

Name of licensing authority	Dubai World Trade Centre Authority
Emirate	Dubai
address	Za'abeel Dubai World Trade Centre Podium Building 3rd Floor
contact numbers	04 308 6775
Main website	https://www.dwtc.com/en/free-zone
A brief description of the licensing authority	<p>Nearly forty years after its inception, Dubai World Trade Centre continues its story of growth with a dynamic new free zone, established in 2015.</p> <p>DWTC Authority provides a unique and highly desirable proposition for businesses seeking a competitive and well-regulated ecosystem to compete even more effectively regionally and globally.</p> <p>We are strategically positioned in Dubai's Central Business District, providing an ideal environment for startups, SMEs and large corporations to operate locally while reaching regional and global markets. Our office spaces, both collaborative and traditional, are available for lease to businesses in any industry that require a world-class commercial address. Under the jurisdiction of DWTC Authority, our free zone spans from the iconic Dubai World Trade Centre to the adjoining One Central.</p> <p>Abdalla AlBanna</p> <p>VP - Free Zone Operations</p>
Date of establishment of licensing authority	2015

<p>Total number of licensed companies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of registered entities, broken down by company type. ▪ Total number of new incorporations per year, broken down by company type. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of registered entities, broken down by company type. FZE: 632 FZCO: 365 Branches: 44 ▪ Total number of new incorporations per year, broken down by company type (2020) FZE: 185 FZCO: 84 Branches: 6
<p>legal forms of companies</p>	<p>Free Zone Establishment (FZE)</p> <p>Free Zone Company (FZCO)</p> <p>Branch of a Foreign Company</p> <p>Branch of a Local (UAE) Company</p>
<p>describe company types/main activities available and their key features and characteristics</p>	<p>Types of Licenses:</p> <p>Our personalized approach to free zone licensing and procedures, coupled with a superior location and unmatched operational standards, makes setting up with us seamless, straightforward and flexible.</p> <p>Commercial License</p> <p>For carrying out specified commercial activities</p> <p>General Trading License</p> <p>For carrying out unrestricted commercial activities</p> <p>Professional License</p> <p>For carrying out specified professional services</p> <p>Event Management License</p> <p>For the organizing of business and leisure events</p>

Licensing requirements	<p>Foreign branch registration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DWTC application (online) - Business plan - Passport copies of shareholder, directors, managers and secretary - For UAE residents, we will need NOC from the sponsor (for directors and shareholders) - Dully signed UBO form <p>Parent company's: (attestation will be required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MOA/AOA - Certificate of incorporation - Board resolution - Trade license (if applicable) <p>Local branch registration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DWTC application (online) - Business plan - Passport copies of shareholder, directors, managers and secretary - For UAE residents, we will need NOC from the sponsor (for directors and shareholders) - Dully signed UBO form <p>Parent company's: (attestation will be required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MOA/AOA - Certificate of incorporation - Board resolution - Trade license (if applicable) <p>FZE/FZCO (individual shareholder):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DWTC application (online) - Business plan - Passport copies of shareholder, directors, managers and secretary - For UAE residents, we will need NOC from the sponsor (for directors and shareholders) - Dully signed UBO form

	<p>FZE/FZCO (corporate shareholder):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MOA/AOA - Certificate of incorporation - Board resolution - Trade license (if applicable) - Dully signed UBO form - Manager's passport, CV, visa (if applicable), NOC (if the manager is a resident in UAE) - Company profile 																				
Licensing procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The client submits the application through the portal 2. The application is reviewed by the FZ admin 3. FZ admin submits the application for security approval 4. After the application is approved, the client received the initial approval and the proposal 5. The client makes the payment 6. FZ admin will prepare the MOA 7. The license will be ready in 2-3 working days after the MOA is signed 8. The establishment card is ready 3 days after the license is issued. 																				
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Description	Amount (AED)
Registration (Waived)	Nil
License	3,000
Establishment Card	2,300
Executive Office	30,000
VAT	1,500
Security deposit	4,000
Total (year 1)	40,800

General Trading License – Executive Office – FZE-FZCO-Branch	
Description	Amount (AED)
Registration	3,000
License	7,200
Establishment Card	2,300
Executive Office	30,000
VAT	1,500
Security deposit	4,000
Total (year 1)	48,000

Commercial/ Professional License/ Event Management License - FZE-FZC-Branch (Conventional Office)	
Description	Amount (AED)
Registration	5,000
License	12,500
Establishment Card	2,300

General Trading License - FZE-FZC-Branch (Conventional Office)	
Description	Amount (AED)
Registration	5,000
License	15,000

Establishment Card	2,300
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Commercial/ Professional License/ Event Management License - FZE-FZC-Branch (applicable to any facility and Business Centre operators such as Regus/TEC/WeWork/TIM)

Description	Amount (AED)
Registration (Waived)	Nil
License	3,000
Establishment Card	2,300

General Trading License –Conventional Office - FZE-FZC-Branch (applicable to any facility and Business Centre operators such as Regus/TEC/WeWork/TIM)

Description	Amount (AED)
Registration	5,000
License	15,000
Establishment Card	2,300

Visa Fees (AED)

Visa – Inside Country (including transfer)	2,720
Visa – Outside Country	1,500

Certificates cost = 3,000

NOC = 100

True copies and attestations = 100

e-Services provision links

Customer Portal URL:

<https://eservices.dwtcauthority.com/>

Links of Licensing Forms

<https://www.dwtc.com/en/free-zone>

Query link about companies licensed within the licensing authority	Inquiries are done via email or phone
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