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3. Freelance in a free zone

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There is no federal "freelance visa" in the UAE. There is a freelance work permit, and the residence visa comes through a free-zone freelance package.

- **Example, GoFreelance:** the freelance package of the TECOM free zones, such as Dubai Media City and Dubai Internet City. It is only for tech, media, education and design.
- **What it costs, per the GoFreelance price list:** the freelance permit is AED 7,500 a year, the establishment card AED 2,000, and a two-year visa AED 5,042. That is about AED 14,600 in total, plus the medical test, Emirates ID and health insurance.
- **The process:** register on the GoFreelance website, apply and pay, receive the permit and the establishment card, then the visa. If you already hold an employment visa, you need a no-objection letter from your employer.

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