

# UAE

## Golden Visa



### Program Highlights

**Program Established:** 2019

**Type:** Residence By Investment

**Starting From:** AED 1 Million

**Process:** 12 months from submission of application

**Investment Type(s):** Real Estate Investment

The UAE Golden Residence Visa was launched in 2019 to attract global investors, innovators, and professionals to the country. This initiative offers long-term residence—either 5 or 10 years—through real estate investment and other qualifying categories, while contributing to the nation’s dynamic economic growth and diversification. Approved investments include residential and off-plan properties from government-approved developers, as well as properties financed through select local banks. The Golden Visa reflects the UAE’s vision to create a sustainable, knowledge-driven economy while offering investors stability, security, and access to a thriving global hub.



### About UAE



The United Arab Emirates, a federation of seven emirates on the Arabian Peninsula, spans about 83,600 square kilometers and has a population of around 10 million. Renowned for its modern cities and cultural diversity, the UAE is a global hub for trade, tourism, and innovation. It offers long-term residence opportunities, fostering stability and growth in one of the fastest-growing regions, while allowing investors to contribute to the nation's future.

**Location:** Middle East

**Capital:** Abu Dhabi

**Area:** 83,60sq. km

**Population:** 10 Million

**Official Language:** Arabic

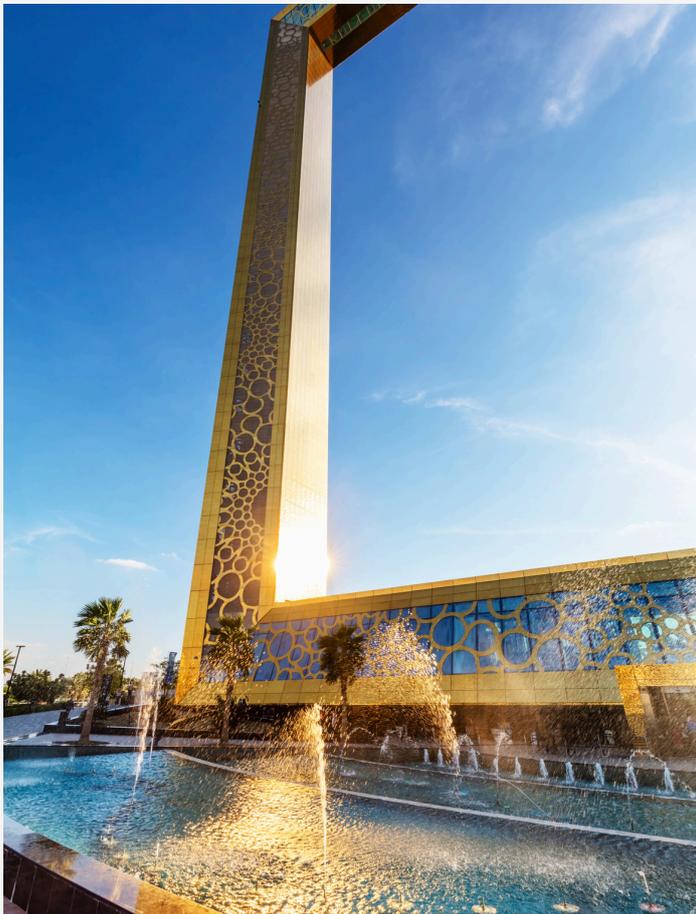
**Currency:** UAE Dirham (AED)

**Founded:** 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1971 (Union of the 7 Emirates)

**Organizations:** UN, Arab League, GCC, OPEC, WTO, IMF, World Bank, OIC, Non-Aligned Movement

## Program Benefits

- Long-term residence (5 or 10 years) without the need for a local sponsor.
- Full freedom to live, work, and study in the UAE.
- Family sponsorship covering spouse, children (often without age limits), and dependent parents.
- Access to world-class healthcare, education, and banking services.
- Tax advantages—no personal income tax, capital gains tax, or inheritance tax.
- Exclusive perks such as Esaad Privilege Card discounts on real estate, healthcare, education, and lifestyle services.



## Eligibility Criteria

- To qualify for the UAE Golden Residence Visa, the applicant must meet the application requirements and select one of the following options:
- Purchase a property worth a minimum of AED 1 million (approx. USD 280,000) for investors aged 55 and over (5-year visa)
- Purchase a property worth a minimum of AED 2 million (approx. USD 550,000) for investors of any age (10-year visa)
- Purchase a property worth a minimum of AED 2 million (approx. USD 550,000) with a loan from specific local banks (10-year visa)
- Purchase one or more off-plan properties worth a minimum of AED 2 million (approx. USD 550,000) from approved local real estate companies (10-year visa)
- Additional government application, due diligence, and passport fees apply.



## Procedures and Estimate Timelines

### STAGE 1

#### Eligibility review.

Week 1

The applicant's profile is assessed, and the appropriate Golden Visa category is identified.

### STAGE 2

#### Documentation.

Week 2-3

The applicant prepares and submits the required documents, including attestations and translations if necessary.

### STAGE 3

#### Application submission & initial approval

Week 4-5

The Golden Visa application is filed through the UAE authorities (ICP/GDRFA). Initial approval is typically granted within this period.

### STAGE 4

#### Medical examination and Emirates ID.

Week 6-7

The applicant completes the mandatory medical fitness test and biometric registration for the Emirates ID.

### STAGE 5

#### Final approval and visa issuance.

Week 8-9

The residence visa is issued, either stamped in the passport or linked digitally. The applicant and their family receive their Golden Visas





**REDEFINING BOUNDARIES**



**[www.apolloima.com](http://www.apolloima.com)**



**[info@apolloima.com](mailto:info@apolloima.com)**



**+971 52 652 2935**