

## Registers Company In United Arab Emirates

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| <b>Name of licensing authority</b>                    | Abu Dhabi Airports Free Zone  |
| <b>Emirate</b>  | Abu Dhabi   |
| <b>address</b>  | P.O. Box 94449, Abu Dhabi, UAE  |
| <b>contact numbers</b>                                | +971 2 800 1111   |
| <b>Main website</b>                                   | <a href="http://www.adafz.ae/">www.adafz.ae/</a>  |
| <b>A brief description of the licensing authority</b> | <p>Established in 2012 as a part of the Abu Dhabi government's economic diversification strategy, Abu Dhabi Airports Free Zone (ADAFZ) serves as a strategic hub and a gateway to the Middle East. ADAFZ provides its clients with a variety of world-class products and facilities including warehousing units, commercial offices, fully serviced business centers, plots of land for development, aircraft hangers and a full range of essential ancillary amenities to serve day to day business needs.</p> <p>ADAFZ's commitment to providing the best service and innovative solutions have made it a thriving destination of choice for a wide range of business sectors including aviation, logistics, e-commerce, ICT, trading, catering and consultancy management and much more.</p> <p>ADAFZ operates free zones at different districts located in three main airports at Abu Dhabi International Airport, Al Ain International Airport, and Al Bateen Executive Airport. All of which offer an outstanding return on investment through the provision of 100% ownership, a tax-free environment, and other unmatched benefits. These include 0% import or re-export duties and a full range of services including company registration, dual-licensing and rapid visa processing for employees.</p> <p>Abu Dhabi has consistently contributed over 60% of the UAE's GDP and ADAFZ's infrastructure, strong financial system and steadfast support for clients and entrepreneurs has provided multi-national companies the access and opportunity to collaborate with new suppliers, trade partners and logistics providers – delivering growth and remarkable returns on investment for numerous businesses.</p> |
| <b>Date of establishment of licensing authority</b>   |   |

**Total number of licensed companies:**

Abu Dhabi Airport Free Zone has registered 332 companies, of which 188 are currently active.

- Total number of registered entities, broken down by company type.
- Total number of new incorporations per year, broken down by company type.

| Year  | License | Branch | LLC |
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| 2012  | 17      | 14     | 3   |
| 2013  | 50      | 29     | 21  |
| 2014  | 48      | 20     | 28  |
| 2015  | 38      | 20     | 18  |
| 2016  | 28      | 13     | 15  |
| 2017  | 29      | 15     | 14  |
| 2018  | 33      | 27     | 6   |
| 2019  | 37      | 15     | 22  |
| 2020  | 43      | 27     | 16  |
| 2021  | 9       | 7      | 2   |
| Total | 332     | 187    | 145 |

**legal forms of companies**

- Abu Dhabi Airport Free Zone provides registration and licensing services for companies.
- The types of companies are as follows:
  - Limited Liability Company Registration (Individual)
  - Registration of a limited liability company (corporate)
  - Registration of a branch of a foreign company, or a branch of a local company

**describe company types/main activities available and their key features and characteristics**

- Aviation, Aerospace, Aircraft Interiors and Airport Services
- MRO
- Logistics, Transportation, Warehousing Distribution & Storage
- Marketing & Events
- Manufacturing
- Technology & ICT
- Trading
- Service Providers
- Management Consultancy
- Knowledge & Development

**Licensing requirements**

- Application for Registration & License
- Business Plan of proposed business
- Color passport & Visa copy of the Shareholders, Manager & Directors of the new entity
- CV of Shareholders, Manager & Directors of new entity

**Licensing procedures**

The first step:

- Submit the application form for the license and the required papers
- Provide the business plan of the facility
- Classification of activity

The second step:

- Payment of fees
- Reservation of trade name
- Security approval

The third step:

Submission of Legal & associated documents

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit the approvals of the competent government agencies</li> <li>• Signing Lease contracts</li> </ul> <p>The fourth step:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit a bank certificate indicating the deposit of capital</li> <li>• Issuing the license</li> </ul> <p>The fifth step:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit an application for residency to the manager of the facility and followed by staff</li> <li>• Collect the original license</li> </ul> |
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| <b>Related Legislation</b> | <a href="http://www.adafz.ae/english/start-business-with-us/Policies/">http://www.adafz.ae/english/start-business-with-us/Policies/</a> |
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| <b>fees and taxes by service</b> |  | Registration Fee<br>(One Time Payment) |             |
|                                  | Branch Company (Overseas Free Zone or Local) | AED 2,750                              |             |
|                                  | LLC (Corporate)                              | AED 4,000                              |             |
|                                  | LLC (Natural) individual Shareholder(s)      | AED 4,000                              |             |
|                                  | Licenses                                     |  | Annual Fees |
|                                  | Light Industrial                             |  | AED 8,000   |
|                                  | Trading                                      |  | AED 8,000   |
|                                  | Services                                     |  | AED 8,000   |
|                                  | General Trading                              |  | AED 20,000  |

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| <b>e-Services provision links</b> | <a href="https://oss.adafz.ae/#/">https://oss.adafz.ae/#/</a> |
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| <b>Links of Licensing Forms</b> | <a href="http://www.adafz.ae/english/start-business-with-us/application-forms/">http://www.adafz.ae/english/start-business-with-us/application-forms/</a> |
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**Query link about  
companies licensed  
within the licensing**

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