

# How to Set Up a Free Zone Company (FZCO)

An FZCO registration allows multiple shareholders to establish a company within the DWTC Authority. The company can have between 2 to 10 shareholders, which may include individuals, corporate entities, or a combination of both. It must appoint at least one manager and can have up to five directors.



#### Required Documents for Application Submission:

- 1. **Online Application:** Accessible through the <u>eServices Portal</u>. This includes completing the Ultimate Beneficiary Owner (UBO) details section.
- 2. Passport Copies: Required for all shareholders, directors, and the manager.
- 3. For UAE Residents: Copy of Emirates ID and residency visa for all shareholders, directors, and the manager.
- 4. **No Objection Letter** (if applicable): If the Manager has an existing UAE residence visa, a No Objection Letter is required from the local sponsor. This is not applicable for Golden visa holders.

#### Additional Documents for Corporate Shareholders:

- 1. **Board or Shareholder Resolution:** To establish an FZCO under the DWTC Authority, company representatives need to be appointed with their level of authority clearly specified. Additionally, capital distribution and company activities must be defined. A template of the Board Resolution is available <a href="here">here</a> to assist you.
- 2. **Certificate of Incorporation/Registration** (or equivalent)
- 3. Organisation Chart: Must specify shareholding at all levels to identify the UBO.
- 4. **Memorandum and Articles of Association:** Required to outline the company's shareholding structure.
- 5. Valid License Copy (If applicable)

## Additional Documents, if Paid up Share Capital option is selected:

1. Bank Certificate for Deposit of Share Capital: DWTC Authority will issue an official letter allowing you to open a UAE corporate bank account after initial approval. Once the required minimum capital is deposited, the certificate from the bank can be obtained.

## Notes:

- DWTC Authority has the right to request additional documents (if required).
- If the corporate shareholder is registered outside the UAE, all additional documents must be attested by the UAE Embassy in the parent company jurisdiction.
- If the corporate shareholder is registered within the UAE, all additional documents must be attested by the parent company's existing authority in the UAE.
- Documents must be in Arabic or English. Documents in other languages must be accompanied by legal translations.