UAE
Residence by Investment Programme

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The United Arab Emirates is a federation of seven emirates known for its solid economy, strategic location, strong financial reserves, progressive economic policies and world-class infrastructure. Established in 2019, the UAE Golden Visa is a long-term, renewable residence visa enabling investors, entrepreneurs, outstanding talents and their families to live, work or study in the UAE while enjoying exclusive benefits.

Country Facts

- Languages: **Arabic (English widely spoken)**
- Currency: **UAE Dirham (AED)**
- Population: **Approximately 10 million**
- Capital: **Abu Dhabi**

Programme Overview

- Minimum investment from AED 500,000 (entrepreneurs) / AED 2,000,000 (investors)
- Processing time approximately 8 weeks
- Long-term, renewable residence visa valid for five or ten years
- Minimal residency requirement — residing outside the UAE does not nullify the visa
- The right to live in any of the seven emirates
- Six-month multiple-entry visa granted on initial approval to complete residence procedures
- No sponsorship requirement
- Ability to sponsor spouses and children regardless of age, plus an unlimited number of domestic helpers
- Family members may remain in the UAE for the duration of their permits if the primary visa holder passes away
- No standardised path to citizenship; citizenship possible only at the discretion of the UAE's rulers under the Nationality Act

Family Inclusion

Spouse of the main applicant; children of the main applicant regardless of age; unlimited number of domestic helpers.

Investment Routes

Investment Route	Minimum Contribution	Due Dilgence Fees	Post Approval / Government Fees	Additional Info
Public Investment	**AED 2,000,000 deposit in a UAE-accredited investment fund, or company capital of no less than AED 2,000,000, or annual tax payments of no less than AED 250,000**	**TBC**	**TBC**	Ten-year visa without sponsor; invested capital must be fully owned (not loaned); proof of medical insurance for applicant and family required
Real Estate	**AED 2,000,000 in one or more properties, confirmed by the land department of the respective emirate**	**TBC**	**TBC**	Five-year visa, renewable on the same conditions without sponsor; property may be purchased with a loan from approved local banks
Entrepreneur	**AED 500,000 project value, confirmed by a UAE auditor**	**TBC**	**TBC**	Five-year visa; project must be of a technical or future nature based on risk and innovation; approval letters required from emirate authorities and an accredited UAE business incubator
Outstanding Specialised Talent	**No investment required**	**TBC**	**TBC**	Ten-year visa; open to doctors, scientists, inventors, executives, athletes, creatives, doctoral degree holders and specialists in engineering and scientific fields

DUE DILIGENCE FEES will apply: USD 7,500 per Main Applicant and USD 4,000 per dependant aged 16+, including spouses

Note: Other fees apply, such as application processing fees, service fees, medical check and Emirates ID fees, and professional consulting fees.