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## **Dubai South Free Zone Company set up Business Guide**

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## **Dubai South Freezone - DWC**

About Dubai South Free Zone:

One of the most prestigious and efficient free zones in Dubai offering enormous benefits to investors while remaining reasonably priced and offering fast and simple set up procedures.

Dubai South welcomes a wide range of activities including specialised trading and logistics activities.

The free zone's strategic location is its major selling point—directly linked to Jebel Ali Port and Al Maktoum International Airport, making it the ideal hub for international travel, trade, and logistics.

It is also the site of the upcoming Expo 2020, an event that is expected to attract 25 million visitors to the UAE and 1 million residents at the territory of Dubai South.

DWC Free Zone is a purpose built master planned city that is emerging around the Al Maktoum International Airport, the largest airport in the world when complete. DWC comprises eight integrated districts – The Al Maktoum International Airport, Logistics, Aviation, Exhibition, Residential, Commercial, Humanitarian, and Golf districts.

Why DWC?

### **Location**

This is one of DWC's strongest advantages. Not only does Dubai's location make it the ideal place to do business with both east and west, but Dubai South Free Zone itself could not be more perfectly placed within that. As well as being the site of Expo 2020, Dubai South is also in prime location for access by land, sea or air – on the Sheikh Zayed Road, connecting Abu Dhabi and Dubai, and directly linked to both the Jebel Ali Sea Port and Al Maktoum International Airport.

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## **Affordability**

This is of course important to businesses of all sizes. However, as one of the most cost-effective free zones in the emirate, Dubai South Free Zone is increasingly popular with individuals and smaller companies looking to get the big business advantages of a free zone on a small business budget.

## **Visas with a flexi-desk option**

Another major advantage of Dubai South Free Zone for entrepreneurs and small business owners is that it allows up to three visas without the need for physical office space – depending on the business activity. Entrepreneurs need only take on a flexi-desk package – offering flexible access to desk space and other office services such as conference room hire and reception cover.

## **Business Setup**

A newly established company (DWC LLC) in DWC Dubai free zone. An independent legal entity that can be owned by individual or corporate shareholders;

Branch Office of a Local/Foreign Company. The license allows an existing local or foreign company to open a representative office or branch within the Free Zone. The branch will be legally dependent on the parent company.

## **Business Activities**

Dubai South Free Zone welcomes a wide range of business activities-including Aviation, Consultancy Services, Trading, Logistics, Industrial, Education, IT and E-commerce. Under a DWC license, you can have up to 5 closely related activities. However, this is one of the few Free Zones which allows you a mixed Trading, Consultancy license under certain conditions and additional cost. Commercial licenses allow businesses to import goods and sell them to other free zones, or within the UAE market with the support of a third-party distributor

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## **Setup in Dubai South Free zone**

Dubai South's incorporation process is quite straightforward, and it offers many other advantages. It consists of the pre-approval stage, visit to the free zone for passport and signature verification and finally the registration and licensing stage. The process is also notably fast-taking normally up to 10-12 working days from start to finish.

### **Documents required**

3 proposed company names in order of preference  
Consultant's

Appointment Letter

Passport copies of the shareholder and other officers of the company

Residential Address Details

Various application forms

Physical presence of Shareholder is required after initial approval  
All documents will be prepared by us, you only need to sign them

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## **Share capital**

Share capital is not required like in other Dubai Free Zones which combined with the low fees make it a highly cost-effective choice.

## **Auditing**

Auditing is required only on the second year of company renewal.

## **Dependents**

Dubai South Free Zone doesn't only make it easy to get your own visa in place, it's very simple for entrepreneurs to sponsor family and employees for their own residence visas too. Whether you require a visa for your staff, spouse, child, maid or driver, the process is made up of four straightforward stages: entry permit, status adjustment, a medical fitness test, then Emirates ID registration and visa stamping.

## **Benefits of setting-up the business in Dubai South Free zone:**

100% Business Ownership & Capital

Strategic Location

Licensing Options Simple

Setup Leasing Options

Goods Handling

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## **DWC ADVANTAGES :**

DWC offers 100% tax free operations and 0% corporate taxation, 100% foreign ownership, cost effective office solutions, eligibility for 2 residence visas, 100% repatriation of capital and profits, total exception of all import and export duties and strategic location on Sheikh Zayed Road connecting Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

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