

**RAS AL KHAIMAH  
FREE TRADE ZONE**  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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**THE GATEWAY  
TO FAST-GROWING  
GLOBAL MARKETS**



Ras Al Khaimah (RAK) is one of the seven emirates that comprise the United Arab Emirates (UAE), along with Abu Dhabi and Dubai. RAK has earned a reputation as a business-friendly, world-class investment environment. The cost of living and doing business in RAK is 25 to 50 per cent lower than the UAE average, allowing companies to maximise their return on investment.

RAK has three free zones, including the Ras Al Khaimah Free Trade Zone (RAK FTZ), the investment destination of choice for more than 8,000 companies from over 100 countries, representing more than 50 industry sectors.

Less than an hour's drive from Dubai, RAK FTZ furnishes its clients with a completely tax-free environment, 100 per cent foreign ownership, fast-track visas, freedom to source labour and materials globally, and ongoing business support services. Its strategic geographical location provides companies with easy access to fast-growing markets across Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and South Asia.

## LOOKING TO SET UP YOUR BUSINESS IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES?

Setting up a business in RAK FTZ is quick and easy. It provides everything an investor needs to set up operations, including licence, visas and company registration, along with ready-made facilities. Affordable packages start at just over USD 4,000, with cost-effective lease rates.

### Benefits of Operating in RAK FTZ

- 100 per cent ownership
- No taxation
- No customs duty on re-exported goods
- Ease and speed in registering company
- Flexible recruitment (no quotas)
- Range of ready-made facilities to suit business needs
- Value-added services
- Flexible legal structures

### Services Offered at RAK FTZ

- Quick and easy registration
- Fast-track business licences - for nearly all activities
- Visa issuance - easily renewable residence visas for investors, managers and workers

- Support for opening UAE bank accounts
- Continuous support for your business in a one-stop shop (MAZEED Services) which includes:
  - Creative design & advertising
  - Event management
  - Recruitment and training
  - Notary services
  - Emirates ID applications
  - Attestation of documents within the UAE (Ministry of Foreign Affairs Attestation)
- Typing and printing services
- Procurement
- Logistics and insurance services

### Types of Business Licences

- Commercial

- Consultancy / Services
- Industrial
- Educational

### Legal Entities

#### New Establishments

- Free Zone Establishment (FZE) - a new business entity with a sole business owner
- Free Zone Company (FZC) - a new business entity owned by 2-5 partners

#### Branches

- Local Branch - a branch of a domestic firm residing in the UAE
- Foreign Branch - a branch of a foreign firm residing outside the UAE. The parent company should have existed for more than a year

### Ready-To-Occupy Facilities

#### Flexi Desks and Flexi Offices

- Shared work stations
- Five hours usage per week
- Dedicated phone number and email account
- Shared fax number
- High-speed Internet network
- Eligibility for UAE residence visa
- Opportunity to upgrade to office or warehouse at any time

#### Office Space for Lease

- Small to medium-sized private offices
- Accessible 24/7 and 24-hour security
- Advanced IT infrastructure with dedicated phone, fax number and email account
- Rent inclusive of utilities
- Eligibility for UAE residence visa
- Furnished and unfurnished offices available

### Warehouses for Lease

- Prefabricated units of 150 m<sup>2</sup> to 400 m<sup>2</sup>
- Suitable for storage of goods, light manufacturing and assembly
- Accessible 24/7 and 24-hour security
- Labour, forklifts and cleaning services (available at additional cost)
- Eligibility for UAE residence visa
- Utility connections
- Staff and labour accommodation available on site
- Proximity to highways, seaports and airports - excellent accessibility to all emirates and neighbouring countries

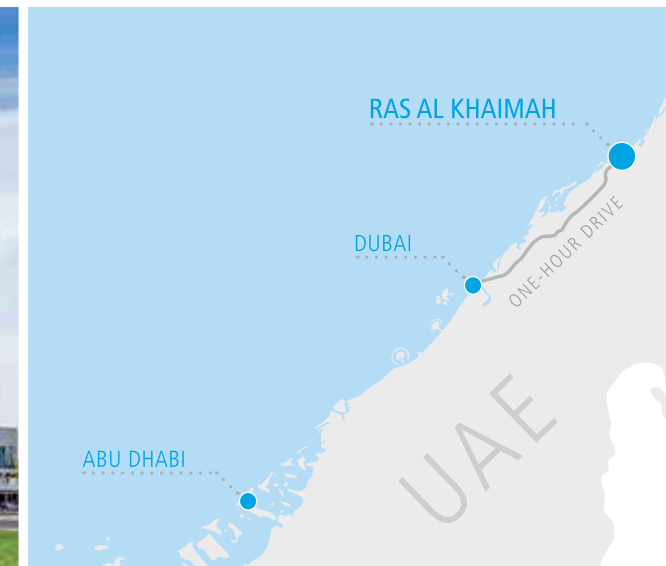
### Serviced Land for Industrial Development

- Developed plots of various sizes, starting from 1,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Option to develop up to 60 per cent of the total area

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- Availability of co-located labour accommodations for lease

### Academic Facilities

- Classrooms
- Option for leasing or building own facility
- Unit size from 50 m<sup>2</sup> upwards
- Easy set-up procedures





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