



INTRODUCING DUBAI COMMERCITY'S
TALENT PASS
COMMENCE AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS

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Looking to start your career as a freelancer within the fields of Arts, Culture, Education, Media, Marketing, Consultancy, and Technology in the UAE? Then look no further, Talent Pass is the way to go!





3 EASY STEPS TO OBTAIN THE TALENT PASS

STEP 1 APPLY

We've made it quick and easy to submit your application online at www.DubaiCommerCity.ae

All you need is:

- Passport copy
- Current visa copy (if you have one)
- Portfolio/educational degree/reference letters
- Any proof of previous experience in the field
- Updated CV
- The service list and fees
- For Tech Activities: Education degree should be relevant or Experience letter from an employer or relevant training courses

We will review your application and contact you with feedback. Once your application is approved, we will proceed with the issuance and visa process.

STEP 2 PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION

- Sign off your application
- You can lease a Smart Office in Dubai CommerCity (optional)
- Make your payment



STEP 3 SHARE YOUR TALENT WITH THE WORLD

- You will receive your Pass and visa
- A Dubai CommerCity representative will contact you to enroll you as a service provider

After these 3 easy steps, you are ready to commence and grow your business!



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والجنسية والجمارك وأمن المنافذ
FEDERAL AUTHORITY FOR IDENTITY,
CITIZENSHIP, CUSTOMS & PORT SECURITY
الإدارة العامة للأقامة
والمهجرين الأجانب - دبي
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF RESIDENCY
AND FOREIGNERS AFFAIRS - DUBAI

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GOLDEN VISA ELIGIBILITY

Dubai CommerCity, a member of the Dubai Integrated Economic Zones Authority (DIEZA), signed an MoU with Dubai Culture and the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs (GDRFA) to support issuing a 10 year “Cultural Visas” to skillful creative talents in the fields of Arts, Culture, Education, Media, Marketing, Consultancy, and Technology.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

01 What is a “Talent Pass” ?

A “Talent Pass” is a product offered by Dubai CommerCity, a member of Dubai Integrated Economic Zones Authority, which allows you to work at Dubai CommerCity as an individual professional. The “Talent Pass” will specify the activities the freelancer may carry out within the Arts, Culture, Education, Media, Marketing, Consultancy, or Technology field. As a Talent Pass holder, you are required to obtain the Pass and residency visa.

02 Do I need to have/change a residency visa to apply for Talent Pass?

Regarding the Visa, below are three scenarios:

- Sponsored (already have an active Residency Visa): they don't require to transfer their visa, but they need to submit a copy of it.
- New Visa applicants: follow Dubai CommerCity visa process & cost
- Golden Visa: follow Dubai CommerCity exiting process & cost

03 What about the sponsor NOC? What does that mean?

If you are sponsored and employed by another company, and you decide to change your visa sponsor/company using your Talent Pass, the company will need to issue a release letter of no objection (NOC) for you to apply for the new visa. If you have already cancelled your visa, then the NOC will not be required, only the visa cancellation page.

04 Can the Talent Pass holders extend their services to the mainland without the need for an NOC from Dubai CommerCity?

Yes, they can.

05 Can the freelancers tender for government procurement? Must they be listed on Tejari as well?

The “Talent Pass” is a freelance Pass from Dubai CommerCity (A member of Dubai Integrated Economic Zones Authority), it can be submitted as a business Pass. However, the tender submissions and listing in any procurement portal is subject to the issuing party policies, terms, and conditions.

06 Can the freelancers sign short-term contracts freely with any company in UAE? Or is their business restricted only to Dubai?

This is subject to the other party's policies, terms and conditions. The Talent Pass doesn't restrict you from working with any party.



07 Can I open a bank account?

Yes, you can open a personal bank account. You can get in touch with our customer care team to know more about our affiliated banks.

08 Will Dubai CommerCity guarantee a job for me?

Dubai CommerCity provides the ideal ecosystem for you to nurture your talent and share it with the world. You are welcome to join the networking events hosted at Dubai CommerCity to connect with potential clients as much as possible to showcase your portfolio, however, we cannot guarantee any job offerings.

09 Are there any costs associated with the cancellation of the Pass?

The only costs that you will incur are the visa cancellation fees.

10 If I currently have a full-time job, can I apply for a Talent Pass only?

Yes, you just need to provide an NOC letter from your sponsor and/or employer.

11 Should I register for VAT?

If you are making between AED 187,500 per year and AED 375,000 per year, then you may register for VAT if you choose to. If you make more than AED 375,000 per year, you must register for VAT.

For more information, please visit
<https://u.ae/en/information-and-services/finance-and-investment/taxation/valueaddedtaxvat>

If you don't register, it's always a good idea to keep good accounts just in case the policy changes in the future.

12 Do I need to show my bank details or a yearly audit report at the time of renewal?

No. In fact, we do not require you to do an annual audit of your financial accounts as a freelancer. However, we advise you to keep accurate accounts in case this status changes at a later stage.

13 Can I sponsor any employees?

No, you can't hire or sponsor any employees via your freelance Pass.

14 What's the validity of the Talent Pass?

The Pass is renewable on an annual basis.

15 Am I allowed to use a company name?

No, the Talent Pass is issued under your name only as per your passport.

16 Does the AED 7,500 fee include a visa?

No, this is just the cost for the Pass.

17 How much time will it take to get the Pass?

Once your application has been approved, it should take between 10–15 working days.

18 How do I pay for the Pass once approved?

You can make the payment using credit card or by cheque. Once the payment is issued it will be sent to your email as an electronic Pass.

19 Are the Pass fees refundable?

All fees related to Talent Pass are non-refundable.



WE TRANSFORM, SCALE & ACCELERATE YOUR BUSINESS

Dubai CommerCity, the first and leading e-commerce free zone in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia (MEASA) region, strategically located next to Dubai International Airport.

We offer 360-degrees on-site guidance and flexible office & warehouse spaces. Our services include advisory, business setup, industry specialized consultancy, tech solutions, content management, digital marketing, customs, last mile, and fulfillment solutions.

Whether you are a start-up or an established company, we offer free guidance and individually tailored turnkey services to meet all your business needs. We help you scale your business by growing, leveraging, and connecting through our partnership ecosystem and the business community within Dubai and the region.



DUBAI COMMERCITY



100% foreign ownership



0% corporate tax



Strategically located
in the heart of Dubai



Tailored business setup customised solutions to serve your needs



Fast & easy business setup procedure



Easy connectivity
reach 5 billion people within 6 hours flight



World class infrastructure built to suit your business needs



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