

COMMERCIAL LICENSING REGULATIONS (FEES) RULES ~~2025~~2026

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The Board of Directors of the Abu Dhabi Global Market, in exercise of the powers conferred by section ~~46~~¹⁴(8) of the Commercial Licensing Regulations ~~2015~~²⁰²⁵, hereby makes the following rules:

1. Citation, commencement and interpretation

- (1) These Rules may be cited as the Commercial Licensing Regulations (Fees) Rules ~~2025~~²⁰²⁶.

- (2) In these Rules:

"business activity" has the meaning given to it in the ~~Commercial Licensing Regulations (Controlled Activities) Rules 2024~~;

"Category A" refers to any applicant for a licence to carry on the controlled activity of financial services;

"Category B" refers to any applicant (other than a Category C applicant) for a licence to carry on any controlled activity of non-financial services;

"Category C" refers to any applicant for a licence to carry on the controlled activity of other economic activities where the applicant intends only to carry on the activity of retail business;

"company service provider" is a person licensed pursuant to the Commercial Licensing Regulations ~~2015~~²⁰²⁵ to carry out the controlled activity of providing company services, as defined in Rule 7 of the ~~Commercial Licensing Regulations (Controlled Activities) Rules 2024~~;

"Controlled Activities Rules" means the Commercial Licensing Regulations (Controlled Activities) Rules 2026(A);

"financial services" means the controlled activity specified in Rule 3 of the ~~Commercial Licensing Regulations (Controlled Activities) Rules 2024~~;

"other economic activities" means the controlled activity specified in Rule ~~9~~¹¹ of the ~~Commercial Licensing Regulations (Controlled Activities) Rules 2024~~; and

"Regulations" means the Commercial Licensing Regulations ~~2015~~²⁰²⁵.

- (3) Terms used in these Rules which are defined in the Regulations shall have the meanings given to them in the Regulations.

- (4) These Rules come into force on the date of their publication.

2. Fees

The fees set out in Schedule 1 to these Rules shall apply to applications under the Regulations.

3. Commercial Licensing Regulations (Fees) Rules ~~2024~~2025

The Commercial Licensing Regulations (Fees) Rules 2024 (published on 29 November 2024) 2025 are repealed.

SCHEDULE 1

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Table 1 - Licence Issuance

	Business Activity Categories Fees (USD)		
Matter in relation to which fee is payable	A	B	C
Commercial Licence fee	200	200	200
Application for licence to carry on one or more controlled activities – excluding in respect of activities listed separately in this Table 1	16,000	4,800	1,800
Application for licence to carry on the business activity of Special Purpose Vehicle	n/a	900	n/a
Application for licence to carry on the business activity of providing company service	n/a	6,800	n/a
Application for licence to carry on the business activity of distributed ledger technology (DLT) foundations	n/a	14,000	n/a
Application for licence and to carry on the business activity of Open / Closed Ended Investment Company	n/a	900	n/a
Application for licence to carry on the business activity of Effecting a Contract of Insurance	900	n/a	n/a
Application for licence and to carry on the business activity of Investment Partnership or General Partner to an Investment Partnership	n/a	900	n/a
Application for licence to carry on the business activities of Professional Membership Organization	n/a	900	n/a
Application for licence to carry on the incentivised business activity of Innovation - Tech Start Up	n/a	1,500	n/a

Application for license to carry on the incentivised business activity of Venture Capital Fund Manager	1,500	n/a	n/a
Application for license to carry on the business activity of Social Enterprises	n/a	700	n/a

Table 2 – Annual Licence Renewal

	Business Activity Categories Fees (USD)		
Matter in relation to which fee is payable	A	B	C
Commercial licence fee	200	200	200
Application for renewal of license – excluding in respect of activities listed separately in this Table 2	16,000	4,800	1,800
Application for renewal of license for the business activity of Special Purpose Vehicle	n/a	900	n/a
Application for renewal of licence to carry on the business activity of providing company service	n/a	6,800	n/a
Application for renewal of licence to carry on the business activity of distributed ledger technology (DLT) foundations	n/a	14,000	n/a
Application for renewal of license for the business activity of Open / Closed Ended Investment Company	n/a	900	n/a
Application for renewal of license for the business activity of Effecting a Contract of Insurance as Principal	900	n/a	n/a
Application for renewal of license the business activity of Investment Partnership or General Partner to an Investment Partnership	n/a	900	n/a
Application for renewal of license for the business activities of Professional Membership Organization	n/a	900	n/a
Application for renewal of licence to carry on the incentivised business activity of Innovation - Tech Start Up*	n/a	1,500	n/a

Application for renewal of license to carry on the incentivised business activity of Venture Capital Fund Manager*	1,500	n/a	n/a
Application for renewal of license to carry on the business activity of Social Enterprises**	n/a	700	n/a

**Incentive is applicable for the issuance of the licence and two consecutive renewals only, after which entities will be charged standard applicable fees.*

***Subject to maintaining a certificate/ approval confirming classification of the entity as a 'Social Enterprise' from the relevant competent authority.*

Table 3 – Variation of License

Matter in relation to which fee is payable	Fees (USD)
Application for variation of a licence where business activities remain in the same Category	100
Application for variation of a licence where business activity changes from Category C to Category B	3,100
Application for variation of a licence where business activity changes from Category B to Category A	11,300
Application for variation of a licence of a Special Purpose Vehicle if business activity changes to any of the business activities listed for Category B	4,000
Application for variation of a licence of a Special Purpose Vehicle if business activity changes to any of the business activities listed for Category A	15,200

Table 4 – Cancellation of a Licence

Matter in relation to which fee is payable	Fees (USD)
Application for cancellation of a licence	Nil

Table 5 – Annual CSP Return and Annual LSP Return

Matter in relation to which fee is payable	Fees (USD)
Submission of Annual CSP Return pursuant to Condition 9 of Schedule 1 of the Commercial Licensing Regulations (Conditions of Licence and Branch Registration) Rules	100

<u>Submission of Annual LSP Return</u>	<u>100</u>
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Table 6 – Late Commercial Licence Renewal Fees

Matter in relation to which fee is payable	Fees (USD)
Application made within one month after licence expiry	Nil
Application made more than one month after licence expiry	150 per month, or part thereof, up to a maximum of 3 months***

***The late commercial licence renewal fee is in addition to the relevant licence renewal fee and any other applicable fees charged by the Registrar.

Table 7 – Late Filing Fees for Annual CSP Return and Annual LSP Return

<u>Matter in relation to which fee is payable</u>	<u>Fees (USD)</u>
<u>Submission of Annual CSP or Annual LSP Return after due date</u>	<u>150 per month, or part thereof, up to a maximum of 90 calendar days</u>

***The late filing fee is in addition to the relevant submission fee and any other applicable fees charged by the Registrar.