

Name of licensing authority	Umm Al Quwain Free Trade Zone Authority (UAQ FTZA)
Emirate	Umm AL Quwain
address	One UAQ Building, Al Barqaa, Umm Al Quwain Free Trade Zone, Umm Al Quwain, UAE
contact numbers	067647272
Main website	www.uaqftz.com/
A brief description of the licensing authority	Established in 1987 (name change in 2014), the UAQ FTZ is one of the leading and most cost effective free zones in the UAE. General Manager: Mr Johnson M. George. The UAQ FTZ offers a great working environment in the perfect location at very affordable rates. The UAQ FTZ is the Free Zone of the future, where progressive companies – regardless of the sector in which they operate – can enjoy doing business in a safe, secure and prosperous environment. Situated close to the UAE's primary sea ports and within 40 minutes' drive from Dubai International Airport and Sharjah International Airport, UAQ FTZ is the perfect location to set up any business within easy access to the rest of the world. The UAQ FTZ offers flexibility and ease of doing business, customer-friendly approach, Investor-friendly climate, excellent growth opportunities, cost-effective leasing options for office space and warehousing.
Date of establishment of licensing authority	Established in 1987 (name change in 2014).
Total number of licensed companies:	- Total number of registered companies is (8032).
i. Total number of registered entities, broken down by company type.	- Total number of new incorporations per year is as follows:
ii. Total number of new incorporations per year, broken down by company type.	- From 2014= (35 companies).
	- From 2015= (877 companies).
	- From 2016= (1603 companies).
	- From 2017 = (2069 companies).
	- From 2018 = (1311 companies).
	- From 2019 = (1009 companies).
	- From 2020 = (653 companies).

	- From 2021 = (482 companies).
legal forms of companies	Free Zone Establishment (FZE) – Free Zone Company (FZC) – UAQ FTZ Branch.
describe company types/main activities available and their key features and characteristics	Commercial, Consultancy and Industrial licences as well as Freelancer Permits.
Licensing requirements	Passport copies – visa copies/entry stamp copies – Emirates ID Card copies (if applicable) - Address Proofs – passport-sized photos with white background – Specimen Signature and UBO Form – Police Clearance (if applicable) – General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs Pre-approval result (if applicable).
Licensing procedures	Company name check and it should be approved as per the UAQFTZ name policy- Security check of the Shareholder + Manager + Director and Secretary passport. Verifying the incorporation documents.
Related Legislation	The licensing procedure should be processed as per the UAQ FTZ Rules and Regulations and the UAQ FTZ Company Regulations (www.uaqftz.com/support).
Links of Related Legislation	www.uaqftz.com/support/
fees and taxes by service	Determine the list of fees required from the licensing authority + all the fees required from all other related authorities such as municipalities, civil defense and others
e-Services provision links	list of services provided by the licensing authority + link
Links of Licensing Forms	NA
Query link about companies licensed within the licensing authority	The UAQ FTZ website (www.uaqftz.com/) has a Licence Verification Tool whereby anyone can check whether or not the company is registered with the UAQ FTZ.