VISA INFORMATION

Visa requirements for entering Abu Dhabi vary greatly between different nationalities, and it is always advisable to check regulations before travelling.

Currently, every nationality entering the UAE needs a visa, except citizens and expatriate residents (certain professions) of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE).

Passport holders from the following countries receive a visa on arrival:

- UK (with the right of abode in UK), France, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Portugal, Ireland, Greece, Finland, Spain, Monaco, Vatican, Iceland, Andorra, San Marino, Liechtenstein, United States, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Brunei, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea and holders of Hong Kong SAR passports.

It should be noted that this list may vary slightly from time to time and it is therefore best to check with your local UAE embassy or the airline that you are using to fly to the UAE.

If you do NOT fall into one of the above categories, you will require a visa beforehand and a sponsor (e.g. Airline, Hotel, Tourist Company) for your visit. The sponsor normally applies for the visa on your behalf.

In case of problems, please send an email to samia.elsayed@fanr.gov.ae for assistance. Kindly have ready the following in an electronic format: 1) passport copy (photo page only); 2) a scan of a passport sized photo (photo background must be white); and, 3) arrival airport information (Dubai or Abu Dhabi).