

# Comprehensive Guide to the Abu Dhabi and Dubai Golden Visa Programs

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## INTRODUCTION

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been successfully implementing strategies to attract foreign investment, entrepreneurs, and highly skilled individuals.

One of the noteworthy initiatives launched by the UAE is the Golden Visa program, which has played a vital role in positioning the country as a leading destination for conducting business.

**In this article, we will cover the latest updates about Abu Dhabi and Dubai's Golden Visas, as well as the following topics:**

- ▶ Benefits of Abu Dhabi and Dubai Golden Visa
- ▶ Eligible individuals who can apply for an Abu Dhabi or Dubai Golden Visa
- ▶ Cost of getting an Abu Dhabi or Dubai Golden Visa
- ▶ Is this the right time to apply for a UAE Golden Visa?



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## BENEFITS OF ABU DHABI AND DUBAI GOLDEN VISA

The Golden Visa program underwent significant changes in 2022, expanding to attract more individuals and offer additional benefits, including the following:



### Long-term Residency

Both the Dubai and Abu Dhabi Golden Visa programs offer 5–10-year residency visas that can be renewed, giving individuals ample time to settle and establish businesses in the UAE.



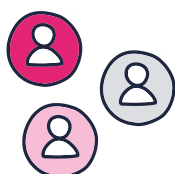
### No Local Sponsorship Required

The Dubai and Abu Dhabi Golden Visa program does not require sponsorship from an employer or a family member, allowing individuals to apply directly without a UAE national partner.



### Travel Benefits

With Abu Dhabi and Dubai Golden Visas, individuals can travel freely in and out of the country without requiring additional visas, saving valuable time and money.



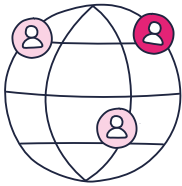
### Family Sponsorship

The Abu Dhabi and Dubai Golden Visa program allows individuals to sponsor their family members (spouse, children, parents), allowing them to reside together in the UAE.



### High-quality Living

Obtaining an Abu Dhabi or Dubai Golden Visa grants access to world-class local services in the UAE, including education, healthcare, and social services.



### Diverse Business Opportunities

The Dubai and Abu Dhabi Golden Visa programs offer exceptional business opportunities with tax incentives and a strategic location for global trade.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ABU DHABI AND DUBAI GOLDEN VISA

The UAE's Golden Visa program has been expanded to include a broader range of individuals. The following outlines eligible applicants who can apply for long-term residency visas in the UAE:

### Entrepreneurs

Entrepreneurs who own a technical or innovative economic project with a risk-based approach may qualify for a Golden Visa valid for 5 years.

#### Requirements include:

- ✓ A UAE-based auditor's confirmation that the project value is not less than AED 500,000.
- ✓ Certification from emirate authorities that the project has a technical or innovative nature.
- ✓ An accredited business incubator in the UAE to establish the proposed activity in the country.

### Real Estate Investors

Real estate investors can qualify for a renewable Golden visa for 5 years without a sponsor, provided they meet certain conditions:

#### Conditions:

- ✓ A letter from the land department of the relevant emirate confirming ownership of one or more properties valued at AED 2 million or more.
- ✓ Purchase of a property using a loan from select local banks approved by the relevant authority.



## Investors in Public Investments

Investors in an investment fund may be eligible for a ten-year Golden Visa without a sponsor, provided they fulfill certain requirements.

### Requirements:

- ✓ Letter from a UAE-accredited investment fund confirming a deposit of at least AED 2 million.
- ✓ Valid commercial or industrial license and a memorandum of association confirming the investor's capital is not less than AED 2 million.
- ✓ Letter from the Federal Tax Authority stating the investor has paid the government no less than AED 250,000 annually.
- ✓ 100% ownership of the invested capital (not loaned).
- ✓ Proof of medical insurance for themselves and their family (if any).

## Doctors and Scientists

### Doctors:

- ✓ Must obtain an approval letter from the Ministry of Health and Prevention in the UAE to practice medicine.

### Scientists:

- ✓ Must provide a letter of recommendation from the Emirates Council of Scientists or a letter from the Secretariat of the Mohammed bin Rashid Medal for Scientific Excellence stating they have been awarded the Medal of Scientific Excellence.



## Inventors

- ✓ Inventors must provide a recommendation letter from the Ministry of Economy confirming that their patent has contributed to the country's economy.

## Creative People in Culture and Art

- ✓ Creative individuals in culture and art must obtain an approval letter from the Department of Culture and Arts in their respective emirate.

## Executive Directors

To qualify as an Executive Director, certain requirements must be met.

### Requirements:

- ✓ University degree accredited by the Ministry of Education, with a minimum of a bachelor's degree.
- ✓ A letter confirming at least 5 years of experience in the same position.
- ✓ A salary certificate demonstrating a minimum salary of AED 50,000.
- ✓ Valid work contract.



## Athletes

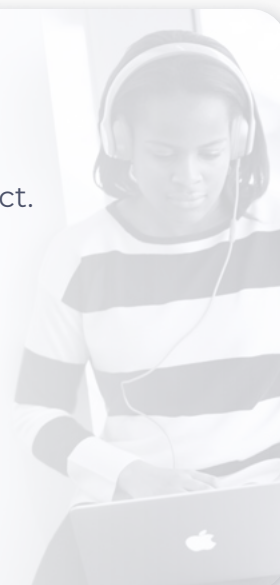
- ✓ Athletes require a recommendation letter from the General Sports Authority or one of the sports councils.

## Specialists in Engineering and Science

Specialists must provide a certified copy of their bachelor's or master's degree from the Ministry of Education, as well as a work contract.

### Relevant fields include:

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| ✓ Epidemiology and viruses | ✓ Electronic engineering                 |
| ✓ Artificial intelligence  | ✓ Software engineering                   |
| ✓ Big data                 | ✓ Electrical engineering                 |
| ✓ Computer engineering     | ✓ Genetics and biotechnology engineering |





## Outstanding Students

Outstanding students can obtain a Golden Visa in the UAE with varying requirements based on their level of education.

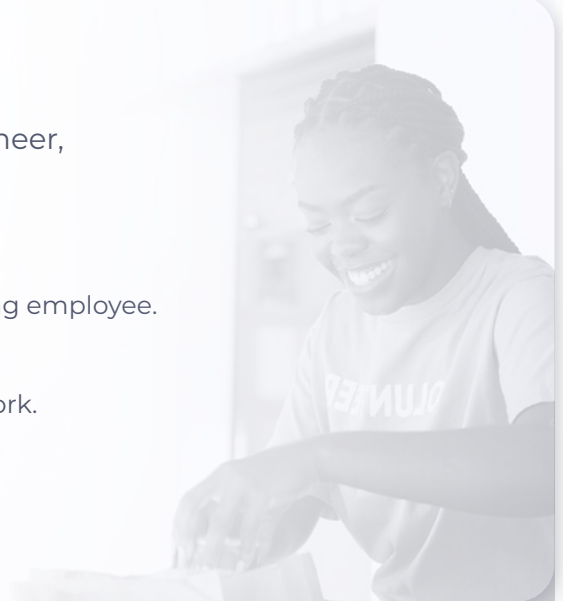
### Requirements Include:

- ✓ National-level high school toppers with a grade of 95% or above can apply for a 5-year Golden Visa without a sponsor if recommended by the Ministry of Education.
- ✓ Outstanding university students can apply for a 10-year Golden Visa with a recommendation letter from their A or B-rated university or a graduation certificate with a GPA of 3.5 or higher (A-class universities) and 3.8 or higher (B-class universities).
- ✓ Foreign university students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, who graduated from a top 100 global university within the last two years, can apply for a 10-year Golden Visa, provided their graduation certificate is accredited by the Ministry of Education.

## Pioneers of Humanitarian Work

To obtain a 10-year Golden Visa as a humanitarian pioneer, you must meet one of these criteria:

- ✓ Worked for international or regional organizations, or civil associations for at least 5 years as a member or outstanding employee.
- ✓ Received an appreciation award from a local, regional, or international organization focusing on humanitarian work.
- ✓ Funded humanitarian work worth at least AED 2 million or its equivalent.



## Frontline Heroes

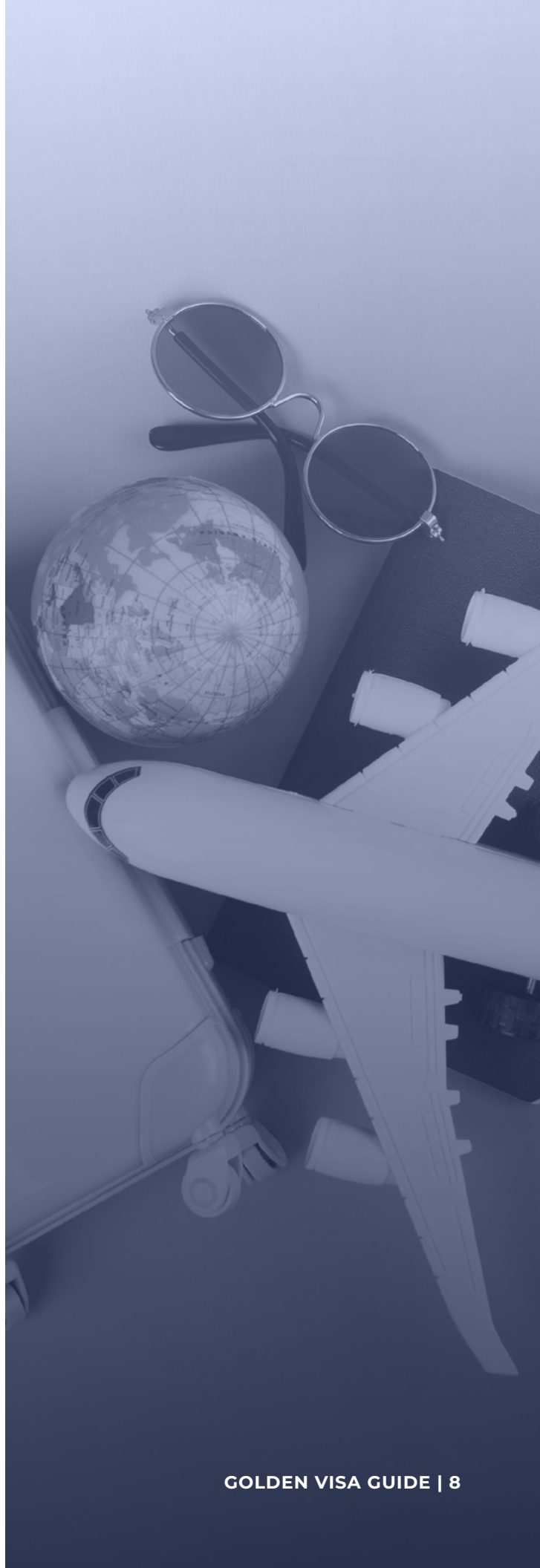
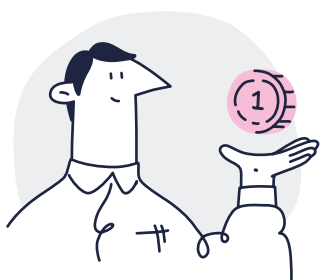
Frontline heroes in crises like COVID-19 may receive a Golden Visa with a recommendation from a qualified authority. Eligible heroes include nurses, medical assistants, lab technicians, pharmacologists, and other approved cadres recognized by the Frontline Heroes Office.

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## COST OF ABU DHABI AND DUBAI GOLDEN VISA

The cost of obtaining a Golden Visa in Abu Dhabi and Dubai varies depending on the visa category and service type.

For assistance with a hassle-free visa application, you can consult services like Creative Zone, which offers seamless and cost-effective visa applications through a range of packages and flexible payment options to meet your needs and budget.



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## IS NOW THE RIGHT TIME TO APPLY FOR A UAE GOLDEN VISA?

There is no better time to apply for an Abu Dhabi or Dubai Golden Visa than today. Despite some economic challenges, the UAE continues to be a leading choice for expats, investors, and entrepreneurs due to its strong economy backed by unwavering government support.

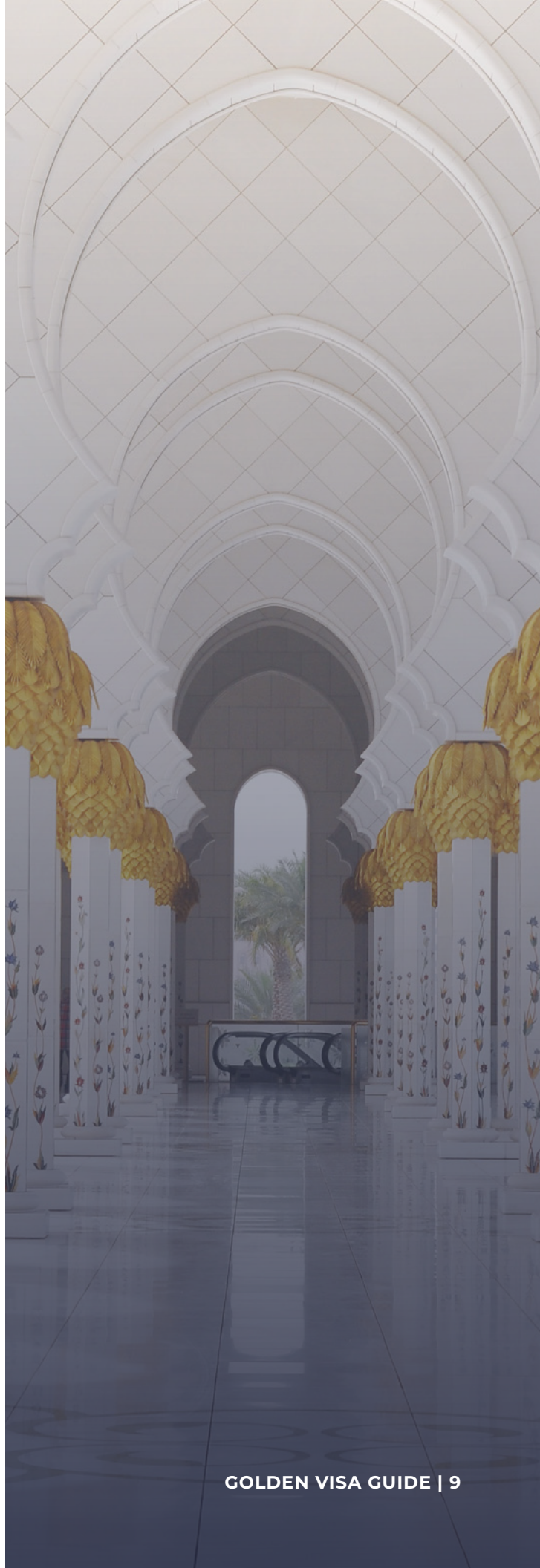
With this in mind, don't miss out on the chance to be part of a community that values success and growth.

### Apply Now

To start your application process, visit the official UAE government portals:

- ▶ [Abu Dhabi Golden Visa](#)
- ▶ [Dubai Golden Visa](#)

For further details and updates, you can refer to the [UAE Government Portal](#).





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