



Freelancer Permit

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Full Name (as per Passport):

Address:

Email:

Mobile Number:

Nationality:

Date of Birth:

Passport No.:

Passport Expiry Date:

Profession:

ECD Establishment Card required: Yes No

UAE Residence Visa required: Yes No

Acknowledgment

- I acknowledge that I will comply with requirements of ECD and the applicable rules and regulations
- I acknowledge that I am obliged to read the relevant guidelines and adhere to ECD community requirements.
- I acknowledge that ECD reserves the right to enforce any corrective actions related to the operations of the activity permitted within the city.
- I acknowledge that I am responsible for obtaining required approvals (if applicable) from the relevant government authorities.
- I hereby confirm that the information provided herein is accurate, correct and complete and that the documents submitted along with this application form are genuine. I undertake to inform ECD in writing of any changes to the information already provided. Failure to do so may result in fines and cancellation of the Freelance Permit.

Applicant's
Signature:

Date:

ECDA Approval

Name:

Signature:

Date:



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Documents required for ECD Freelance Permit	Non-sponsored individuals	Sponsored individuals		Self sponsored individuals (Golden Visa/ UAE National/ GCC National)
		If the applicant is sponsored by a spouse/ parent	If the applicant is sponsored by a business entity (company)	
Freelance Permit application form	✓	✓	✓	✓
Qualification certificates and/ or work portfolio and/ or other evidence to support the profession being applied for	✓	✓	✓	✓
Copy of applicant's passport (in colour, valid for at least 6 months)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Copy of applicant's UAE visa (if available)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Copy of applicant's Emirates ID (both sides, in colour - if available) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mandatory to be provided by UAE citizens ▪ GCC citizens should provide the GCC ID card 	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clear, passport size studio photograph of applicant, in colour with white background	✓	✓	✓	✓
No Objection Certificate (NOC) signed by authorised person in sponsoring company		✓	✓	
Copy of the sponsor's passport		✓		
Copy of the sponsor's company licence			✓	

Payment of AED 7,000 per year

In case the application is rejected, an application fee of AED 500 will be deducted from the refund.

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List of Activities, permitted to be selected by the Freelancer:

Activity Name	Description
Web Hosting Specialist	A type of Internet hosting service that hosts websites for clients, i.e. it offers the facilities required for them to create and maintain a site and makes it accessible on the World Wide Web.
Visual Designer	A person engaged in designing and providing artistic elements for a company digital platform to make it appealing and easy to use.
User Interface Designer	A person engaged in designing easy to use and pleasurable interfaces in software and computer devices that an individual can interact with.
Translation & Language Specialist	Specialises in converting written or spoken material from one language to another while maintaining the original meaning, format and tone.
Statistical Analyst	A person engaged in planning analyses, reviewing collected data, designing statistical models, using statistical analysis software programs, and reporting findings.
Social Media Marketing	Using social media - the platforms on which users build social networks and share information - to build a the brand of a company or organisation, increase sales and drive website traffic.
Photoshop Designer	A professional responsible for designing, developing, and maintaining a customized network interface that allows users to share information and access necessary software suites in an efficient, cost-effective, and secure way.
Network Websites Designing	Specialised in designing the pages of electronic services sites, using the internet as infrastructure.
Manufacturing Designer	A professional who uses their creativity and technical skills to develop and create products or systems.
Logo Designer	A graphic designer who specializes in creating two-dimensional images for companies to use as visual representations of their brand.
Light Archiving	The storage of data that can be accessed by many users.
Landscape Designer	A person advising on, planning, designing and overseeing the creation, regeneration and development of external areas such as gardens and recreational areas, as well as residential, industrial and commercial sites, to create outdoor spaces that are practical and aesthetically pleasing.
Jewellery designer	A person engaged in designing the models of gold and precious metals jewellery prior to mechanical or manual production, involving pre-manufacturing drawings, setting technical specifications, materials and production costs calculation, testing to ensure compliance of materials with safety and quality standards.



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Internet Marketer	A person engaged in marketing that uses the Internet to promote a brand, product or service via social media, search, email, and other digital channels. Also known as online marketing, digital marketing or website marketing.
Fashion and Clothes Designer	A person engaged in sketching designs for clothing, footwear and accessories. Uses the created designs to produce the garments and or items.
Electronic Equipment and Devices Systems and Software Designer	A person engaged in designing, inspecting, testing and updating electronic systems, components, equipment and software, including liaising with engineers and other professionals, as well as clients, to ensure projects are completed to specifications.
Electronic Chips Designer and Programmer	A person engaged in integrated circuit design, semiconductor design, chip design or IC design and transmit computer programs into integrated computer circuits.
Digital Designer	A person who is responsible for creating digital assets for graphics and multimedia projects. These include interactive displays, video games, social media, emails, animation, advertising, mobile apps and websites.
Design & Production of Frame Prototypes	Design and production of frame prototypes.
Databases Designer	A person that organises data according to a detailed database design, including tables, indexes, views, constraints, triggers, stored procedures and other database-specific constructs necessary to store, retrieve and delete data. The designer determines what data must be stored and how the data elements interrelate.
Data Storing and Recovering Specialist	A person responsible for creating and storing copies of data that can be used to protect organisations against data loss.
Data Preparation	Data Preparation
Data Entry	Collect and enter data in databases and maintain accurate records of valuable company information.
Data Collection from One or More Sources	Data collection from various sources.
Creative Designer	A person that produces artwork and design concepts such as visuals and brainstorm concepts, that communicate ideas, concept and messages.
Computer Systems and Software Designer	A person who is responsible for problem-solving and planning for a software solution.



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Computer System Housing Services Specialist	A person engaged in providing concerned companies and corporations with housing services to their computers and communication systems by means of securing them the adequate operational environment as well as providing them with the maintenance and the connections with communication networks.
Business Planner	A professional who analyzes, designs, and implements strategic plans for various types of organizations.
Business Coach	A professional mentor who supports, educates and motivates business owners. They provide recommendations for a company's vision, growth and goals.
Business Analysis	A professional who guides businesses in improving processes, products, services, and software through data analysis.
Actor	A person taking an acting role in a film, TV programme, commercial or an event.
Aerial shoot Photographer	Aerial still photography as a medium to communicate ideas and express opinions.
Animator	Creation of characters and scenes for animation used in motion pictures, video games or animation design.
Apparel Designer	Design of clothes, from lingerie, sportswear, casual wear to high fashion couture, for men, women and children.
Artist	A specialist in one or more of the visual or fine arts, such as painting, sculpting or singing.
Audio/Sound Engineer	A person responsible for the technical aspects of a sound recording system or sound broadcast.
Brand Consultant	The creation and design of creative ideas to promote, build and revitalise a company or organisation's brand and/or product.
Cameraman	The operator of all types of camera equipment for photography and motion pictures.
Choreographer	A creator of original dances or developer of new interpretations of existing dances.
Commentators: Radio, Events, Sports, Television	Reporting/offering an opinion on events to readers, viewers and listeners.
Composer	A person who creates original music.
Concept Designer	The conceptualisation, evaluation, development and design of ideas for effective generation of new objects, services or concepts and/or enhancing of existing objects, services or concepts that are either tangible or intangible.



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Content Provider	The creation and maintenance of databases containing information from an information provider and/or the provision of documents containing information for a website or other electronic media.
Copywriter	The creation of original written aspects, such as catch phrases, slogans and strap lines, advertisements, brochures, sales and promotion materials.
Costume Designer	The creation, design and use of clothing and accessories in film, stage productions, television shows, photoshoots and commercials.
Creative Director	A person who oversees the management of transforming creative media concepts into communicated media.
Critics: Music, Film, Theatre	A person providing documented feedback on industry ongoing.
Customer Service Freelancer	A person providing services in customer service, technical support and related services.
Data Science and Analytics Freelancer	A person providing services in A/B testing, data visualisation, data extraction ETL, data mining and management, machine learning, quantitative analysis, data science and analytics.
Director: Film, Television, Music, Theatre	A person responsible for the creative decisions of a production.
Editor: Audio/Video	A person editing audio/video material and offering services in post-production.
Editor: Publishing	A person who develop ideas for upcoming issue themes, identifies and collaborates editorially with writers and contributes own writing and analysis.
Education Advisor	Assists Higher Education providers on various programme requirements, including governmental collaborations, students' admission and entrance procedures.
eLearning Advisor	An individual offering eLearning support and consultancy services.
Events Planner	A person who designs, organizes and coordinates conferences, meetings, exhibitions, shows and other events.
Executive Coaching	Provide organizations with a structured system that identifies the highest standard coaching leaders, directors and high potential senior executives to motivate and develop other employees' knowledge and skill.
Fashion Artist	Draws or paints apparel and accessory illustrations for advertisements, positioning garment, accessory or model to accentuate desired sales features.



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Fashion Designer	A person who designs clothing.
Fashion Stylist	A stylist who selects clothing and accessories to be worn in photo shoots, for commercial print catalogue, television appearances, music videos and concert performances, working with photographers/ directors, production houses, modelling agencies.
Furniture Designer	A person who designs furniture and home accessories.
Graphic Designer	A person who creates and arranges images to communicate a message, including logo design, 3D design, product decoration, packaging, signs and identities.
Hair Stylist	A person whose occupation is mainly to cut, dress, groom and style hair.
Illustrator	A narrative artist who provides visual representation to accompanying text, such as illustrations in children's books.
Image Consultant	Advising clients on improved public presentation or impression, helping people to project a winning image.
Interior Designer	A person who specializes in designing architectural interiors and its furnishings.
IT and Telecommunication Networking Freelancer	A person providing services in database administration, ERP/CRM software, information security, network and system administration, IT and networking.
Journalist	A person writing articles and reports for broadcast or publication media such as newspapers, television, radio, magazines, documentary film and the Internet.
Lighting Specialist	A person skilled in using light to create a mood, and who uses lighting effects to shape and mould the visual image captured on television, film and video.
Make-up Artist	A person who provides professional make-up services.
Market Analyst	A person who collects and analyses data to evaluate existing and potential product and service markets.
Marketing Specialist	A person who creates and manages marketing strategies to promote products and services, coordinating with advertising and distribution agents.
Media Planner	A person who translates a client's marketing objectives into a media plan by identifying the most appropriate target audiences and advertising media.
Music Director	A person who conducts, directs, plans and leads instrumental or vocal performances by musical groups.



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Musician	A person who plays a musical instrument for a profession.
New Media Specialist	A person who provides technical advice linking new media to equipment or any kind of new media technology.
Object Designer	A professional that designs products and objects for residential, office and industrial use and provides samples of these goods.
Personal Shopper	The provision of expert advice and high level of customised service to individual shoppers through personalised attention and deep knowledge of products, services and trends.
Photographer	A person who uses still photography as a medium to communicate ideas and express opinions.
Photojournalist	A person specialising in collecting photographic news content, editing, and presenting of news material for publication or broadcast.
PR Specialist	Public relations specialists that handle media relations, promotional campaigns and press releases, conflict mediation through media communications (print and/or broadcast), and media-related events.
Presenter TV/Radio.	A person who presents content and news on radio or TV.
Print Media Specialist	A person specialised in organising, structuring and editing information for printed publications.
Producer	A person who oversees the business and financial decisions for a motion picture, including obtaining resources, creating scripts and managing production.
Researcher	To conduct research to serve educational institutions, students, faculties, Human Resource Management fields and other participants in the education industry.
Scriptwriter	A person who creates written material for television, radio, theatre and film productions.
Set and Exhibit Designer	A person who designs and creates sets for movies, television and theatre productions and special exhibition displays.
Social Media Influencer	A person who is a user of social media platforms, who has access to a network of followers and who can influence those followers to utilise third party products or services.
Social Media Specialist	A person who specializes in social media platforms.
Special Effects Producer	A multi-media artist who creates special effects or other visual images on film, video or other electronic media.
Textile Designer	A person engaged in designing textiles and materials to be used in industrial, fashion or interior design.



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Trainer	An individual providing training to professionals in the areas of IT, Media, Business and Management, Logistics, Languages and associated areas.
Translator	A person certified by a competent authority to convert written materials from one language into another.
Visual Merchandiser	A professional who develops visual display of products or services including but not limited to in-store display and window design.
Wardrobe Stylist	An individual who selects clothing for published editorial features, print or television advertising campaigns, music videos, concert performances and any public appearances made by celebrities, models or other public figures.
Web Designer	The design of the overall layout and aesthetic for websites, including coding, review of templates, design refining and running tests to preview layouts and website features.
Web Developer	Ensuring websites look their best and function properly, web developers collaborate with website and graphic designers to monitor website traffic, troubleshoot website problems when they arise and update websites as necessary.
Web, Mobile, Software Development and Architecture Freelancer	A person providing services in desktop software development, Ecommerce development, game development, mobile development, product management, Q&A testing, scripts and utilities, web development, web and mobile design and software development.
Wedding Planner	A wedding planner is a professional who assists with the design, planning and management of a client's wedding.
Writer	A person who composes all types of creative literature including novels, children's literature, plays and poetry.