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**Set up your business in Dubai, UAE**

**We make it Simple, and Seamless**

Starting a business in the UAE offers endless opportunities, but the process can be challenging without proper guidance. Misinformation or lack of knowledge can make it overwhelming and time-consuming.

At Luminous Bluewaters, we simplify company formation—whether it’s Freezone, Mainland, Offshore, or Organizational Restructuring. Our experts guide you every step of the way, turning your entrepreneurial dreams into reality.

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**Starting or Expanding Your Business in the UAE?**

**Let Us Guide You Every Step of the Way!**

### **Freezone Company Formation**

**Unlock Opportunities with Zero Tax & 100% Ownership**

Setting up a company in a Freezone provides unparalleled flexibility and benefits for foreign investors and entrepreneurs. With over 50 Freezones across the UAE, we help you choose the one that best suits your business needs.

**Key Benefits:**

* 100% foreign ownership
* Full repatriation of profits
* Tax exemptions (no personal or corporate tax)
* Access to world-class infrastructure
* No currency restrictions
* Up to 5/6 activities can be added in one license

**Our Freezone Services:**

1. **Business Consultation** – Choose the right Freezone based on your business activity.
2. **Company Registration** – Seamless documentation and registration process.
3. **Bank account opening** - we can assist you in opening advising the KYC’s required
4. **License Procurement** – Assistance with trade licenses (commercial, industrial, or professional).
5. **Office Setup** – Virtual office or physical workspace arrangements.
6. **Visa Services** – Investor and employee visa processing.

**Popular Freezones We Cover:**

* Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC)
* DMCC - Dubai Multi Commodity Centre
* Sharjah media city
* Ras Al Khaimah Economic zone
* International Free Zone Authority (IFZA)
* Meydan
* Dubai Queen Elizabeth (DuQe)

### **Mainland Company Formation**

**Expand Without Limits in the Local Market**

Setting up a Mainland company in the UAE gives you the flexibility to operate anywhere in the country and beyond. A mainland company is an onshore entity registered with the relevant emirate’s government body. The Emirate’s Department of Economic Development (DED) issues its trade license.

**Key Benefits:**

* Access to UAE’s vast local and global markets
* No minimum capital requirements for many activities
* Ownership: While certain business activities require a local sponsor or a UAE national partner, 100% ownership for expatriates is now also possible on the mainland.
* Legal Structures: Various legal structures are available, including Sole Establishment, LLC, Holding Company, Branch, and Civil Company.
* Commercial Activities: There are no restrictions on certain commercial activities as per your license
* Greater flexibility in business operations
* Opportunity to work with government contracts
* Commercial Activities: Same group activities have no restrictions to be on the license

**Our Mainland Services:**

1. **Business Activity Selection** – Assistance in identifying appropriate legal structures.
2. **Local Sponsorship** – Finding reliable UAE-based partners for ownership (if applicable).
3. **Company Registration & Licensing** – Hassle-free government liaison and approvals.
4. **PRO Services** – Document clearance, approvals, and visa facilitation.
5. **Office & Workspace Solutions** – Helping you establish your operational hub.

### **Offshore Company Formation**

**Achieve Global Reach with Privacy & Tax Benefits**

An Offshore company is ideal for businesses that aim to manage wealth, trade internationally, or optimize taxation. Additionally, an offshore company can help manage the ownership of a separate company within the UAE.

**Key Benefits:**

* Zero corporate and income taxes
* Confidentiality and asset protection
* No physical office requirements
* Ease of international trade

### **Organizational Restructuring**

**Streamline & Optimize for Growth**

Is your business prepared for the future? Our **Organizational Restructuring** services ensure your company operates efficiently while adapting to market changes.

**What We Offer:**

1. **Operational Restructuring** – Redesigning processes to enhance productivity.
2. **Financial Restructuring** – Optimizing debt, assets, and revenue streams.
3. **Ownership & Shareholding Changes** – Assistance in mergers, acquisitions, or shareholder transitions.
4. **Legal Entity Transformation** – Switching between Freezone, Mainland, or Offshore structures.
5. **Workforce Realignment** – Helping reorganize roles for improved performance.

**Benefits of Restructuring:**

* Increased efficiency and profitability
* Cost reduction through streamlined processes
* Better alignment with long-term business goals
* Enhanced competitiveness in your market

**Liquidation**

We understand that going through the liquidation process can be overwhelming and complex. Our expert team is here to guide you every step of the way, providing customized solutions to ensure a smooth transition.

### **What We Offer**

* **Comprehensive Assessment**: We start by understanding your unique situation, assessing your assets, liabilities, and goals.
* **Strategic Planning**: Our experts will help you develop a clear plan, outlining the steps needed to achieve a successful liquidation.
* **Documentation Assistance**: From paperwork to regulatory compliance, we handle all necessary documentation, ensuring everything is in order.
* **Asset Valuation**: We conduct detailed valuations to maximize returns, ensuring you get the best possible outcome.
* **Expert Negotiation**: Our team will negotiate with creditors and other stakeholders on your behalf, protecting your interests.
* **End-to-End Support**: We guide you through every phase, from initial planning to final closure, providing ongoing support throughout the process.

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**Make Your Business Dream a Reality**

**Get Expert Guidance Now!**

**FAQ**

1. What is the difference between Mainland, Free Zone, and Offshore company setups in Dubai?

Mainland companies allow operations anywhere in Dubai and the UAE and are suitable for retail and government contracts. Free Zone companies enjoy tax benefits, various combination of activities on license, full ownership, and streamlined processes but have restrictions on operating outside the Free Zone. Offshore companies are primarily for asset protection and international trade, without a physical office in Dubai.

1. What are the steps to set up a Free Zone company in Dubai?

Choose a Free Zone based on your business activity. Decide on a business structure and name. Apply with the required documents. Obtain pre-approvals and pay fees. Receive your license and establish an office (if applicable). Our expertise will hand hold you accurately with the appropriate advice in terms of structure, justification and activities.

3. Do I need a local sponsor to set up a business in Dubai Mainland?

Yes, for certain activities in Mainland companies its mandate to have a local Emirati sponsor holding 51% ownership. However, recent reforms allow 100% foreign ownership for certain activities. We shall advise you appropriately on the basis of activity and license type.

4.What are the advantages of doing business in Dubai Free Zones?

100% foreign ownership. Tax exemptions on corporate and personal income. Simplified company setup and licensing processes. Full repatriation of profits and capital. Combination of Multiple activities, Strategic locations and industry-specific zones.

### 5. How long does it take to set up a company in Dubai?

Setting up a business in Dubai Mainland typically takes 5 working days depending on the activity and approvals required. For Free Zone and Offshore company setup time taken is 10- 15 working days, depending on your activity and freezone jurisdiction, provided all documents are in order.