



Guide to Register a Company in Sharjah Mainland

Register a company in Sharjah Mainland to access a dynamic market with full business ownership, no currency restrictions, and a strategic location. Ideal for startups and established firms, Sharjah Mainland offers growth opportunities across diverse sectors in the UAE.

Why Choose Sharjah Mainland?



100% Foreign Ownership

Benefit from full foreign ownership under the recent UAE Commercial Companies Law amendments, giving you complete control.



Access to UAE Market

Operate freely across the entire UAE, including lucrative government contracts, without geographical restrictions.



Cost-Effective & Strategic

Enjoy lower setup costs than other Emirates and leverage a prime location near three seaports and an international airport.

Step 1: Define Your Business Activity

The first critical step is to precisely define your intended business activity. Sharjah offers over 2,000 approved activities, ranging from commercial and professional services to industrial and tourism-related ventures.

Your chosen activity directly dictates the type of license you'll need (e.g., professional, commercial, or industrial) and the corresponding legal form of your company.



Examples:

- **IT Services:** Typically falls under a professional license.
- **Trading Goods:** Requires a commercial license.
- **Manufacturing:** Needs an industrial license.

Step 2: Select Your Legal Structure

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LLC (Limited Liability Company)

The most popular choice, now allowing up to 100% foreign ownership, ideal for diverse business needs.

2

Sole Establishment

Suited for individual professionals providing services, where the owner bears full liability.

3

Civil Company

Perfect for professional partnerships among individuals, often seen in legal or medical fields.

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Branch of Foreign Company

Allows an existing international company to operate in Sharjah under its parent entity's name.

The legal structure you choose profoundly impacts ownership, liability, and regulatory compliance, so select carefully based on your business model.

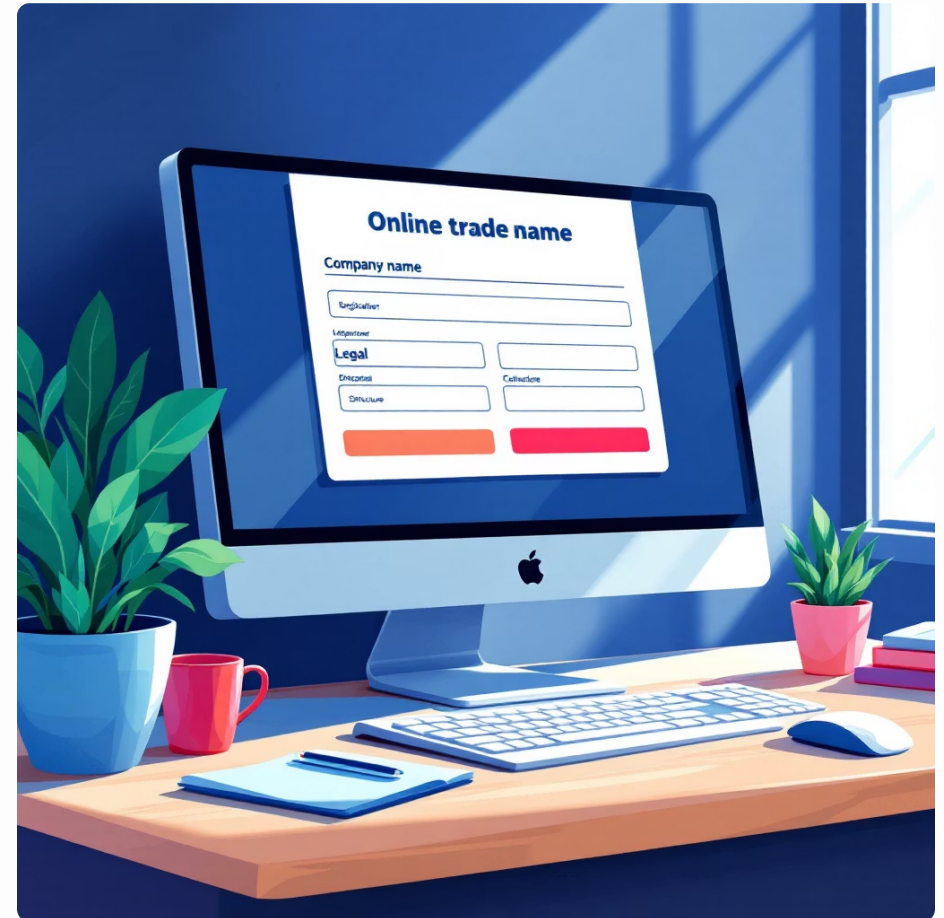
Also Read: Procedure for [Company Formation in Ras Al Khaimah](#)

Step 3: Register Your Trade Name

Your trade name is your company's identity. It must adhere to strict rules set by the Sharjah Department of Economic Development (SEDD) to ensure uniqueness and cultural sensitivity.

- **Include Legal Form:** Must end with the acronym of your legal form (e.g., "LLC," "EST").
- **Appropriate Language:** Avoid offensive, religious, or political terms. Do not use names of government entities or external organizations.
- **Uniqueness:** The name must be unique and not previously registered in the UAE.

You can check availability and register your desired name conveniently online via the SEDD portal or by visiting their offices in person.



Step 4: Obtain Initial Approval

Receiving initial approval is a crucial green light from the government. This document confirms that there are no objections to your proposed business setup and allows you to proceed with the subsequent steps of the registration process.

Important: While you have initial approval, it does not yet authorize you to commence business operations. It is a prerequisite for all mainland companies before drafting legal documentation.

Also Read: [Timeline to Register a Company in Meydan Freezone](#)

Step 5: Draft Memorandum of Association (MOA) & Local Service Agent Agreement

Memorandum of Association (MOA)

The MOA is a foundational legal document that defines the company's ownership, outlines share distribution, and establishes governance rules. It is mandatory for Limited Liability Companies (LLCs).

Local Service Agent Agreement

Required for specific business types or if your company structure does not fall under the 100% foreign ownership provision, this agreement facilitates administrative liaison.

Both legal documents must be professionally drafted, notarized by a public notary in the UAE, and then submitted to the Sharjah Department of Economic Development (SEDD) as part of your application.

Step 6: Choose Business Location & Obtain Additional Approvals

One of the key advantages of Sharjah Mainland is the flexibility to select your business premises anywhere within the Emirate, free from the restrictions of specific free zones.

- **Office Space:** Secure suitable office space that aligns with your business needs and activity.
- **Tenancy Contract:** Obtain a valid tenancy contract (Ejari certificate) as proof of your registered business address.



Sector-Specific Approvals:

Certain regulated activities, such as those in healthcare, education, or tourism, will require additional approvals from relevant government authorities before your license can be issued.

Step 7: Final License Application & Payment

The final stage involves submitting all accumulated documents to the Sharjah Department of Economic Development (SEDD) for the issuance of your Commercial License.

- Initial approval certificate
- MOA and Local Service Agent Agreement (if applicable)
- Trade name registration certificate
- Proof of business location (Ejari)
- All necessary additional approvals from relevant authorities

Payment of Fees: Government fees typically range from AED 16,000–30,000, varying based on your specific business activity and license type. Once paid, your Sharjah Mainland Commercial License will be issued!

Also Read: Eligibility Criteria for [Company Formation in Ajman](#)

Your Business is Ready to Launch!

Key Benefits of Your New Sharjah Mainland Business:

- **Market Access:** Direct access to the entire UAE market and government contracts.
- **Tax Efficiency:** Enjoy 0% corporate tax on incomes below AED 375,000, with competitive rates thereafter.
- **Flexibility:** Choose your office location anywhere in Sharjah Mainland and benefit from a wide range of business activities.

Pro Tip:

Utilize online platforms like Bashr or consult with local business setup experts to significantly expedite the process and avoid common pitfalls.



Start growing your Sharjah Mainland business today!



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