

## BOAT REGISTRATION

Any resident can own and register a private boat or yacht in the UAE. It must be locally registered regardless of whether or not it is registered in another country concurrently. The process is time-consuming but relatively painless if you reach the respective offices early in the morning. If you're **not** a UAE resident then unfortunately you won't be able to own a boat here.

**You do not need** a) marine insurance or b) qualifications to drive a private vessel, although this is apparently going to change sometime in the future.

Note: It is possible to register a boat in the name of multiple owners. The only condition is that **all owners** must be present in person to sign a special form at the NTA.

### Documents Required

We strongly advise you get the following documents in order **before** you start the registration process. It is important you take all of the originals with you, and we suggest making 4 copies of each document too – just to be on the safe side.

- Passport of buyer and seller
- Residence visa of buyer and seller
- Emirates ID of buyer and seller (photo copy back and front)
- Existing boat registration card  
Note: If the existing card is out of date, AED 500 will be required to issue a new card before it can be cancelled. Additionally, a fine of AED 50 per month will be imposed for every month past the expiry date. Ouch!
- NOC from the buyer's sponsor in English or Arabic
- Good Clearance certificate from the buyer.  
Note: Cost is AED200. You can either apply for this online or you can go the **New Police Headquarters** in Dubai (off the Sharjah/Dubai road behind the airport). Go to the Criminal Investigations Department. It will take you 15 minutes to complete the forms. The certificate to be collected or they will email it to you after 2 to 3 workings days. Look on google maps for the location.  
**Documents required for the Good Clearance Certificate:** copy of passport, copy of visa, copy of Emirates card (back and front) and two ID photos.

Apply for this online. We don't suggest this as this can take even longer to obtain.  
<http://www.dubaipolice.gov.ae/smartphoneservices/goodconduct/en/goodconduct.html>

- **Coast Guards:**  
Dh200 for the removal of the Transponder from the seller  
Dh7000 from the buyer (this is a refundable deposit for the transponder when you sell the boat)
- **NTA :**  
AED 450 for the sales agreement from the seller  
AED 500 for the boat registration from the buyer

Once you have all of these documents together and the cash in hand, it's time to start...

## The Process

Please note that if you plan to complete the full process within a day you need to get to the Coast Guard with the boat for 8am to avoid disappointment.

1. Visit the Coast Guards in Bur Dubai at Shindagha Tunnel and request two blank payment slips for ADCB Bank – explain that they are for making the boat registration deposits.
2. Visit at any ADCB branch (the nearest is located on Bank Street, near the Four Points Sheraton Hotel) and deposit the two individual payments slips with the cashier – AED 200 from the seller and AED 7000 from the buyer, making sure you get the payment copies.
3. Take your boat, all of the documents mentioned above and the payment receipts from ADCB to the Coast Guards and request the following:
  - a. Cancellation document
  - b. Bill of sale document
  - c. Existing transponder removal
4. Once all of the documents from the Coast Guard are in place you need to visit the National Transport Authority (NTA), located in Deira near City Centre Mall and Dnata, behind the Nissan showroom. Have a look on Google Maps.

If you plan to visit the NTA on the same day, you can leave your boat at the Coast Guards, otherwise you can take the boat back to its berth and return another day once you have visited the NTA. Sometimes they will let you leave it overnight, just ask.

5. Upon arrival at the NTA, go to the third floor and take a ticket from the machine. Explain to Reception that you are transferring the ownership of a boat and they will direct you to the right people.

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6. Once you are with the correct department, hand over all of your documents so the details are entered into their system. While this is being done, ask for a payment card which you can take to the payment machine in the same office.
7. Once everything has been entered into the system and the payments made, you will be issued with the ownership transfer papers to be submitted to the Coast Guard. Make 4 copies of these papers.
8. Return to the Coast Guard with the paperwork from the NTA along with you other documents (this is why you need 4 copies) and ask for a new transponder to be fitted. You will need to present the AED 7000 deposit payment receipt as proof of payment for the new transponder.

The Coast Guard will check you have all the mandatory safety equipment on board – so be safe, or be sorry!

9. Once the new transponder is fitted and everything has been checked and approved by the Coast Guard, you will be issued with another set of documents which you then need to take back to the NTA.
10. Before heading back to the NTA, register your details and email address online [here](#), making a note of the reference number.
11. Visit the NTA (for the penultimate time!) and submit all of your documents, your email address and your online reference number.

You're nearly there! Now all you need to do is wait for an email or SMS confirmation that your registration is complete and the card is ready to be collected. This can take anywhere from 4 hours up to 3 days, so be patient.

Once your card is ready to collect, pick it up from the NTA. Hurrah, the boat is registered!

So there you have it, that's how boat registration in Dubai works. Sound daunting? Don't worry, give us a call and we can arrange to have the process taken care of on your behalf.

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR BOAT REGISTRATION

S.I.NO	DESCRIPTION	PRICE*	QTY
1	Fire Extinguisher 1Kg <b>OR</b>	60.00	1
	Fire Extinguisher 2Kg	80.00	1
2	Lifebuoy Ring 2.5Kg	115.00	1
3	Life jacket Code no 20069, quantity depends on size of boat	45.00	1
4	Torch(led with waterproof)	40.00	1
5	Boat Anchor		1
6	Knife 70197	50.00	1
7	First Aid Kit 10 person <b>OR</b>	100.00	1
	First Aid kit 25 person	125.00	1
8	Hand flare	65.00	2
9	Parachute rocket (red flare for day or night)	165.00	1
10	Smoke distress signal (orange smoke)	165.00	1

\*Estimated prices. Contact the Marine Club to organize the purchase of your Safety Equipment.