



The United Arab Emirates welcome visitors from all over the world and in order to achieve the strategic objectives that support the government's direction in providing the best electronic and smart services to all customers in the country, the Ministry of Interior offers a service of recognition and exchanging of driving licenses within "Markhoos" initiative, which allows the UAE citizens to drive with their national license in different countries around the world and exchange it for the purpose of residency. The initiative also grants visitors of the UAE the right to drive with their national driving licenses and exchange it with an Emirati license for the purpose of residency by the following conditions.

❖ **Terminology:**

- **Recognition:** Use of the United Arab Emirates national driving license **not** for the purpose of residence.
- **Exchange:** Exchange of United Arab Emirates national driving license for the purpose of residence **only**.



Republic of Estonia



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Estonia.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles (Categories A-A1-A2) & Light Vehicles (Categories B-B1).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Albania



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Albania.
5. Categories to be exchanged: Motorcycles (Categories A - A1 -A2) & Light Vehicles (Category B).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



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1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Portuguese Republic



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid residence permit.
2. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
3. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Portuguese Republic.
4. Categories to be exchanged: Motorcycles & Light Vehicles.
5. Pass the required medical examination.
6. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



People's Republic of China



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the People's Republic of China.
5. Categories to be exchanged: Light Vehicles (Categories C1-C2)
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Hungary



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of Hungary.
5. Categories to be exchanged :Motorcycles (Categories A-A1-A2) & Light Vehicles (Categories B-D1)
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Hellenic Republic



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Hellenic Republic.
5. Categories to be exchanged: Light Vehicles (Category B).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Ukraine



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of in Ukraine.
5. Categories to be exchanged: Motorcycles (Category A) & Light Vehicles (Category B).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Bulgaria



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Bulgaria.
5. Categories to be exchanged: Motorcycles & light Vehicles (Category B).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Slovak Republic



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Slovak Republic
5. Categories to be exchanged: Light Vehicles (Categories B-D1).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Slovenia



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Slovenia.
5. Categories to be exchanged: Light Vehicles (Category B).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Serbia



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Serbia.
5. Categories to be exchanged: Motorcycles (Categories A-A1-A2) & Light Vehicles (Category B).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Cyprus



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Cyprus
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles (Category A) & Light Vehicles (Categories B-D1)
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Latvia



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Latvia.
5. Categories to be exchanged: Motorcycles (Categories A-A1-A2) & Light Vehicles (categoriesB-D1).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Grand Duchy of Luxembourg



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid residence permit.
2. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
3. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.
4. Categories to be exchanged: Light Vehicles (Category B)
5. Pass the required medical examination.
6. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Lithuania



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of Republic of Lithuania .
5. Categories to be exchanged: Motorcycles (Categories A-A1-A2) & Light Vehicles (Categories B - D1).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Malta



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Malta.
5. Categories to be exchanged: Light Vehicles (Category B).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Iceland



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Iceland
5. Categories to be exchanged: Motorcycles (Categories AM - A) & Light Vehicles (Category B)
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Montenegro



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Montenegro.
5. Categories to be exchanged :Light Vehicles.
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



State of Israel



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the State of Israel.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tons (empty) and carrying no more than 14 seats, excluding the driver's seat).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Azerbaijan



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tons (empty) and carrying no more than 14 seats, excluding the driver's seat).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Belarus



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Belarus.
5. Categories to be exchanged :Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tons (empty) and carrying no more than 14 seats, excluding the driver's seat).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Uzbekistan



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
5. Categories to be exchanged :Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tons (empty) and carrying no more than 14 seats, excluding the driver's seat).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of South Korea



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of South Korea
5. Categories to be exchanged: Light Vehicles (Second Class Ordinary Driving License)
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



United Kingdom



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Present a letter "To Whom It May Concerns" issued from Ministry of Interior to the competent authority in United Kingdom.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Kingdom.
5. Categories to be exchanged: According to the regulations and categories specified in the United Kingdom competent authority.
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Austria



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid residence permit.
2. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
3. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Austria.
4. Categories to be exchanged: According to the regulations and categories specified in the Republic of Austria competent authority.
5. Pass the required medical examination.
6. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Kingdom of Denmark



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid residence permit.
2. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
3. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Kingdom of Denmark.
4. Categories to be exchanged: According to the regulations and categories specified in the Kingdom of Denmark competent authority.
5. Pass the required medical examination.
6. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Netherlands



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid residence permit.
2. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
3. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Netherlands.
4. Categories to be exchanged: According to the regulations and categories specified in the Netherlands competent authority.
5. Pass the required medical examination.
6. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Poland



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid residence permit.
2. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
3. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Poland.
4. Categories to be exchanged: According to the regulations and categories specified in the Republic of Poland competent authority.
5. Pass the required medical examination.
6. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Finland



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid residence permit.
2. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license .
3. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the Republic of Finland.
4. Categories to be exchanged: According to the regulations and categories specified in the Republic of Finland competent authority.
5. Pass the required medical examination.
6. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Croatia



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of Republic of Croatia.
5. Categories to be exchanged: Motorcycles (Categories A-A1-A2) & Light Vehicles (Categories B - D1).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



State of Texas



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of State of Texas.
5. Categories to be exchanged: Light Vehicles (Categories C).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



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Republic of North Macedonia



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of Republic of North Macedonia.
5. Categories to be exchanged: Motorcycles (Categories A-A1-A2-AM) & Light Vehicles (Categories B - BE).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



Republic of Kosovo



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of Republic of Kosovo.
5. Categories to be exchanged: Motorcycles (Categories A) & Light Vehicles (Categories B).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



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وزارة الداخلية

Republic of Kyrgyz



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent UAE driving license.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of Republic of Kyrgyz.
5. Categories to be exchanged: Light Vehicles (Categories B).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
7. Comply with other necessary requirements to exchange driving licenses (if any).



Conditions of recognition driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid driving license.
2. Entering the country **not** for the purpose of residence.



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Notes:

- All GCC countries recognize and exchange UAE driving license.
- UAE's citizen should use international driving license in the countries that are not mentioned within above list.