

More economical free zone

Each zone has its own set-up cost schedule and procedures. The cost of your free zone business set-up will depend on the following factors:

- Nature and size of your operations
- Allocated budget
- Visa requirements
- Size and rent cost of the office
- Requirements of the business

Since free zones are not considered part of the UAE market, you cannot trade directly. However, you can appoint a local dealer or agent and trade with any local company in the UAE after having paid required customs duties.

The average minimum investment for a business set-up in most free zones is around AED 150,000. However, this amount may vary according to the type of your business and your requirements. In any case, it is possible to find the most appropriate set-up cost in the free zone or to find a minimum capital investment by incorporating an offshore company.

Advantages of settling in a free zone

There are different advantages and benefits that investors and businessmen may gain by settling in a free zone; some of those are as below:

- No personal income or capital gain taxes in the UAE
- 100% ownership of the business
- No corporate taxes for 50 years
- 100% repatriation of capital and profits
- Modern efficient communications
- No recruitment problems
- Attractive working environment
- No currency restrictions
- Excellent support services