

**Registrars Company in the United Arab Emirates**

<b>Name of licensing authority</b>	Sharjah Media City Free Zone Authority (SHAMS)	
<b>Emirate</b>	Sharjah	
<b>address</b>	Sharjah Media City (Shams),Al Messaned,Al Bataeh, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.	
<b>contact numbers</b>	In the UAE: 800 Shams (74267) Outside UAE: +971 800 Shams (74267)	
<b>Main website</b>	www.shams.ae	
<b>A brief description of the licensing authority</b>	<p>Sharjah Media City (Shams) was launched in January 2017 to act as a catalyst for creative and media businesses to grow and thrive. Aiming to be a world-class media hub for innovative facilities and services, Shams covers a wide range of business activities available for those wishing to embark on their entrepreneurial journey in the UAE.</p> <p>Authority Chairman: Dr. Khalid Omar Almidfa</p>	
<b>Date of establishment of licensing authority</b>	January 2017	
<b>Total number of licensed companies:</b>	Total Number of registered entities: 13394	
<b>i. Total number of registered entities, broken down by company type.</b>	LLC: 13340	
<b>ii. Total number of new incorporations per year, broken down by company type.</b>	Branch: 54	
	New Corporations yearly:	
	<b>LLC</b>	<b>Branch</b>
<b>2017</b>	2447	11
<b>2018</b>	3310	12
<b>2019</b>	1172	13
<b>2020</b>	4268	16

	2021	2143	2
<b>legal forms of companies</b>	<p>Pursuant to Shams' General Policies and Companies and Licensing Regulations 2017, the types of companies issued within Shams' jurisdiction are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited Liability Companies</li> <li>• Branches of Existing Companies</li> </ul>		
<b>describe company types/main activities available and their key features and characteristics</b>	<p>Shams offers over 120 business activities which includes three areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media</li> <li>• Wholesale &amp; Retail</li> <li>• Services and Consultancy</li> </ul>		
<b>Licensing requirements</b>	<p>Company formation processes within Shams' jurisdiction require submission of various documents. These documents include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Client On-Boarding Form.</li> <li>• Authorized Signatory Form; and</li> <li>• Declaration of Legal and Regulatory Compliance.</li> <li>• Business Plan (depending on the proposed business activity and based on resume of shareholder)</li> <li>• Ultimate Beneficial Owner Form (in cases of corporate shareholders); and</li> <li>• Pre-approval Forms (if applicable).</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the above, Shams' incorporation process mandates key documents for identification purposes. Such documents include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport Copies.</li> <li>• Know Your Customer Verification via Online or Physical Appearance</li> <li>• Customer Screening and Due Diligence (including background check, passport check and client history).</li> </ul>		
<b>Licensing procedures</b>	<p>A client processes onboarding application through our portal and uploads all required documents in order to process the business license.</p> <p><a href="https://portal.shams.ae/frontend/login/">https://portal.shams.ae/frontend/login/</a></p>		
<b>Related Legislation</b>	<p>Sharjah Media City - Free Zone Authority (Shams) has drafted, and subsequently implemented, administrative provisions and governance principles that regulate the conduct of companies incorporated within its jurisdiction.</p>		
<b>Links of Related Legislation</b>	<p><a href="https://www.shams.ae/shams-general-policies-and-regulations/">https://www.shams.ae/shams-general-policies-and-regulations/</a></p>		

<b>fees and taxes by service</b>	<a href="https://www.shams.ae/company-formation/price-list/">https://www.shams.ae/company-formation/price-list/</a>
<b>e-Services provision links</b>	For Concierge Services: <a href="https://www.shams.ae/concierge/">https://www.shams.ae/concierge/</a> New Business Set: <a href="https://www.shams.ae/companyformation/facilities/">https://www.shams.ae/companyformation/facilities/</a>
<b>Links of Licensing Forms</b>	<a href="https://portal.shams.ae/frontend/login/">https://portal.shams.ae/frontend/login/</a>
<b>Query link about companies licensed within the licensing authority</b>	<a href="https://www.shams.ae/license/verification/">https://www.shams.ae/license/verification/</a>