	AED 12,500 (1 st renewal waived)	
	Visa costs per employee	AED 4,895		
	Visa duration	3 years		
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report		
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers		Flat6Labs Abu Dhabi : Offers startups acceleration program, access to discounted, free services provided by partners		

License Types

Key Licensing Concerns

	Social Media Influencer	Holding Co.	Business Club	Bronze	Silver/Silver Plus	Gold
License fee	1 SM Acct – AED 2,500 Mult. Accts – AED 10,000	AED 5,000	AED 8,500	AED 11,500	Silver - AED 14,500 Silver Plus – AED 17,500	AED 25,500
Registration fee (one time)	None					
# of business activities	Up to 5					
Flexi desk / office option	Permanent desk in shared space included in license package		Shared desk Max. 10 hrs per month included in license	Permanent desk in shared space included in license package		
Monthly payment plan	Not available					
Share capital required	None					
# of shareholders allowed	Min. of 1 shareholder, no maximum					
# of visas provided	None	None	None	1	Silver – 2 Silver Plus – 3	5
Shareholder visa cost	None			AED 3,355		
Annual license renewal fee	1 SM Acct – AED 2,500 Mult. Accts – AED 10,000	AED 5,000	AED 8,500	AED 11,500	Silver - AED 14,500 Silver Plus - AED 17,500	AED 25,500
Visa costs per employee	Visas not offered			AED 2,915		
Visa duration	Visas not offered			3 years		
Compliance Requirements	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report					
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers	None					



Dubai



19,000+
companies



<https://www.dmcc.ae>

Wide range of trading and service industries

Key Licensing Concerns

License Types

	Basic Biz	Jump Start	Prime Plus	
Setup Packages	License fee	AED 35,484 (1 year license)	AED 43,780 (1 yr) AED 81,701 (2 yrs) AED 119,780 (3 yrs)	AED 75,880 (3 year license)
	Registration fee (one time)	None		
	# of business activities	Up to 3 activities per license	Up to 6 activities per license	
	Flexi desk / office option	Flexi desk available for 1 person, rental at AED 16,000-19,000/year	Eligible for flexi desk for up to 3 visas at AED 16,000-19,000/year. Option to rent/buy/lease office space for extra charge	Must rent, own office in JLT
	Monthly payment plan	Not available	2 installments available for 2,3 year plans	2 installments plan available
	Share capital required	AED 50,000		
	# of shareholders allowed	No limit		
	# of visas provided	1	No upper limit. Obligation to upgrade to office if more than 3 visas required	No upper limit
	Shareholder visa cost	1 year – AED 3,017, 2 years – AED 3,242, 3 years – AED 4,140		
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	AED 35,484 (1 year license)	AED 43,780 (1 yr) AED 81,701 (2 yrs) AED 119,780 (3 yrs)	AED 75,880 (3 year license)
	Visa costs per employee	1 year – AED 3,017 2 years – AED 3,242 3 years – AED 4,140		
	Visa duration	1 – 3 years		
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report		
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers	Astrolabs : Subsidized DMCC license at AED 30,000 per year, access to coworking space for AED 1,500/month, cloud credits of ~ AED 440K from IBM, AED 370K from Google, AD 18,500 from AWS, access to mentor network, discounts on courses			

Dubai Biotechnology & Research Park (DuBiotech)



Dubai



350+ companies



<https://dsp.ae/>

Pharma, health, wellness, environment, energy, human and plant sciences

License Types

Key Licensing Concerns

	Freelance	Branch	Limited Liability Company
Setup Packages	License fee	Non-manufacturing activity – AED 15,020 Manufacturing activity – AED 25,020	
	Registration fee (one time)	AED 3,250	
	Flexi desk / office option	Must rent desk or office: Shared Desk – AED 25,000/year Dedicated Desk – AED 35,000/year Serviced Office - AED 72,000 – 135,000/year Core & Shell Office – AED 130/sq.ft. Fitted Office – AED 150/sq.ft Laboratory – AED 145/sq.ft. Warehouse – AED 60/sq.ft.	
	# of business activities	1 – 5 depending on activity segment , additional activities at AED 10,000/activity	
	Monthly payment plan	Not available	
	Share capital required	Non-manufacturing activity – AED 10,000 / Manufacturing activity – AED 300,000	
	# of shareholders allowed	Min. of 1 shareholder, no maximum	
	# of visas provided	Shared Desk – 2 Dedicated Desk – 2 Serviced Office – Min. 4, 1 visa per 80 sq.ft. Core & Shell Office – Min. 4, 1 visa per 80 sq.ft. Fitted Office – Min. 4, 1 visa per 80 sq.ft. Laboratory – Min. 4 visas, 1 visa per 80 sq.ft. Warehouse – 1 visa per 120 sq.ft.	
	Shareholder visa cost	3 year visa – AED 7,020 1 year visa – AED 6,420	
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	Non-manufacturing activity – AED 15,020 / Manufacturing activity – AED 25,020	
	Visa costs per employee	3 year visa – AED 7,020 1 year visa – AED 6,420	
	Visa duration	1 or 3 years	
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report	
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers	In5 : Post incubation phase startups given access to offices, 1-3 year licenses at subsidized rates, access to mentorship		



License Types

Key Licensing Concerns

		E-commerce	Trade	General Trading	Service
Setup Packages	License Fee	AED 7,000 (Currently waived)			
	Registration fee (one time)	AED 5,000 (currently waived)			
	Flexi desk / office option	Must pay for one of these options: Smart Desk – AED 16,468.8 for 1 st year, AED 27,800 for 2 nd , 3 rd year Office – AED 1,450/sq.mt. for 1 st year, AED 1,800/sq.mt. from 2 nd year Warehouse – AED 460/sq.mt. for 1 st year, AED 600/sq.mt. from 2 nd year			
	# of business activities	Smart Desk – 1 Office & Warehouse – 4			
	Monthly payment plan	Not available			
	Share capital required	Minimum of AED 1,000			
	# of shareholders allowed	Min 1, max 50			
	# of visas provided	Smart Desk – 2 Office – 6 Warehouse – 20			
	Shareholder visa cost	AED 4,196			
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	AED 7,000			
	Visa costs per employee	AED 4,196			
	Visa duration	3 years			
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report			
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers		None			

License Types

Key Licensing Concerns

	Innovation License	Financial Services	Non-Financial Services	
Setup Packages	License fee	Starting at AED 5,500	AED 5,500 to AED 110,000 depending on DFSA activity category	
	Registration fee (one time)	AED 367 – AED 44,000 depending on license category		
	Flexi desk / office option	Co-working space available only for Innovation License holders at no extra charge Additional fees for renting office in DIFC is a requirement to obtain, maintain other licenses: Flexi desk – AED 22,038 per year / Dedicated Desk – AED 25,711 per year / Closed Offices – Varies depending on size		
	# of business activities	1 activity per category		
	Monthly payment plan	Not available		
	Share capital required	Non-DFSA Regulated activities – AED 183,650 DFSA Regulated activities – Varies (Up to AED 36.7mn for Category 1 firm, eg. banks)		
	# of shareholders allowed	Min. of 1 shareholder, no cap on maximum		
	# of visas provided	Up to 4 visas	1 visa per 9sq.mt. of office space	
	Shareholder visa cost	AED 7,750		
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	AED 367 – AED 44,000 depending on license category		
	Visa costs per employee	AED 7,750		
	Visa duration	3 years		
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report		
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers	DIFC Fintech Hive – Registration and incorporation fees waived, reduced license fees, access to coworking and flexi-desks, no minimum share capital requirement			

License Types
Key Licensing Concerns

		Freelance	Limited Liability Company	Branch
Setup Packages	License fee	AED 7,500	AED 15,020	
	Registration fee (one time)	None	AED 3,520	
	Flexi desk / office option	Flexi desk optional, starting at AED 25,000/year	Must rent or own office: Business Center Desk – AED 35,000/year (AED 5,000 deposit) Business Center Office – AED 96,000/year (AED 10,000 deposit) Commercial Space – AED 175/sq.ft./year	
	# of business activities	1 – 5 depending on activity segment , additional activities available at AED 10,010/activity		
	Monthly payment plan	Not available		
	Share capital required	None	AED 10,000	None
	# of shareholders allowed	1	Min. of 1 shareholder, no max (AED 500 fee per additional shareholder)	
	# of visas provided	1	Business Center Desk – 2 visas Business Center Office – 4 visas Commercial Space – 1 visa per 80sq.ft.	
Shareholder visa cost	AED 7,020			
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	AED 7,500	AED 15,020	
	Visa costs per employee	AED 7,020		
	Visa duration	3 years		
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report		
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers	In5 : Post incubation phase startups given access to offices, 1-3 year licenses at subsidized rates, access to mentorship			

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		Freelance	Limited Liability Company	Branch
Setup Packages	License fee	AED 7,500	AED 15,020	
	Registration fee (one time)	None	AED 3,520	
	Flexi desk / office option	Hot desk available at Business Center at no extra charge	Must rent office in Dubai Knowledge Park area – AED 175/sq.ft per year or in Business Center - 140-180sq.ft. – AED 81,250/year 180-220sq.ft. – AED 97,500/year 220-260sq.ft. – AED 113,750/year >260sq.ft. – AED 130,000/year	
	# of business activities	1 – 5 depending on activity segment , additional activities available at AED 10,010/activity		
	Monthly payment plan	Not available		
	Share capital required	None	AED 10,000	
	# of shareholders allowed	1	Min. of 1 shareholder, no maximum	
	# of visas provided	1	Business Center – 4-7 visas Dubai Knowledge Park Office – 1 visa per 80sq.ft.	
	Shareholder visa cost	AED 7,020		
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	AED 7,500	AED 15,020	
	Visa costs per employee	AED 7,020		
	Visa duration	3 years		
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report		
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers		In5 : Post incubation phase startups given access to offices, 1-3 year licenses at subsidized rates, access to mentorship		

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License Types

	Freelance	Limited Liability Company	Branch	
Setup Packages	License fee	AED 7,500	AED 15,020	
	Registration fee (one time)	None	AED 3,520	
	Flexi desk / office option	Hot desk available at Business Center at no extra charge	Must rent office in Media City. Pay for one of the following: Business Center Desk – AED 35,000/year Business Center Office - AED 97,500/year Commercial Office – AED 70,000/year Boutique Office – AED 589,000/year Warehouse/Showroom in Production City – AED 440,000/year	
	# of business activities	1 – 5 depending on activity segment , additional activities available at AED 10,010/activity		
	Monthly payment plan	Not available		
	Share capital required	None	AED 10,000	
	# of shareholders allowed	1	Min. of 1 shareholder, no cap on maximum	
	# of visas provided	1	Business Center Desk – 2 visas Business Center Office – 5 visas Commercial Office – 1 visa per 80sq.ft Boutique Office – 1 visa per 80sq.ft Warehouse/Showroom in Production City – 1 visa per 80sq.ft	
Shareholder visa cost	AED 7,020			
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	AED 7,500	AED 15,020	
	Visa costs per employee	AED 7,020		
	Visa duration	3 years		
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report		
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers	In5 : Post incubation phase startups given access to offices, 1-3 year licenses at subsidized rates, access to mentorship			

Key Licensing Concerns

License Types

	Industrial	Service	Trade	
Setup Packages	License fee	AED 12,000	AED 12,000 – 20,000 Depending on activity type	AED 12,000 – 30,000 Depending on activity type
	Registration fee (one time)	AED 5,000		
	Flexi desk / office option	Hot desks, coworking spaces available at DTEC and Techno Hub 2 at extra cost Office spaces available at Dubai Silicon Oasis Headquarters at extra cost		
	# of business activities	Up to 7 activities		
	Monthly payment plan	Not available		
	Share capital required	AED 100,000		
	# of shareholders allowed	Min. of 1 shareholder, no maximum		
	# of visas provided	1 visa per 9sq.mt. of office space		
Shareholder visa cost	AED 8,420			
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	AED 12,000	AED 12,000 – 20,000 Depending on activity type	AED 12,000 – 30,000 Depending on activity type
	Visa costs per employee	AED 8,420		
	Visa duration	3 years		
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report		
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers	Dubai Technology Entrepreneur Campus : Access to flexi desks, coworking spaces, discounted license fees and employment visa costs. Provides access to Startupbootcamp Smart City and Intelak accelerators and venture funding opportunities via DTEC Ventures			

License Types

Key Licensing Concerns

		Service	Trading	Industrial	Logistics	General Trading
Setup Packages	License fee	AED 5,000	AED 5,000 – 8,500 depending on the number of products traded or manufactured		AED 15,000	
	Registration fee (one time)	AED 5,000				
	Flexi desk / office option	Must rent an office in the Free Zone. Also, small offices in the Business Park are available for AED 23,000-30,000/year				
	# of business activities	Unlimited number of activities within the same business category				
	Monthly payment plan	Not available				
	Share capital required	None				
	# of shareholders allowed	Min. – 2 shareholders, Max. – 50 shareholders				
	# of visas provided	1 visa per 10 sq.mt. of office space				
Shareholder visa cost	AED 7,910					
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	AED 5,000	Type 1 – AED 5,000 Type 2 – AED 8,500		AED 15,000	
	Visa costs per employee	AED 7,910				
	Visa duration	3 years				
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report				
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers		Jafza Incubator: Halal food companies, Latin American and Indian companies offered up to 60% reduction in licensing fees				

License Types

Key Licensing

		Manufacturing	Trading	Consulting	Services & E-com	Shipping, Marine	Holding & Investment
Setup Packages	License fee	AED 5,000	AED 5,000 – 20,000	AED 5,000 – 25,000	AED 5,000	AED 10,000	AED 50,000
	Registration fee (one time)	AED 5,300					
	# of business activities	Up to 5					
	Flexi desk / office option	Must select one of the following packages: Virtual Office – AED 10,000/year Flexi Desk – AED 12,000-18,000/year Office space – AED 5,000-30,000/year					
	Monthly payment plan	Not available					
	Share capital required	AED 150,000					
	# of shareholders allowed	Minimum of 2 shareholders for LLCs, option for sole proprietorships					
	# of visas provided	Virtual Office Package – No visas Flexi Desk – 1-2 visas Office space – 4-6 visas					
	Shareholder visa cost	AED 5,000					
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	AED 5,000	AED 5,000 – 20,000	AED 5,000 – 25,000	AED 5,000	AED 10,000	AED 50,000
	Visa costs per employee	AED 5,000					
	Visa duration	3 years					
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit required from 2 nd year of operations, ultimate beneficial owner report					
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers		None					



License Types

Key Licensing Concerns

		Commercial/Services/E-commerce/Entrepreneur	Media
Setup Packages	License fee	1 Year – AED 18,068 3 Years – AED 39,533	1 Year – AED 14,868
	Registration fee (one time)	Included in package	
	# of business activities	1 activity	3 activities
	Flexi desk / office option	1 flexi desk workstation available with max. limit of 10 hours/week included in licensing package	
	Monthly payment plan	Not available	
	Share capital required	No min. share capital required	
	# of shareholders allowed	Min. 1 shareholder	
	# of visas provided	Flexible	
	Shareholder visa cost	AED 900 (visa charges currently waived off, only Medical & Emirates ID charges applicable)	
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	1 year – AED 16,068 3 years – AED 39,533	AED 12,868
	Visa costs per employee	AED 3,600	
	Visa duration	3 years	
Compliances Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report	
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers	None		



SAIF ZONE
المنطقة الحرة لمطار الشارقة الدولي
SHARJAH AIRPORT INTERNATIONAL FREE ZONE

Sharjah International Airport Free Zone



Sharjah



9,000+ companies



<https://www.saif-zone.com/>

General trading, consultancies, e-commerce, shipping, manufacturing

Key Licensing Concerns

License Types

	Commercial/Services	General Trading
Setup Packages		
License fee	AED 7,500	AED 15,000
Registration fee (one time)	Included in license fee	
# of business activities	Unlimited number of business activities within same sector	
Flexi desk / office option	Must have office package. Office: AED 10,800 for year 1 (AED 13,350 thereafter) Exec. Office: AED 15,650 for year 1 (AED 22,850 thereafter) Suite: AED 28,650 for year 1 (AED 35,850 thereafter) Warehouses: AED 48K – 164K per year	
Monthly payment plan	Not available	
Share capital required	150,000	
# of shareholders allowed	1-5 individuals	
# of visas provided	Office package (3), Executive Office Package (5), Suite Package (8), Warehouse Package (Varies depending on size)	
Shareholder visa cost	AED 4,900	
License Renewal		
Annual license renewal fee	AED 7,500	
Visa costs per employee	AED 4,200	
Visa duration	Investors – 3 years, employees – 2 years	
Compliance Requirements	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report and 3 rd party liability insurance required	
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers	Sharjah Entrepreneurship Center (Sheraa) : SAIF offers discounted two-year free zone licenses to Sheraa graduates, drops requirement for renting office if business is based on Sheraa premises	



Sharjah Media City Free Zone (SHAMS)



Sharjah



6,000+ companies



<https://www.shams.ae>

Entertainment, media, advertising, trade and e-sports

Key Licensing Concerns

License Types

	License Types		
	Service	Trading	Industrial
Setup Packages	License fee	1 year – AED 11,500 2 years – AED 19,550 3 years – AED 27,600 5 years – AED 40,250	
	Registration fee (one time)	None	
	Flexi desk / office option	Shared desk available for AED 3,675/year	
	# of business activities	Unlimited activities within same industry group	
	Monthly payment plan	Not available	
	Share capital required	None	
	# of shareholders allowed	Min. of 1 shareholder, no maximum	
	# of visas provided	No upper limit	
	Shareholder visa cost	AED 6,273	
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	1 year – AED 11,500 2 years – AED 19,550 3 years – AED 27,600 5 years – AED 40,250	
	Visa costs per employee	AED 5,832	
	Visa duration	3 years	
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report	
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers	Sharjah Entrepreneurship Center (Sheraa) : Shams offers Sheraa graduates with Ghaya incorporation package which features discounted licensing at AED 4,000		



License Types

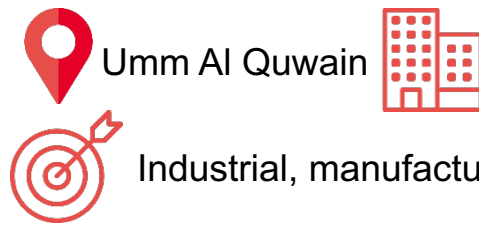
Key Licensing Concerns

	Women in Innovation / Scientist	First Step Office	Maktabi Coworking	Startup Office	SME Office	Ecosystem Office	Innovation Office	Innovation Plot
Setup Packages	License fee	AED 9,000	AED 15,000	AED 25,000	AED 25,000	AED 43,000	AED 92,000	AED 800/sq.mt. / AED 30-100/sq.mt.
	Registration fee (one time)	Not required		Currently waived	AED 5,000			
	Flexi desk / office option	Access to Innovation Lounge at no extra charge		Furnished Office w/ 3 desks	Designated desk in shared space	Furnished office with 4-6 desks	Fitted Office	Land lease within SRTIP
	# of business activities	5 (AED 1,000 per additional activity)						
	Monthly payment plan	4 installments available on multi-year licenses						
	Share capital required	None						
	# of shareholders allowed	Min. of 1 shareholder, no maximum						
	# of visas provided	1	6 (AED 1K / add'l visa)	3/desk (AED 1K / add'l visa)	8/office (AED 1K / add'l visa)	10+/office (AED 1K / add'l visa)	10+/office (AED 1K / add'l visa)	Varies based on land size
	Shareholder visa cost	AED 4,210						
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	AED 9,000	AED 15,000	AED 25,000	AED 25,000	AED 43,000	AED 92,000	AED 800/sq.mt. / AED 30-100/sq.mt.
	Visa costs per employee	AED 4,210						
	Visa duration	3 years						
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report						
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers	Sharjah Advanced Industry Accelerator – Offers a prize pool of AED 2.75mn, equity free grants of AED 367K, access to commercial contracts worth up to AED 550k, commercial pilot opportunities Sharjah Entrepreneurship Center (Sheraa) : SRTIP offer Sheraa startups with subsidized licensing, coworking space packages							

Key Licensing Concerns	License Types			
	E-commerce	Service	Commercial	General Trading
Setup Packages	License Fee	AED 6,000 if no visas required AED 9,250 if company requires visas		
	Registration fee (one time)	None		
	Flexi desk / office option	Must pay for office: Coworking spaces - AED 5,750 (1 year) to AED 55,500 (10 year) Office Spaces – AED 980 - 1,100 per sq.mt. Warehouse and storage spaces – AED 480 per sq.mt.		
	# of business activities	Up to 5		
	Monthly payment plan	Not available		
	Share capital required	None		
	# of shareholders allowed	Min. of 1 shareholder, no maximum		
	# of visas provided	Coworking – Up to 6, Offices – Up to 20, Warehouses – 20+		
License Renewal	Shareholder visa cost	AED 5,150		
	Annual license renewal fee	Without visa allocation – AED 6,000 With visa allocation – AED 9,250		
	Visa costs per employee	AED 5,150		
Compliance Requirements	Visa duration	3 years		
	Audit, insurance	Annual: Financial audit, ultimate beneficial owner report		
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers	Sharjah Entrepreneurship Center (Sheraa) : Ran “Access Sharjah” program providing promising publishing industry startups training, mentorship, access to clients, up to AED 367K in funding			



Umm Al Quwain Trade Zone



Umm Al Quwain 2,500+ companies



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Industrial, manufacturing, general trading, commercial

License Types

Key Licensing Concerns

		Microbusiness	Startup Business	Freelance	Commercial/ Consultancy	General Trading	Premium
Setup Packages	License fee	AED 2,500			AED 9,500		AED 14,500
	Registration fee (one time)	AED 2,500					
	Flexi desk / office option	Flexi desks available starting at AED 9,000, office spaces available for AED 9,000-16,000 annually					
	# of business activities	1		2-3		Limited to trading activities in group	1
	Monthly payment plan	Not available					
	Share capital required	None					
	# of shareholders allowed	Min. of 1 shareholder, no cap on maximum					
	# of visas provided	No visa	1		2 (Addl. visa offered per 9sq.mt of office space)	3 (Addl. visa offered per 9sq.mt of office space)	
	Shareholder visa cost	AED 3,500					
License Renewal	Annual license renewal fee	AED 2,500			AED 9,500		AED 14,500
	Visa costs per employee	AED 3,200					
	Visa duration	Investors - 3 years, Employees – 2 years					
Compliance Requirements	Audit, insurance	Ultimate beneficial owner report required					
Affiliated Entrepreneurship Centers		None					

List of Free Zone Affiliated Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Support Centers

Emirate	Entity	Free Zone Affiliation	Target Sectors
Abu Dhabi	Hub 71	Abu Dhabi Global Market	Fintech, DTC, Healthtech, Edtech, Foodtech, Hardware, Entertainment, Cybersecurity, Biotech, E-commerce, Mobility
	Plug and Play		
	KIZAD Entrepreneurship and Incubation Centre	Khalifa Industrial Zone (KIZAD)	Construction, Logistics, Transport
	Flat6Labs Abu Dhabi	TwoFour54	Media, E-commerce, Gaming, Edtech, SaaS, Healthtech
Dubai	Astrolabs	Dubai Multi Commodities Center	Entertainment, E-commerce, Proptech, Mobility, Logistics, Fintech, Agritech
	In5	Dubai Media City/ Dubai Internet City/ Dubai Knowledge Park/ Dubiotech	Tech, Design, Media
	DIFC Fintech Hive	Dubai International Financial Centre	FinTech, InsurTech, RegTech, Islamic Finance
	Dubai Technology Entrepreneur Campus	Dubai Silicon Oasis	Smart City Tech, Aviation, Travel, Enterprise Tech, Digital Media, Cloud Computing, E-commerce, Edtech, Mobility
	Jafza Incubator	Jebel Ali Free Zone	Transport and Logistics, F&B
Sharjah	Sharjah Entrepreneurship Center (Sheraa)	Sharjah International Airport Free Zone Sharjah Media City Free Zone (SHAMS) Sharjah Research Tech and Innovation Park Sharjah Publishing City Free Zone	Creative Industries, Healthtech, Foodtech, E-commerce, Edtech, Transport and Mobility, SaaS, Entertainment, Proptech, Fintech, Media



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