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## SAUDI RELOCATION BLUEPRINT

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YOUR PROFILE

# Entrepreneur Residency (Startup Founder Route)

## Executive Summary

Your profile shows potential alignment with Saudi Arabia’s Entrepreneur Residency pathway, designed for founders building scalable businesses. This route is suitable for individuals who have a demonstrable track record in entrepreneurship, the ability to raise venture capital, or the capability to build a Saudi-based startup that contributes to national economic sectors. This pathway prioritises founders who can secure funding from approved investors, demonstrate innovation, and establish operations locally.

## Recommended Pathway

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Entrepreneur Residency → Establish a Saudi-based Startup with Approved Funding

## Why This Fits You

- Your experience suggests entrepreneurial capability or interest in launching a scalable business.
- Saudi Arabia actively supports founders across digital, fintech, AI, logistics, engineering, energy, and emerging industries.
- The Entrepreneur Residency pathway is designed for innovation-driven founders who can raise capital from approved Saudi investors.
- Your answers indicate readiness (or interest) in exploring long-term business establishment in the Kingdom.

## High-Level Eligibility Overview

- You must establish a Saudi-based company with scalable potential.
- You must secure funding from an approved investor, accelerator, fund, or angel network listed on official platforms.
- You must hold a meaningful ownership stake in the business.
- Your business must operate in an approved priority sector (e.g., AI, digital technology, fintech, logistics, sustainability, engineering, etc.).
- Standard documentation applies: business plan, investment agreements, founders' credentials, background checks.

## Step-by-Step Timeline

Step 1: Develop a clear business concept aligned with national priority sectors.

Step 2: Pitch and secure funding from an approved Saudi investor (minimum amounts vary based on program).

Step 3: Register the company in Saudi Arabia and obtain commercial documentation.

Step 4: Apply for Entrepreneur Residency through the official platform with your investment documents.

Step 5: Receive residency approval and relocate to Saudi Arabia to begin operations.

Step 6: Build traction, hire locally, and maintain compliance with program requirements.

## Key Considerations

- Funding must come from an approved list — personal capital does not substitute for this requirement.
- Your business model should demonstrate innovation and scalability, not traditional small business operations.
- Residency is contingent on ongoing business activity and compliance.
- This is a competitive pathway that rewards founders who can demonstrate clear economic contribution.

## Common Mistakes

- Assuming personal savings are enough — this pathway requires external investment.
- Pitching ideas unrelated to priority sectors or national programs.
- Not preparing a robust business plan or investor deck.
- Assuming that any investor qualifies — only approved Saudi investors and accelerators can sponsor this residency.
- Underestimating operational requirements after obtaining residency.

## What You Should Do Next

- Research the official list of approved investors, accelerators, and venture funds eligible to sponsor this program.
- Refine your pitch deck and business model to highlight innovation and national impact.
- Focus on sectors with demonstrated demand (AI, sustainability, fintech, logistics, digital services).
- If you have not yet secured funding, begin outreach to early-stage Saudi investors or accelerator programs.
- Review all official Entrepreneur Residency requirements available on public government platforms.