

UAE Free Zones List (2026)

Free zones covered by ZoneWise: 40. Fee data reviewed July 2026; page content reviewed September 2026. This is a list of free zones, not of the companies registered in them. The UAE has roughly 45+ free zones in total (counts vary by source); see <https://www.zonewise.ae/blog/how-many-free-zones-in-uae/>

Free zone	Emirate	Authority (as published - confirm)	Focus	Licence cost data	Fee data	Official website
DMCC	Dubai	DMCC Authority	Commodities, crypto & multi-sector	Official packages from AED 29,185; licence typically AED 20,000-50,000 a year (DMCC, Apr 2026)	Published fees	dmcc.ae
IFZA	Dubai	International Free Zone Authority (IFZA)	SME, startup & holding companies	From AED 12,900 (zero-visa) · about AED 21,450 with one visa	Published fees	ifza.com
Meydan Free Zone	Dubai	Meydan Free Zone Authority	Digital, e-commerce & SME	From AED 12,500 (zero-visa) · about AED 20,670 with one visa	Published fees	meydanfz.ae
JAFZA	Dubai	Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority (JAFZA)	Logistics, trading & industrial	Trading licence from about AED 5,000/yr (one activity group) · office, warehouse and visas extra	Indicative band	jafza.ae
DAFZ (Dubai Airport Freezone)	Dubai	Dubai Airport Freezone Authority (DAFZ)	Aviation, logistics & premium trading	Year-one from about AED 55,000 (smart desk + one visa)	Indicative band	dafz.ae
DIFC	Dubai	DIFC Authority; financial regulation by the DFSA	Financial services & regulated business	From about AED 104,079 (about AED 108,579 with one visa)	Published fees	difc.ae
Dubai South	Dubai	Dubai South Free Zone Authority	Aviation, logistics & e-commerce	Indicative from about AED 10,000-12,500 for entry packages	Indicative band	dubaisouth.ae
Dubai Silicon Oasis (DSO)	Dubai	Dubai Silicon Oasis Authority (DSOA)	Technology & innovation park	Indicative from about AED 11,900 (unconfirmed — quote required)	Indicative band	dsoa.ae
Dubai Internet City	Dubai	Dubai Development Authority (DDA); district operated by TECOM Group	Technology & software	Sector band about AED 25,000-50,000 in year one (quote required)	Indicative band	dubaiinternetcity.com
Dubai Media City	Dubai	Dubai Development Authority (DDA); district operated by TECOM Group	Media, advertising & creative	Sector band about AED 25,000-50,000 in year one (quote required)	Indicative band	dubaimediacity.com
Dubai Studio City	Dubai	Dubai Development Authority (DDA); district operated by TECOM Group	Film, TV & music production	Sector band about AED 25,000-50,000 in year one (quote required)	Indicative band	dubaistudiocity.ae
Dubai Design District (d3)	Dubai	Dubai Development Authority (DDA); district operated by TECOM Group	Fashion, design & creative	Sector band about AED 25,000-50,000 in year one (quote required)	Indicative band	dubaidesigndistrict.com
Dubai Knowledge Park	Dubai	Dubai Development Authority (DDA); district operated by TECOM Group	Human resources, learning & professional services	Quote required	Quote required	not verified
Dubai Production City	Dubai	Dubai Development Authority (DDA); district operated by TECOM Group	Printing, publishing, packaging & media production	Quote required	Quote required	not verified
Dubai Science Park	Dubai	Dubai Development Authority (DDA); district operated by TECOM Group	Science, healthcare & life-science businesses	Quote required	Quote required	not verified
Dubai Outsource City	Dubai	Dubai Development Authority (DDA); district operated by TECOM Group	Outsourcing, BPO & back-office services	Quote required	Quote required	not verified

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Dubai Healthcare City	Dubai	Dubai Healthcare City Authority (DHCA)	Healthcare & wellness	Quote required — healthcare licensing and facility fees vary by activity	Quote required	dhcc.ae
Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC)	Dubai	Dubai World Trade Centre Authority (confirm licensing scope)	Events, exhibitions & business services	Quote required	Quote required	dwtc.com
Dubai CommerCity	Dubai	Dubai CommerCity (confirm licensing authority)	E-commerce	Quote required	Quote required	dubaicommercity.ae
ADGM (Abu Dhabi Global Market)	Abu Dhabi	ADGM Registration Authority; financial regulation by the FSRA	Financial centre & regulated business	Indicative AED 25,000–55,000+ for non-financial licences; regulated activities cost more	Indicative band	adgm.com
KEZAD	Abu Dhabi	KEZAD Group (Abu Dhabi Ports)	Industrial, manufacturing & logistics	Indicative AED 55,000+ for industrial or warehouse setups (quote required)	Indicative band	kezaad.ae
twofour54	Abu Dhabi	twofour54 (confirm current licensing pathway)	Media, entertainment & gaming	Entry packages indicative AED 15,000–25,000 (quote required)	Indicative band	twofour54.com
Masdar City Free Zone	Abu Dhabi	Masdar City Free Zone	Clean-tech & sustainability	Indicative AED 15,000–55,000 depending on office (quote required)	Indicative band	masdarcityfreezone.com
Abu Dhabi Airport Free Zone (ADAFZ)	Abu Dhabi	Abu Dhabi Airport Free Zone (ADAFZ)	Aviation, logistics & general business	Entry packages indicative AED 15,000–25,000 (quote required)	Indicative band	adafz.ae
Sharjah Media City (Shams)	Sharjah	Sharjah Media City (Shams) Authority	Media, consulting & digital services	From about AED 5,750–6,900 (zero-visa) · about AED 14,300 with one visa	Published fees	shams.ae
Sharjah Publishing City (SPC)	Sharjah	Sharjah Publishing City Free Zone Authority	Publishing, media & multi-sector	From about AED 6,875 (zero-visa) · about AED 14,325 with one visa	Published fees	spc.ae
SRTIP (Sharjah Research, Technology and Innovation Park)	Sharjah	Sharjah Research, Technology and Innovation Park (SRTIP)	Research, technology & innovation	From about AED 5,500 (zero-visa; published by market guides)	Indicative band	srtip.ae
Hamriyah Free Zone (HFZA)	Sharjah	Hamriyah Free Zone Authority (HFZA)	Industrial, maritime & trading	Packages advertised from about AED 8,800	Indicative band	hfza.ae
SAIF Zone (Sharjah Airport)	Sharjah	SAIF Zone Authority	Airport, trading & logistics	Quote required	Quote required	saif-zone.com
Sharjah Healthcare City	Sharjah	Sharjah Health Authority (as published)	Healthcare & wellness	Quote required — healthcare licensing varies by activity	Quote required	shcc.shj.ae
RAKEZ	Ras Al Khaimah	Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ)	Multi-sector, industrial & SME	From about AED 6,010 (zero-visa) · about AED 12,010 with one visa	Published fees	rakez.com
RAK ICC (Offshore)	Ras Al Khaimah	RAK International Corporate Centre	Offshore & holding companies	Quote required — offshore company packages vary by structure	Quote required	rakicc.com
RAK Maritime City	Ras Al Khaimah	RAK Maritime City Authority	Marine, shipping & offshore services	Quote required	Quote required	not verified
RAK Digital Assets Oasis	Ras Al Khaimah	RAK Digital Assets Oasis	Web3, digital assets & tech	Quote required	Quote required	rakdao.com
Ajman Free Zone	Ajman	Ajman Free Zone Authority (AFZA)	Multi-sector, trading & industrial	From AED 5,565 (zero-visa) · AED 13,141 with one visa	Published fees	afz.ae

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Ajman NuVentures Free Zone	Ajman	Ajman NuVentures Centre Free Zone	Start-ups, consultants & digital freelancers	Zero-visa licence advertised from about AED 4,888 (confirm live figure)	Indicative band	not verified
Ajman Media City	Ajman	Ajman Media City Free Zone	Media, digital & services	Quote required	Quote required	not verified
Fujairah Free Zone	Fujairah	Fujairah Free Zone Authority	Trading, marine & industrial	Quote required	Quote required	fujairahfreezone.com
Creative City Fujairah	Fujairah	Creative City Fujairah Free Zone Authority	Media, creative & IT consulting	Zero-visa licence indicative from about AED 5,530 (unconfirmed — quote required)	Indicative band	creativecity.ae
UAQ Free Trade Zone	Umm Al Quwain	UAQ Free Trade Zone Authority	Trading, industrial & general business	Quote required	Quote required	uaqftz.com

Fee-data key: Published = government-fee figures as published by the zone or public guides; Indicative band = planning range, not a quote; Quote required = no reliable public price found. Authorities are as commonly published and may change. Not legal, tax or immigration advice - confirm with the relevant authority before paying. Official websites are listed only where verified.