



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. Republic of Estonia nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of Estonia .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "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 Albania



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Republic of Albania nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of Albania .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
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Portuguese Republic



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid residence permit.
2. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Portuguese Republic .
3. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
4. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
5. Pass the required medical examination.
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People's Republic of China



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Republic of China nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of China .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "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).

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Hungary



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Hungary nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Hungary .
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
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Hellenic Republic



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Republic of Hellenic nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of Hellenic.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
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Ukraine



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Ukraine nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Ukraine.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
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Republic of Bulgaria



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Republic of Bulgaria nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of Bulgaria.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
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Slovak Republic



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Republic of Slovak nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of Slovak.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "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).



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Republic of Slovenia



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Republic of Slovenia nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of Slovenia.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "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).



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Republic of Serbia



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Republic of Serbia nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of Serbia.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
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Republic of Cyprus



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Republic of Cyprus nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of Cyprus.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
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Republic of Latvia



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Republic of Latvia nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of Latvia.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
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Grand Duchy of Luxembourg



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid residence permit.
2. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.
3. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
4. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
5. Pass the required medical examination.
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Republic of Lithuania



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Republic of Lithuania nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of Lithuania.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
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Republic of Malta



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Republic of Malta nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of Malta.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
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Republic of Iceland



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Republic of Iceland nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of Iceland.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
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Republic of Montenegro



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Republic of Montenegro nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of Montenegro.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
6. Pass the required medical examination.
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Republic of South Korea



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold Republic of South Korea nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of South Korea.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "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).



United Kingdom



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

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



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Republic of Austria



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

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



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

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



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Republic of Poland



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Hold a valid residence permit.
2. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Poland.
3. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
4. Categories to be exchanged : According to the regulations and categories specified in the United Arab Emirates Competent authority.
5. Pass the required medical examination.
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Republic of Finland



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

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



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Israel



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

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



Conditions of exchanging driving licenses:

1. Republic of Azerbaijan nationality.
2. Hold a valid residence permit.
3. Hold a valid and permanent driving license of Republic of Azerbaijan.
4. Fulfill the minimum age requirement laid down by national legislation of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Categories to be exchanged : Motorcycles & Light Vehicles (Motor vehicle whose tare weight does not exceed 2.5 tones "empty" and carrying no more than 14 seats excluding the driver's seat).
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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.**