Section 4 of the guide: Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Ras Al Khaimah: what changes when you buy in a different emirate

What registration costs

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The biggest difference in money is the registration fee. In Dubai you pay 4% of the price, and the buyer usually pays all of it. In Abu Dhabi the fee is usually 2% in total. In Ras Al Khaimah it is 4% in total: the buyer pays 2% and the seller pays 2%, according to the municipality. In every case, who actually pays is set in the agreement, so check this before you sign (see the guide to costs).

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