



# HOW TO START YOUR BUSINESS IN ABU DHABI

## AN INTRODUCTION

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# Trade License Types



## Commercial

- Small scale businesses or retail activities

## Professional

- High-skill professions such as medical offices, legal firms and consultancies

## Industrial

- Large scale manufacturing

## Tourism

- Travel & Tourism related activities

## Occupational

- Small scale activities, such as Carpentry

## Mobdi'ah

- Exclusive for UAE national ladies

# Legal Forms

دائرة التنمية الاقتصادية  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Legal Form	# Owners	Local	Foreigner or Local	capital	ADBWC
SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP	1	✓	✓	OPEN	
GENERAL PARTNERSHIP	2 +	✓		OPEN	
JOINT VENTURE	2 +		✓	OPEN	
PUBLIC JOINT STOCK COMPANY	10 +		✓	10 M +	
PRIVATE JOINT STOCK COMPANY	3 +		✓	2 M +	
FOREIGN COMPANY'S BRANCH	As parent company		✓	As parent company	
LIMITED LIABILITIES COMPANY	2 - 50		✓	OPEN	
MOBDI'AH	1	✓		Open	✓

ADBWC: Abu Dhabi Business Women Council



# Mubdi'ah



- Established in 26/09/2005
- Regulating women national's practice of trading activities via homes in a legal manner
- Creating a mechanism that would help women who are practicing business activities via home turn to engaging outdoors business
- Support and back up female contribution to the economy

*Good roots yields in return good fruits and that the goals of Late Zayed's efforts for women have come true.*

*H.H. Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak*





# Terms & Conditions

- UAE national ladies
- 21 years old ↑
- Should be restricted to one activity only
- Getting an approval from Abu Dhabi Businesswomen Council ADBC
- Approval from the husband or the guardian
- Approval from the building or villa owner, where the business will be
- No work “ labor hiring permit shall be issued
- Cant be rent to a third party
- It should not cause any heat, glow, noise, smoke, or cause any assemble or crowd that may curb the ability of people to enjoy their residence.

# Mubdi'ah



Advantages	Disadvantages
Mubdi'ah get 50% discount on activities fees at ADCCI	Increase in illegal women home business that would lead to pay fines
Mubdi'ah will attend training courses, exhibitions and conferences and meeting by ADBWC & ADCCI	Fees is a boundary as Mubdi'ah will pay for issuing, renewing and getting approvals
Mubdi'ah will have Emaratiya Card and enjoy it is benefits	As labor is not permitted, it as difficult for Mubdi'ah lady to work alone
Promoting Mubdi'ah products via: <b>1- ADBWC website</b> <b>2- Mubdi'ah guide</b> <b>3- ADCCI website</b>	-

**ADBWC: Abu Dhabi Business Women Council**

**ADCCI: Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce & Industry**



# Mubdi'ah Activities



- Social counseling
- Calligrapher shop
- The implementation of the work of interior design (décor)
- Legal translation services
- Typing and documents photocopying services 6
- Coffee trading
- Mill
- Spices trading
- Dates trading
- Sewing Burqu (Face Cover), Hijab (Head Cover)
- Perfumes trading
- Agar wood & incense trading
- Women's wear trading
- Cosmetics and makeup trading
- Women personal care and beauty
- Parties organization catering
- Cutting and tailoring of women's wear
- Artificial plants and flowers trading
- Natural plants and flowers trading
- Hinna pigmenting activities
- Women Beauty Saloon Works Training
- Cloaks & shawls trading
- Embroidered textile
- Embroidered garments
- Handcrafted products and environmental works





# Documents Required

دائرة التنمية الاقتصادية  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Passport copy, family national book, approval incase of foreigners

Lease Contract

Memorandum of Association (MOA)

Local Sponsors Agreement

Board Resolution

Power of Attorney (POA)

Ministry of Economy (MoE) Registration

Legal Translation & Attest Documents

All entities approval depending on the activities



## Useful links

- ✓ Department of Economic Development: [www.adeconomy.ae](http://www.adeconomy.ae)
- ✓ Abu Dhabi Portal : [www.abudhabi.ae](http://www.abudhabi.ae)
- ✓ Government Call Center: 0097126664442
- ✓ Protection Services 8008811
- ✓ Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce & Industry [www.adcci.ae.com](http://www.adcci.ae.com)
- ✓ Abu Dhabi Businesswomen Council [www.adbusinesswomen.ae](http://www.adbusinesswomen.ae)
- ✓ Office of Mubdi'ah [www.mubdiah@adcci.gov.ae](mailto:www.mubdiah@adcci.gov.ae)



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