

Registers Company In United Arab Emirates	
Name of licensing authority	Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development (ADDED)
Emirate	Abu Dhabi
address	Al Najda Street - Baniyas Towers
contact numbers	800555
Main website	https://added.gov.ae/ar-AE
A brief description of the licensing authority	<p>About the Department:</p> <p>Established according to Law No. (7) of 2018, Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development (ADDED) regulates the business sector in the emirate of Abu Dhabi and leads the economic initiatives to achieve a knowledge-based, diversified, and sustainable economy.</p> <p>ADDED adopts the best informed strategic policies that are based on the latest research and statistics from local, regional, and global indicators. The Department dedicates its efforts through following the best practices in order to drive progress and development across the various sectors, in line with the Abu Dhabi Economic Vision 2030.</p> <p>ADDED also prepares the strategic programs by adopting the best economic and administrative practices, employing the best human resources, and using the latest global technology and expertise in the economic field. The Department advances the economic interests of Abu Dhabi by cooperating with regional and international partners, creating innovative synergies built on transparency, innovation, and knowledge exchange. All this benefits the business ecosystem and makes Abu Dhabi's investment globally and regionally attractive. A competitive investment climate is further enhanced by promoting the Emirate's business-friendly strengths worldwide.</p> <p>Objectives link:</p> <p>https://www.added.gov.ae/ar-AE/About-DED/Objectives</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Single Shareholder Company <p>2- A General partnership 3- A Limited Partnership 4- A Public joint stock company (PJSC) 5- A Private joint stock company (PrJSC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Private joint stock company (PrJSC) ○ A Private joint stock company (PrJSC) - A Single Shareholder Company <p>Company Branches</p> <p>A Company branch in Abu Dhabi / A company branch in another Emirate / A GCC company branch / A Free Zone company branch / A foreign company branch</p>
<p>describe company types/main activities available and their key features and characteristics</p>	<p><u>Description of company types / legal form in Abu Dhabi</u></p> <p>The Investor should know the types of companies and legal forms available when starting a business, where the requirements and conditions of issuing commercial licenses vary depending on the nature of the project and its legal form.</p> <p>Non-citizens' ownership or shareholding in business companies are subject to the regulations of activities available for foreigner investor ownership, in accordance with the strategic activity regulation, containing certain activities that are prohibited from being owned by to non-citizens. Please refer to these regulations thoroughly before making a decision to establish and conduct business.</p> <p>Below is an overview of the types of legal forms of license that can be established in Abu Dhabi.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- <u>An Establishment</u>: It is a sole proprietorship establishment owned completely by a single natural person and shall not have a separate legal personality from its owner. 2- <u>Companies</u>: A company is established under a contract and licensed by the Department of Economic Development (DED). The company

shall be registered in the Commercial Register and has a separate legal personality from the partners. The numbers and liabilities of the partners shall vary according to the legal form of the company. There are five types of companies are five, as follows:

1) **A Limited Liability Company (LLC):**

- A Limited Liability Company (LLC): A Limited Liability Company (LLC) is a company where the number of partners shall not exceed fifty (50). A partner shall be liable only to the extent of its share in the capital.
- A Single Shareholder Company: Any natural person or corporate person may establish and own a Limited Liability Company.

2) **A General partnership:** A General partnership is a company which consists of two or more partners who are jointly responsible for the company's obligations.

3) **A Limited Partnership:** A Limited Partnership is a company which consists of one or more joint partners who are jointly responsible for the company's obligations, aside apart from one or more silent partners who shall be liable for the company's obligations only to the extent of their shares in the capital.

4) **A Public joint stock company (PJSC):** The minimum limit of the issued capital of a Public Joint Stock Company is AED thirty million, its capital is divided into equal and negotiable shares. The founders shall subscribe to part of such shares while the other shares are to be offered to the public under a public subscription. A shareholder shall be liable only to the extent of his share in the capital of the company.

5) **A Private joint stock company (PrJSC)**

- A Private Joint Stock Company is a company where the number of the shareholders is at least two shareholders and the minimum limit of the issued capital is AED 5 million.

- A single legal person may incorporate and hold a Private Joint Stock Company, with the minimum limit of the issued capital of AED 5 million.

Company Branches

The following legal forms of company branches (a branch in Abu Dhabi / branch in another Emirate / a GCC branch / a Free Zone branch / a foreign company branch) shall have the right to open one or more branches in The Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Licensing requirements

Type of license		The required procedures	Cost		Notes
A general trading license	1	Establish a Trade Name	(200, 1200, or 2200 each 3 month, and according to the type of legal form and trade name) AED 200		
	2	Pending the approval of the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs	15		
	3	Issuing a trading license The requested attachment - <input type="checkbox"/> A certified lease contract <input type="checkbox"/> The articles of incorporation of the companies <input type="checkbox"/> A service agent contract,, if requested	100		
	4	Pending the approval of the third parties	Depends on the trade activity	If requested	

				1250 annually (for companies)	Ministry of Economy		
				1500 annually (for companies)	The social contribution s		
			Paying the fees and receiving the license	The activity fees + third parties fees + service fees	Depends on the trade activity		
	The eCommerc e license (Tajer Abu Dhabi)	1	Applying for a request for issuing a license and including the licensing information (the legal form - trade name - phone number... etc.)	15	The General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs	Depend s on the activity	
			Paying the fees to the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs				
		3	Pending the approval of the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs	Depends on the trade activity	If requested		
				1250 annually (for companies)	Ministry of Economy		
				1500 annually (for	The social contribution s		

				companies)			
				The activity fees + third parties fees	Depends on the trade activity		
	TAMM licenses	1	Applying for a request for issuing a license Including the licensing information (the legal form - trade name - phone number... etc.)	-	-		
		2	Paying the fees and receiving the license	515	The General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs		
				1250 per year (for companies)	Ministry of Economy		
				The activity fees + third parties fees + service fees	Depends on the trade activity		
	Dual licensing	1	Establish a Trade Name The requested attachments: - <input type="checkbox"/> The Free Zone has no objection to	(200, 1200, or 2200 each 3 month, and according to the type of legal form and trade name) AED 200			

			issue a license for a branch <input type="checkbox"/> The company pledges not to establish another branch in the emirate of Abu Dhabi		
		2	Pending the approval of the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs	15	
		3	Issuing a trading license The requested attachments: - <input type="checkbox"/> The Free Zone has no objection to issue a license for a branch <input type="checkbox"/> The company pledges not to establish another branch in the emirate of Abu Dhabi	100	
		4	Pending the approval of the outside parties	Depends on the trade activity	If requested
				1250 annually (for companies)	Ministry of Economy
				1500 annually (for	The social contributions

			companies)		
	5	Paying the fees and receiving the license	The activity fees + third parties fees + service fees	Depends on the trade activity	
	2	Activities are selected by section (11 sections)	Depends on the trade activity		
	3	Paying the fees and receiving the license	The activity fees + third parties fees + service fees	Depends on the trade activity	
Mubdiah License	1	Establish a Trade Name	(200 or 1200 each 3 month, and according to the trade name) AED 200		Depend s on certain activitie s
	2	Pending the approval of the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs	15		
	3	Issuing a trading license The requested attachment - <input type="checkbox"/> The approval of the Abu Dhabi Businesswome n Council (ADBWC) <input type="checkbox"/> Home ownership	100		
	4	Paying the fees and receiving the license	The activity fees + service fees	Depends on the trade activity	
Technology license	1	Establish a Trade Name	(200, 1200, or 2200 each 3 month, and according to		Depend s on

			the type of legal form and trade name) AED 200		certain activities
	2	Pending the approval of the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs	15		
	3	Issuing a trading license The requested attachment - <input type="checkbox"/> A certified lease contract <input type="checkbox"/> The articles of incorporation of the companies <input type="checkbox"/> A service agent contract,, if requested	100		
	4	Pending the approval of the third parties	Depends on the trade activity	If requested	
			1250 annually (for companies)	Ministry of Economy	
			1500 annually (for companies)	The social contributions	
			Paying the fees and receiving the license	The activity fees + third parties fees + service fees	
Freelancer licenses	1	Signing in by the Unified		The General Directorate	

		<p>Number or UAE Pass</p> <p>Applying for a request for issuing a freelancer license and including the licensing information (the trade name - phone number... etc.)</p> <p>The requested attachment -</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attaching academic qualification certificates / certificates of experience in the work practice / accredited achievements in the specialized field associated with the activity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attaching the employer approval to the foreign investor in the following cases:</p> <p>a. Working in the government sector</p> <p>b. Working in the private sector on a permanent contract and</p>		<p>of Residency and Foreigners Affairs</p>		
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		the required activity is similar to that of the employer			
	2	Paying the approval fees to the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs	AED 15		
	3	Pending the approval of the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs	The activity fees + third parties fees	Depends on the trade activity	
		The third parties	1250 annually (for companies)	Ministry of Economy	
			1500 annually (for companies)	The social contributions	
	4	Paying the fees and receiving the license	AED 515 fees for the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs	If requested The approval of the third parties	Depend s on the activity
Licensing procedures					
Related Legislation	Law No. (7) of 2018 on the reorganization of the Department of Economic Development				

	<p>Decision of the Chairman of the Department of Economic Development No. (145) of 2020 on the regulation of organizing the economic activities in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi</p> <p>Decision of the Chairman of the Department of Economic Development No. (144) of 2020 on the regulation of the granting advertisement and Promotions permits.</p>
Links of Related Legislation	https://added.gov.ae/en/Media-Center/Documents
fees and taxes by service	Defining the list of fees requested by the Licensing Authority + all fees requested from all other associated entities; such as the municipalities, civil defense and others.
e-Services provision links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The website of the Department of Economic Development (DED) https://www.adbc.gov.ae/ • The Department of Economic Development (DED) Application adbc • Exela System https://av.adbc.adeconomy.ae/ • TAMM Website https://www.tamm.abudhabi/
Links of Licensing Forms	-
Query link about companies licensed within the licensing authority	/https://www.adbc.gov.ae