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Sharjah Airport International FreeZone Company set up Business Guide

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Sharjah Airport International Free Zone

SAIF ZONE- the oldest, largest and fastest growing free trade zone in the Middle East. It is the premier business and investment destination in the world due to its reputation, strategic location, streamlined processes, efficient services and cost effectiveness. With every detail thoughtfully structured and robust service support, we provide plenty of opportunities to connect and collaborate so you can focus solely on growing your business.

Sharjah Airport International Free Zone (SAIF) is one of the best-connected free zones in the UAE. Built adjacent to Sharjah International Airport, the free zone is also easily accessible to Port Khor Fakkan on the Gulf of Oman and Port Khalid on the Arabian Gulf.

SAIF issues general trading, commercial, service, and industrial licences to businesses in a range of industries.

The Sharjah Airport International Free Zone (SAIF-Zone) was set up in 1995 and is the premier business destination of the UAE. Situated in the Emirate of Sharjah, the industrial powerhouse of the UAE, the SAIF-Zone is the location of over 4,500 companies from 91 countries.

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Benefits of Setting up a Business in SAIF Zone

- **100% Business Ownership and capital Repatriation** – As an expatriate, you can own 100% of the company and remit all profits to your home country.
- **Strategic Location** – SAIF Zone Provides a direct link to the markets of east and west. It well connected by sea.
- **Fully Equipped** – SAIF zone offers office, warehouse and industrial facilities. It also has land for development.
- **Range of Services** – SAIF Zone offers a range of consultancy services including legal assistance, couriers and training.
- **Flexible Offering** – Setup as FZE, FZC or a branch under a commercial, general trading, industrial or service license.

Business Activities:

- General Trading
- Wholesale
- Trading
- Storage
- Manufacturing
- Assembly
- Warehouse
- Distribution
- Import/Export

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FACILITIES & INCENTIVES IN SAIF ZONE :

There are distinct advantages of doing business in Sharjah and the SAIF-Zone. With a trading history dating back to the early 18th century, Sharjah today accounts for more than 40% of all industrial activity in the UAE.

The Sharjah Ports and Free Zone, Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and the Government of Sharjah are extremely pro-active and business savvy entities geared to provide all assistance to potential businessmen. The cost of setting up a business in Sharjah is less than in any other emirate of the UAE, and the focus on industrialization has in recent years turned Sharjah into a commercial center registering an impressive annual growth rate of 12%.

In addition to tax-free operation and an absence of red-tape, the SAIF-Zone offers unbeatable trade incentives and unparalleled benefits to investors:

HOW TO SET UP YOUR BUSINESS:

Choose your type of license:

- Trade license
- Commercial license (standard)

The Standard Commercial License covers the import, export, distribution, consolidation, storage or warehousing of items with a maximum limit of 3 similar product lines.

General trading

The General Trading License can be obtained under a commercial license which allows your business to cover a large number of products.

- Import
- Export
- Re-Export
- Distribution
- Storage or WarehousingService

license :

Service license allows the holder to carry out a service specified in the license only. All types of services are allowed unless otherwise restricted by the Federal or local authorities.

- **Services**
- **Business Consultancy**
- **Shipping & Freight Forwarding**
- **E-commerce Industrial**

license :

This includes import of raw materials, manufacturing, processing, assembling, packaging and exporting the finished product.

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Choose your type of facility :

Getting the right facility for your business operations is key to your business growth and daily functions. At SAIF Zone, our business experts will advise on picking the right facility from a range of existing plots, customizable warehouses and land plots in multiple sizes depending on the nature of your business and the number of visas you require.

SAIF Offices :

SAIF Suite

A fully furnished space that comes with an executive suite office with advanced IT/telecommunications infrastructure. - 8 visa quota included

SAIF Executive Office

A unfurnished, fully customizable space that covers all utility charges and an advanced IT/telecommunications infrastructure. - 5 visa quota included

SAIF Office

A well-appointed, fully furnished and dedicated executive desk space with advanced IT/telecommunications infrastructure on a non-sharing basis. - 3 visa quota included

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Warehouses :

All our warehouses are purposefully built to fuel your business.

- Multi-purpose state-of-the-art warehouses for manufacturing and trading
- Perfect for manufacturing, trading, assembly & logistics
- Ample power capacity to run heavy duty equipment
- Built-in offices with a pantry and lavatories
- Industrial exhaust to control the temperature within
- Proximity to retail districts and major logistical hubs
- Easy access to manpower for loading and cargoPre-

built warehouse:

All our pre-built warehouses are available 4 different sizes:

- 125sqm • 250sqm
- 400sqm • 600sqm

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Plot of Land :

SAIF Zone offers you the option of constructing your own business facilities for custom-build warehouse/factories on a choice of diverse land plots.

- A variety of land plots varying from 2,500 sqm and above
- Round-the-clock security and utility supplies
- Proximity to major logistical hubs
- Suitable for manufacturing, trading and service industry projects
- Provision for on-site staff accommodation

Jewelry Park:

A full-fledged and highly specialized jewellery manufacturing unit ensures that you can carry out various functions without having to go to multiple locations. An existing community of established jewellery businesses also helps in the exchange of new ideas and collaboration.

Container parking:

At SAIF Zone, we have specially designated areas reserved exclusively for parking containers. Labour

Accommodation:

At SAIF Zone, we provided thoughtful, well-maintained and fully-furnished spaces for your staff accommodation. The space is fully air-conditioned and comes with a choice of recreational facilities as well as other amenities to cater to the different needs.

Choose your type of license :

- **FZE (Free Zone Establishment)**

A Limited Liability Establishment incorporated in SAIF ZONE, owned by one natural or juridical person with a distinct legal entity and an independent financial liability.

- **FZC (Free Zone Company)**

A limited liability company incorporated in SAIF ZONE, by more than one shareholder with a distinct legal entity and an independent financial liability.

- **Branch of a Company**

- **Registered in the UAE.**

- **Branch of a Foreign Company Incorporated outside the UAE.**