

Set Up A Company in Mainland, Dubai

Know and Learn how to start, run and grow your business in Mainland, Dubai



Simplify Dubai Mainland Business Set Up

Our experts help you to choose the right business activity, get 100% ownership, and experience the freedom to trade anywhere in the UAE and abroad.

Why Set up in Mainland UAE?

A mainland company is licensed by the DED or Department of Economic Development in the Emirate where you want to set up your company. Strategically located as a portal between Europe and Asia, Dubai holds immense promise as a business location. It offers several benefits, like:



Extensive Business Opportunities

Mainland companies can trade everywhere in the UAE. Access to a vast market boost chances of success.



Full Ownership

Enjoy complete control and flexibility over your business with 100% ownership of your company.



Flexibility

Identify the best location to set up your company according to your business activities and requirements.



Open Multiple Branches

You have zero trade restrictions, allowing you to establish a robust presence across the Emirates.



Diversify Services

You just register your new business activity with the DED to diversify your business, and immediately commence trading



Access to Government Contracts

Mainland businesses can take advantage of government contracts for infrastructure, education, social facilities, and so on, which are very lucrative.

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Locations We Assist

Createbiz provides expert guidance across all UAE emirates:

Dubai



Sharja



Ajman



Abu Dhabi



Fujairah



Ras Al Khaimah



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How to Get Mainland License

It is mandatory to get your trade licence before you start your business activity. The licence signifies that you are a legitimate business in adherence with compliance regulations.

The type of licence you need depends on your company structure, the type of business activities, and the jurisdiction for your company. There are three main types of licences that you need to examine:

Professional Trade Licence

Industrial Trade Licence

Commercial trade licence

Professional Trade Licence

Entrepreneurs need a professional business trade licence from the DED to commence offering professional services to customers. This licence guarantees that the licensee is qualified to provide specific services. To obtain these licences, the applicant has to display the requisite skills or qualification. This licence is mandatory for professionals, artisans, specialists, and craftsmen.

Company structures you can form with a professional trade licence:

- Limited liability company, with 51% of the shares being held by a local sponsor
- Civil company with 100% ownership
- Sole establishment with 100% ownership

A local service agent or LSA is required if you want to establish a civil company or sole establishment. The LSA must be a UAE national.

Process to Obtain a Trade Licence in UAE

Createbiz helps you obtain the trade licence. We do the heavy lifting so that you don't need to. There are a number of legal requirements to be fulfilled, and the application must go through the Dubai Economic Department. The process is as follows:

- ✓ Decide on the type of business activity you want to conduct
- ✓ Determine which category of business it falls into
- ✓ Decide the structure of your company - LLC, civil company, or sole establishment
- ✓ Choose a trade name
- ✓ Registration of your trade name with the local department of Economic Development
- ✓ Registration of your trademarks if any
- ✓ Complete and sign an LSA if your company is a civil company or sole establishment
- ✓ Complicate and sign a Memorandum of Association if your company is an LLC, public or private joint stock company, or limited partnership.

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Documents Required for Mainland Business Setup

To ensure a smooth registration process, prepare the following documents:

[Download personalized Mainland business setup checklist.](#)

For Initial Approval

- Copy of the passport for all partners or shareholders.
- Copy of the UAE residence visa or entry stamp (if applicable).
- No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the current sponsor (if applicable).

For Additional Approvals

- Specific approvals based on the business activity (e.g., Dubai Municipality, Ministry of Health, etc.).

For Trade Name and Licensing

- Trade name reservation certificate.
- Initial approval certificate.
- MOA and/or Local Service Agent Agreement (if applicable).
- Tenancy contract and Ejari (for Dubai).

For Visa Processing

- Passport copies of employees.
- Passport-sized photographs.
- Entry permit copies.