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# WELCOME TO DUQM

The Special Economic Zone Authority in Duqm (SEZAD) has been modernizing the corpus of legislation and procedures regulating investment in the Special Economic Zone in Duqm (SEZD) to keep pace with investors' expectations and to create an appropriate investment environment. These efforts have attracted an important group of institutional investments in the industrial, commercial and tourism sectors.

Duqm Refinery, jointly owned by Oman Oil Company and Kuwait Petroleum International, is one of the most prominent investments under construction in SEZD. The projects of gas delivery to SEZD, establishment of the oil storage terminal in Ras Markaz, Sino-Omani Industrial City, Sebacic Refinery, manufacture of buses with Qatari Omani investments, and Small India integrated tourist complex reflect the growing importance of SEZD for the local and international markets.

In light of this interest in SEZD, we are pleased to present the third edition of Invest in Duqm Handbook to introduce the business community to the investment procedures and incentives provided by SEZAD to investors. We look forward to working together to establish the modern city of Duqm as a multicultural city capable of meeting the aspirations of its people to work and live harmoniously together.



Yahya bin Said bin Abdullah Al-Jabri Chairperson

# Special Economic Zone in Duqm (SEZD)

Since its inception in late 2011, Special Economic Zone in Duqm (SEZD) has gained a notable international reputation and prestige thanks to the many success features and factors it has. SEZD, located approximately halfway between Muscat and Salalah, enjoys a set of comparative and competitive advantages that qualify it to become a regional hub for maritime transport and a logistics supply gateway for the GCC region. These features include its important geographic location on the Arabian Sea, overlooking the Indian Ocean and close to the Asian and African markets, its vast area of (2000) square kilometers, and its mild climate all year round.

Other features of SEZD include an enormous fishery wealth and proximity to the oil and gas production areas. Al-Wusta Governorate has also many minerals that can be exploited in the establishment of industrial projects. This qualifies SEZD to become an integrated industrial base for manufacturing industries based on natural raw materials available in Al-Wusta Governorate. Moreover, the construction of the refinery and the implementation of the heavy and petrochemical industries projects are a catalyst for the implementation of other medium and light projects.

To render SEZD further attractive, the Special Economic Zone Authority in Duqm (SEZAD) backs these features with a package of incentives, privileges, and facilities.

**E n o r m o u s area** of up to (2000) square kilometers.

**Diversity of investment** areas: industrial, commercial, touristic, residential, and logistics.

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**Provision of various** services to investors through the one-stop shop, which is the investment portal in Duqm.

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**Political stability** of the Sultanate and its outstanding commercial and political relations with world countries.

# **Advantages of Investing in SEZD**

**Geographical location** on the Arabian Sea open to the Indian Ocean and close to the consumer markets in Asia.

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Tax benefits and incentives provided by SEZAD to investors in SEZD. **Ease of linking SEZD** to the local, Gulf and international markets, whether through Duqm Port or Airport or land transport network. **Presence of a Labor Department** in SEZD for issuance of the necessary permits for foreign workforce in accordance with procedures characterized by speed and efficiency within five business days from the date of application.

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Presence of a customs administration system in SEZD to ensure quick and effective customs inspection, clear and open valuation grounds, simplicity and brevity of customs clearance procedures, and comprehensive and precise examination of controlled samples at a single site.

Investment in Duqm

# Special Economic Zone Authority in Duqm (SEZAD)

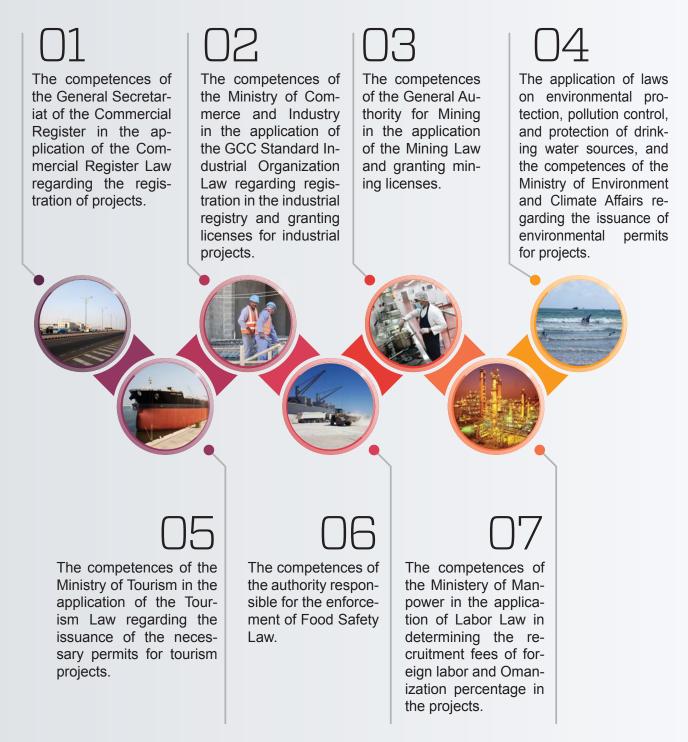
Royal Decree No. (119/2011) issued on 26 October 2011 established the Special Economic Zone Authority in Duqm (SEZAD). SEZAD is a governmental entity subordinate to the Council of Ministers and has legal personality and financial and administrative independence. It oversees the implementation of Duqm Development Project and manages, develops, and improves SEZD to be a tributary for comprehensive economic and social development in Oman.

SEZAD has the right to decide the usufruct of Stateowned lands in SEZD and to establish and contribute to businesses to develop SEZD or manage or develop its basic sectors. Moreover, SEZAD is not subject to the Tender Law to expedite the tendering and awarding procedures. SEZAD has also the competences of some ministries within SEZD boundaries.

Royal Decree (119/2011) establishing SEZAD and issuing its regulation dated 26 October 2011 and Royal Decree (79/2013) issuing SEZAD regulation on 26 December 2013 and the regulations issued in accordance with these two decrees are the main source of regulation of SEZAD operation and its investment environment in SEZD. SEZAD has worked since its inception to enact legislations and procedures that provide an investment environment that encourages and attracts local and foreign investments.

# **SEZAD Competences and Powers within SEZD**

Royal Decree (79/2013) issuing SEZAD regulation granted SEZAD many competences and powers summarized as follows:



SEZAD management has prepared SEZD comprehensive plan to accommodate a variety of investment opportunities according to the investor's orientations and needs. SEZAD has also provided suitable land for each type of investment.

We can summarize investment opportunities as follows:

- 1-Refineries, oil storage and refining, and petrochemical industries.
- 2-Heavy, medium and light industries sector.
- 3-Transport and logistics.
- 4-Tourism and construction of hotels and resorts.
- 5-Provision of health and therapeutic services and construction of hospitals and health centers.
- 6-Establishment of private schools, training institutes and colleges.
- 7-Establishment of markets and malls.

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- 8-Establishment of sports facilities.
- 9-Mining.
- 10-Fishery industries.
- 11-Real estate development.

# Investment Opportunities







# Exemptions and Incentives







Economic projects in SEZD enjoys a range of benefits, incentives, and exemptions, notably the following:

- 1-Exemption from income tax for thirty renewable calendar years from the date of commencement of the activity.
- 2-Exemption from customs tax on goods imported from outside the Sultanate to SEZD and goods exported from it abroad.
- 3-Usufruct right of State land in SEZD for up to fifty calendar years renewable for similar periods according to the rules determined by SEZAD.
- 4-Project capital can be wholly owned by non-Omanis in exception of the Commercial Companies Law and Foreign Capital Investment Law.
- 5-Exemption from the minimum requirement for capital invested in the project stipulated in the Commercial Companies Law or any other law.
- 6-Exemption from any restrictions on procuring, trading, and exchange of foreign currencies, including transfer of capital and profits outside SEZD.
- 7-Exemption from the application of the provisions of the Commercial Agencies Law.
- 8-Allowing projects to open commercial representative offices outside SEZD subject to registration thereof in accordance with the provisions of the applicable laws.
- 9-Allowing import of all types of goods permitted in the Sultanate without prior permission or authorization unless classified as explosive or chemical. In the latter case, import shall be subject to the relevant laws and regulations in the Sultanate.
- 10- Facilitating the provision of all the necessary services for the projects through the one-stop shop, including registration, licensing, and visas.



The one-stop shop (OSS) provides the various services needed by the projects through its branches in Duqm and Muscat as summarized hereunder:

- 1-Provide the necessary data for investors on investment opportunities and procedures in SEZD.
- 2-Commercial registration services, which include registration of project and its economic activities and data in the commercial register, updating its data on an ongoing basis, and registering mortgage contracts on the project assets.
- 3-Issuing of usufruct licenses of SEZD lands and registration of usufruct contracts.
- 4-Locating the invested plot by GIS programs, issuance of cadastral drawings (krookies), and delivering plot signs.
- 5-Issue licenses for practice industrial, tourist, mining and other economic activities in SEZD.
- 6-Providing the relevant services, such as registering leases, issuance of building, refurbishment, and modification permits, drilling permits, construction completion certificates, permits of connection of services (electricity, water, telephone etc.), health licenses and cards among others.
- 7-Issuing environmental permits.

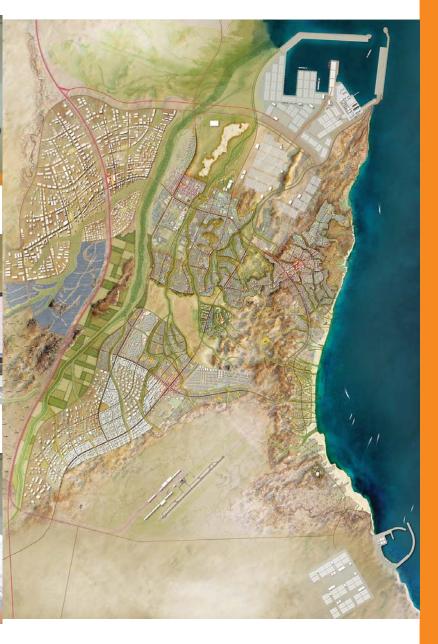
# One-stop Shop











SEZAD plan includes the provision of all necessary services for projects through OSS in coordination with the units of the State Administrative Apparatus in respect of the services that do not fall under SEZAD jurisdiction, notably:

- 1-Application for an affiliation certificate issued by Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI).
- 2-Application for licenses for recruitment of foreign workers issued by the Ministry of Manpower.
- 3-Application for visas and residence cards issued by the Royal Oman Police (ROP).
- 4-Application for the provision of electricity service by the Rural Areas Electricity Company (RAEC).
- 5-Application for the provision of water service by the Public Authority for Electricity and Water (PAEW).
- 6-Application for the provision of gas service by the Ministry of Oil and Gas and Oman Gas Company.
- 7-Application for the provision of telecommunications service by telecommunications companies.
- 8-Application for registration of Omanis with the Public Authority for Social Insurance (PASI).
- 9-Applications for professional licenses by the competent authorities.



# Small and Medium Enterprises

SEZAD welcomes SMEs. In 2014, it signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Public Authority for the Development of Small and Medium Enterprises to coordinate between the two sides in the allocation of industrial and commercial plots for SMEs owners to invest them in accordance with usufruct contracts system.

Under the MoU, the Public Authority for the Development of Small and Medium Enterprises shall review the applications from SMEs owners wishing to establish their own projects in SEZD. After ascertaining the economic viability of the projects and the seriousness of their owners and meeting the various requirements, the Authority shall refer the applications to SEZAD to allocate suitable locations for such projects in accordance with the procedures and regulations in force in SEZAD.













SEZAD has enacted legislations to enhance SMEs contribution in the projects implemented in SEZD. SEZAD, government-owned companies, and government projects operating within SEZD shall allocate not less than 10% of total purchases and tenders to SMEs. Tenders for large projects floated by SEZAD and government-owned companies should include the following text: "The executing company shall allocate at least 10% of the tender price to SMEs registered in Al-Wusta Governorate."

To receive these facilities, the applicant should meet the requirements stipulated by SEZAD, including registration in SEZAD SMEs Register.

Given SEZAD keenness to support SMEs, it has reduced its services fees by 50% for SMEs fully owned by Omanis and registered with the Public Authority for Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Riyada).

# How to start your project in SEZD?

In order to make it easier for investors, we set five easy and simple steps to found their investment projects in SEZD.

# Step One: Learn about SEZD and its investment climate

Leaning about SEZD, its geographical location, investment opportunities, exemptions, and benefits received by the investors, investment regulating legislations there is the first step that an investor should take to assess the economic viability of his project to suit his investment objectives.

It is appropriate in this step for the investor to review the legislations governing investment in SEZD and in particular, Royal Decree (119/2011) establishing SEZAD and issuing its regulation dated 26 October 2011 and Royal Decree (79/2013) issuing SEZAD regulation. These should also include the executive regulations issued by the investment regulator in SEZD and those regulating the sector in which the investor wants to invest, such as Tourism Law, Mining Law, and the GCC Standard Industrial Organization Law and regulations issued in accordance with these laws.

The investor can review the legislations and regulations issued by SEZAD through its website: www.duqm.gov.om.

The investor can also get a copy of "Legistration Encyclopedia of the special Economic Zone" issued in 2016.



# Step Two: Description of investment project and determining its needs

The investor should prepare a description of the proposed investment project so that he can assess its economic feasibility and find out its needs. This description shall include as a minimum the following data (commensurate with the type of project activity) so that he could submit the project to SEZAD, which will forward him to the appropriate investment opportunities in SEZD:

1-Description of project nature, objectives, and components.



- 2-Capital, size of investment, and sources of financing.
- 3-Required land area, way to use it, expected construction area, and project facilities.
- 4-Project schedule, including the expected date for the start of project implementation, implementation period and the date of commencement of commercial operation.
- 5-Human resources required by the project during the construction period and after commercial operation and the number of Omanis and non-Omanis.
- 6-Estimated project needs for expected services, such as electricity (kW/month), water (m3/ month), and gas (m3/ month).
- 7-Expected environmental impact of the project, if any, and resulting waste, its expected quantities, and treatment thereof, such as sewage (m3 / month).
- 8-Any other important data to create a clear and adequate picture of the investment project that would help the investor make a decision.

# Step Three: Determining the appropriate legal form for the project

The project can be registered in SEZD within one of the following legal forms:

- 1-New sole proprietorship.
- 2-New trading company, which can take any of the legal forms stipulated in the Commercial Companies Law.
- 3-Branch of a sole proprietorship or local trading company headquartered outside SEZD.
- 4-Branch of a sole proprietorship or an international trading company headquartered outside Oman.

SEZAD shall advise the investor on the registration of the project in SEZAD commercial register as a new institution or company instead of the branch given the easy procedures for tax exemptions and other transactions associated with the project.

# **Important Notice**

SEZAD recommends that the investor register the project as a new establishment or trading company instead of a branch to facilitate the application of procedures related to tax exemption, access to foreign labor, and other transactions related to the project. The incorporation of the project as a branch of another establishment may require long procedures to prove the financial and administrative independence of the branch.

# Step 4: Verify the documents required

The following table includes the documents the investor should submit along with the investment application form according to the legal form of the project:

Sr.	Required Documents	Sole Propri- etorship	Company	Branch of Estab- lishment or Local Company	Branch of an Inter- national Company
1	Copy of IDs of the owner, partners, founders or authorized signatories.	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
2	Signature form for the signatories according to Annex (1) of the investment application form with a copy of their IDs.		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
3	Description of investment project and its needs ac- cording to Annex (2) of investment application form.		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
4	Memorandum of Association and Articles of Asso- ciation signed by the partners or founders provided signatures are in the same form as in the civil IDs according to the form in Appendix (3) of the invest- ment application form or as the company deems appropriate. As for the joint stock companies, the Articles of Association shall be according to the model dedicated to the joint stock companies		$\checkmark$		
5	If one of the partners in the company is a legal person: Minutes of the meeting of partners indicating this partner's share and determining the person who will sign the Memorandum of Association of the company to be registered.		V		
6	If there is a foreign legal partner: Certified copy of the Memorandum of Associa- tion and Articles of Association of the foreign le- gal partner and proof of registration in the foreign country, with translation into Arabic.		$\checkmark$		
7	Certified copy of the Memorandum of Associ- ation and Articles of Association of the interna- tional company in its headquarters country, with translation into Arabic.				$\checkmark$

Sr.	Required Documents	Sole Propri- etorship	Company	Branch of Estab- lishment or Local Company	Branch of an Inter- national Company
8	Certified letter confirming the responsibility of the head office of the company for the work carried out by its branch in the Sultanate, with translation into Arabic.				$\checkmark$
9	Certified certificate of registration of the company in its headquarters country, with translation into Arabic.				$\checkmark$
10	Authorized delegation from the head office au- thorizing the branch manager(s) to carry out management work in the Sultanate, with transla- tion into Arabic.				$\checkmark$
11	Official letter from the owner of the establishment or company requesting registration of the branch and activities in SEZD.			$\checkmark$	
12	Minutes of the partners' meeting, which includes adding the branch and activities in SEZD. (For branches of companies)			$\checkmark$	
13	Amended Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association (for companies).			$\checkmark$	
14	Copy of the official papers and licenses issued by the competent authorities concerned.			$\checkmark$	
15	If the applicant holds a work visa in the Sultanate: Letter of no objection from the current sponsor to establish the project in SEZD.	$\checkmark$	V	$\checkmark$	

# Step 5: Fill in and submit investment application form

In order to know the procedures for submitting an investment application, we draw the attention of investors to the importance of reviewing the basic procedures for investment in Duqm mentioned in Annex (1) of this Handbook, as well as the fees for services provided by SEZAD in Appendix (2).



Muscat Governorate reachable via direct flights operated by Oman Air between Muscat and Duqm Airports. Duqm is also reachable by road from Muscat to Sinaw passing by Mahut to Duqm.

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# Telephone numbers and addresses: \*

# **One-stop shop:**

Email: invest@duqm.gov.om Phone numbers: Duqm: 25222222 Muscat: 24507583 - 24507556 - 24507500



## Hotels in Duqm:

There are several hotels and hotel rest houses in Duqm, including:

- 1- Crowne Plaza Hotel: 25214444
- 2- Park Inn Hotel & Resort Duqm : 22085700
- 3- City Hotel Duqm : 25214900
- 4- Renaissance Village: 23410200



Duqm Hospital: 25415276 KIMS Medical Complex: 24760400



# Flight to Duqm:

Oman Air operates direct flights between Muscat and Duqm Airports. For timings and bookings, please contact travel and tourism agents, or Oman Air on:

- 1. Telephone number: 24531111
- 2. Website: www.omanair.com

\* Add the following code for international calls (+968)



## **Road transport:**

- Happy Line Company : 24798470 -97473331 - 97473169
- Oman Naiontional Transport Company
   (MWASALAT):

24121500 - 24121555 Website: mwasalat.om



## **Rent-a-Car:**

- 1- North Wonders Company: 99220332 -92910752 - 92563101
- 2- Al-Madinah Travel Agency: 25427089
- 3- (Budget) International Travel & Logistic Services 25214900 or 91405659
- 4- Al Watania Motors 22036363 or 91253241
- 5- Al Rifaq Al Watania for Car Rental 9911711



# PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION IN SEZD COMMERCIAL REGISTER FOR THE FIRST TIME

The investor can register his project in SEZD commercial register through:

- Direct e-registration via Invest Easy Portal on https://www.business.gov. om. This option is available only to Omani citizens and residents and requires completion of electronic certification procedures before starting to use the service. (Please refer to the website mentioned for further details).
- Filling in the application form and submitting the hardcopy to SEZAD onestop shop (OSS) in Duqm or Muscat.
- 3. Sanad offices.
- Legal consulting offices approved by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

## PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING TO OSS

- Fill in the investment application form signed by the investor, including all details and information and attach all documents required according to the legal form of the project. You can obtain the investment application form from SEZAD website or request it via e-mail: registration@duqm.gov.om.
- 2. Submit the application form to SEZAD-OSS in Duqm or Muscat.

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- The concerned employee shall review the application form, verify it fulfils the required data and documents, and indicate any observations or lacks to the investor upon receipt.
- After completion and review of the application form, the competent employee shall feed it into the commercial registration system and collect the fees due from the investor of OMR 1,000 (one thousand Omani Rials).
- 5. The competent employee shall hand over a copy of the commercial registration certificate and its attachments to the investor.

## **Important Notice**

We advise the investor that the project, which takes the form of a joint stock company, requires a decision by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in accordance with the provisions of the Commercial Companies Law, approval of the Capital Market Authority in accordance with the provisions of the Capital Market Law, and minutes of the Constitutive Meeting. Therefore, the registration of this legal form may take longer time than other legal forms due to the abovementioned procedures.

# LICENSING LAND USUFRUCT

The Regulation on State-Owned Land Usufruct in SEZD issued by Decision 327/2015 on 13/7/2015 governs the issuance of the usufruct license and provides for its conditions and procedures.

According to the Regulation, the application must be decided upon within (30) days from its submission provided it contain the required details and documents. The applicant shall be notified within (5) working days from the date of the decision.

It is noteworthy that SEZAD provides this service and communicates with the investor online.

The procedures for applying for a land usufruct license are as follows:

- The investor or his legal representative fills in the e-application on SEZAD website. The application shall include all details and information accompanied by all documents required according to the legal form of the project and payment of the fees for the review of the application of OMR 250 (two hundred fifty Omani Rials).
- 2. The Department of Urban Planning shall allocate the appropriate land for the project according to SEZD overall plan and the proposed use of the required land, and notify the investor electronically.
- Obtainment of the approval of the relevant administrative level according to the required area of land as follows:
  - More than (50,000) square meters: Chair of the Board
  - Up to (50,000) square meters: Chief Executive Officer

- Up to (20,000) square meters: Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- 4. Informing the investor of the approval of land allocation according to the proposed location, including the coordinates and krooki of the proposed land, and providing him with a copy of the usufruct agreement form via his e-mail.
- 5. Within two months from notice of land allocation approval, the investor must complete the procedures for signing the usufruct agreement through:
  - Filling in the usufruct agreement form with the details of the establishment and the project and sending it back to SEZAD-OSS for review and finalization.
  - Providing the bank guarantee to the tune of the first installment of the usufruct allowance.
  - Payment of registration fee of 1% of the total rental value of the land during usufruct period.
  - Payment of the krooki fee of OMR 50 (fifty Omani Rials)
  - The investor shall receive an original copy of the agreement after completing the procedures of signing it by SEZAD and payment of the due fees.

## **Important Notice**

If three months have elapsed from the date of notifying the investor of the approval of land allocation without completing the prescribed procedures for signing the agreement, SEZAD shall withdraw the land allocated to the investor and consider the investment application canceled.

# LICENSING ACTIVITY PRACTICE

The detailed requirements for licensing activity practice vary according to the nature of the economic activity of the project in SEZD. Therefore, we advise the investor to review the detailed requirements for practicing each economic activity on Invest Easy Portal. The following are the basic requirements for obtaining the license:

- 1. The project should start practicing its economic activity in SEZD within one year from the date of registering the activity in SEZD Commercial Register. Otherwise, SEZAD may remove the activity from the Commercial Register.
- 2. The project registered in the Commercial Register shall not start practicing the registered activities before fulfilling the other final licensing requirements prescribed by SEZAD and obtaining a final license for practicing the activities issued by SEZAD within (15) working days from the date of completion of the requirements stated in the preliminary approval. It is noteworthy that some activities in accordance with the provisions contained in the Regulation on Investment Environment.

The procedures for the license application are as follows:

- After registering the activity in SEZD commercial register, the investor shall prepare and equip the office or building required for the type of economic activity he shall practice.
- The investor shall submit an e-application on Invest Easy Portal or fill in the paper application, including all details and information and attached the documents required according to the nature and type of activity. You can obtain the license application form SEZAD website or via e-mail: registration@duqm.gov.om.
- The investor shall submit the application to SEZAD-OSS in Duqm or Muscat.
- The concerned employee shall review the application form, verify it fulfils the required data and documents, and indicate any observations or lacks to the investor upon receipt.
- 5. After completion and review of the application form, the competent employee shall feed it into the commercial registration system and collect the fees due from the investor calculated according to the fees tables in Annex (2).
- 6. The competent employee shall hand over the investor a copy of the license certificate.

# LICENSING PROCUREMENT

The issuance of licenses for foreign labor force and the rules of transfer and delegation is in accordance with the procedures and rules set forth in the Regulation on Licensing Investor's Work, Foreign Labor Licenses, and Rules of their Transfer and Delegation in SEZD issued by Decision No. 35/2017 in coordination with the Ministry of Manpower. The period required for issuing such licenses shall not exceed five working days from the date of submission of applications.

Projects registered in SEZD may obtain the following licenses after fulfilling the provisions stipulated in the abovementioned Regulation:

- Investor's license for (12) months for the first time.
- Investor's license for (24) months after evaluating the investor's position at the end of the first period granted to him.
- 3. Work permit for (24) months.
- 4. Temporary work permit for (4), (6) or(9) months.

The following are the basic procedures for obtaining a license to recruit foreign labor:

- Create an online account for the establishment through «Na'mal» application for smart phones, and get a username and password. (For the first time only)
- Submit an e-application via the Ministry of Manpower website following the steps outlined on the website, and attach the required documents mentioned in the Regulations or this Handbook.

## https://sso.manpower.gov.om/ login.aspx?ReturnUrl=http://www. manpower.gov.om/eservices/ employereservicesportal/eclearance/ eclearance&RequestId=869f5261

- Pay the registration fee upon registration. SEZAD competent department shall study review the application, prepare completion certificate, and then transfer it to the Labor Department online.
- Pay the final licensing fees online after final approval by the Department of Labor, or complete the required lacks in the case of a reasoned rejection of the application.

# TRANSFER AND DELEGATION OF WORKERS

It is permissible to transfer and delegate foreign workers from one establishment to another within SEZD in accordance with the conditions and controls mentioned in Articles (14) and (16) of the aforementioned Regulation, following the procedures mentioned hereunder:

Sr.	Type of Service	Required Documents
1	Transfer of Worker	<ol> <li>Form signed and stamped from the establishment stating the worker's details and non-objection of his transfer.</li> <li>Signature form of the owners of the former and new establishments.</li> <li>Copy of license of a vacant job at the establishment wishing to transfer the service.</li> <li>Written approval of the transfer (non-objection) for both the worker and the original establishment.</li> <li>Copy of worker's passport and resident card issued to him according to his work in the original establish- ment.</li> <li>Payment of the transfer application fee.</li> <li>Note: This is an e-application accompanied by the required documents along with payment of all fees and fines in the case of expiry of card at the original establishment.</li> </ol>
2	Delegation of Worker	<ol> <li>Written approval (non-objection) from the delegated worker and the delegating establishment.</li> <li>Copy of worker's identification papers.</li> <li>Delegation agreement between both establishments according to the form designated by SEZAD.</li> <li>Payment of the delegation application fees.</li> </ol>

# Obtaining Visas

Article (21) of SEZD System provides for the establishment of a branch of the Directorate General of Passports and Residence by a decision of the Inspector General of Police and Customs in coordination with SEZAD. This shall issue entry visas and residence cards for foreign workers in SEZD and their families or for visiting.

Therefore, the Directorate General of Passports and Residence in Royal Oman Police is the competent authority to issue visas. The following is a summary of the procedures to for issuing investor's and work visas for the projects registered in SEZD:

You can refer to the ROP website for the detailed procedures for all types of visas:

## http://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dg\_pr\_ visas\_employment.asp

#### **First: Investor's Visa**

Granted to a foreigner who wishes to invest his money in Oman based on a certificate issued by SEZAD to that effect:

• **Valid**: To be used within six months from the date of issuance.

- Validity: Valid for (12) months from the date of the visa stamp on investor's passport. After verification of the investment, the investor shall be issued a resident for (24) months after SEZAD approval.
- Number of flights: multiple.
- Fees: OMR (50) levied by ROP.

#### Conditions

The investor or partner shall obtain SEZAD approval to invest in SEZD.

#### **Required Documents and Papers**

The applicant shall enclose the following documents with his application:

- Two photos (4 × 6) cm.
- Copy of investor's passport valid for not less than six months.
- Original and copy of partnership certificate issued by SEZAD (CR sheets).
- Investor's license issued by the Ministry of Manpower.
- Copy of signature specimen of authorized partner signatories issued by SEZAD.
- Copy of affiliation card to Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry with a valid copy of commercial registration documents.

- Medical examination report approved by the Ministry of Health.
- Application shall be by the owner, partner or, an Omani who has an authorization from the Directorate General of Passports and Residence.

#### **Procedures**

Fill in the online form on ROP website.

#### Second: Work Visa

Granted to a foreigner who is not less than (21) years old according to the following conditions:

- To be used within three months from the date of issuance.
- Valid for (24) months from the date of the visa stamp on worker's passport. If the work permit is temporary, the validity of residence shall be in accordance with the period granted only in the labor license.
- Renewable for a multiple trips.
- Fines for late renewal: (20) Omani riyals for each month.

#### Conditions

- The project must be registered in SEZD.
- The applicant shall not be less than 21-years old and not more than (60) years.

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 The profession in the labor license and visa application shall match.

#### **Required Documents and Papers**

The applicant shall enclose the following documents with his application:

- Two photos (4 × 6) cm.
- Copy of passport valid for not less than six months.
- Labor license issued by the Ministry of Manpower with a copy of each application.
- Medical examination report approved by the Ministry of Health.
- Copy of the approval of the competent authority for the professions that require that.
- Approval of the previous employer in case of transfer of worker's services within the Sultanate provided the payment of violations, such as delay fines upon applying.
- Application shall be by the owner, partner or, an Omani who has an authorization from the Directorate General of Passports and Residence.

#### **Procedures**

Fill in the online form on ROP website. http://www.rop.gov.om/visa/arabic/ onlineservices\_visaapplication\_main. aspx.

# Public Services

The one-stop shop in SEZAD (DE-PARTMENT OF BUILDING PERMITS AND APPROVALS) shall provide the necessary services to the projects with municipal character in the field of urban planning, building permits, and services related to food safety. It is also responsible for issuing licenses and setting health and technical requirements of economic activities licensed in SEZD for the projects registered in SEZD commercial register.

The completion of the transaction is within five business days from the date of submitting the application meeting the adequate necessary data and documents.

The following are the procedures for the most important basic services provided by SEZAD at the current stage regarding building permits, technical licenses, and services related to food safety and public health.

#### **1- Delivery of Landmarks**

It is a delivery of coordinates of lands allocated to investors.

#### **Required Documents**

• Application form of landmark delivery.

#### **Service Procedures**

- Receipt of application at the one-stop shop
- Recording application and reviewing it to make sure of the fulfilment of required data and documents
- · Refer the application to the competent

department of geographic information systems

- Make an appointment to visit the site and deliver the landmarks
- Contact investor and inform him of the date of landmark delivery
- Visit the site and deliver the landmarks after verification of the fee payment

## **2- Issuing Building Permit**

It is a permit for the investor / applicant to start the construction works after the adoption of the plans and ensuring their conformity with the relevant regulations and systems in force.

#### **Required Documents**

- Building permit application form.
- Three (3) copies of architectural and construction plans, construction calculations, and electrical, mechanical and sanitation plans approved by an accredited consultant.
- Soft AutoCAD copy of the plans mentioned above.
- Filling in the application form for the environmental permit according to the type of project.
- Recoverable bank guarantee by the contractor for waste removal of 1% of contract price.
- Soil examination report from an accredited or licensed consultant office in the Sultanate.
- · Consultant>s undertaking to follow up

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and supervise the project.

- Approvals of other entities, if required, according to the type of project.
- Approval of the Public Authority for Civil Defense and Ambulance (PACDA).

## **Service Procedures**

- Receipt of application at the one-stop shop.
- Recording application and reviewing it to make sure of the fulfilment of required data and documents.
- Review, audit, and approval of as built drawings by specialized engineers.
- Sending observations to the drawings, if any, to the investor or consultant for amendment.
- Stamping the as built drawings showing the permit number in the absence of any observations.
- Collection of due fees and issuance of building permit.

## **3- Issuing Drilling Permit**

A permit that organizes work to ensure quality and safety of work and the surrounding environment, preservation of rights, organization of work tracks and services on the roadside and inside SEZD.

### **Required Documents**

- Drilling permit application form.
- · Copy of project award letter.
- Total (3) copies of the as built drawings describing the scope of works related to the excavations approved by the project consultant.
- AutoCAD and PDF soft copy of the original as built drawings abovementioned.
- Copy of the commercial registration documents of both the contractor and

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the consultant.

- Consultant's commitment to follow up and supervise the project.
- Retrievable bank guarantee equivalent to 1% of the contract value with a maximum of OMR 10,000.

### **Service Procedures**

- Receipt of application at the one-stop shop.
- Recording application and reviewing it to make sure of the fulfilment of required data and documents.
- Review, audit, and approval of as built drawings by specialized engineers.
- If the track intersects with any other services, sending of as built drawings for approval by the body related to the respective service.
- Sending observations on the drawings, if any, to the investor or consultant for amendment.
- . •Obtaining permission from ROP (General Directorate of Traffic) for some works, especially those related to roads.
- Stamping as built drawings showing the permit number in the absence of any observations.
- Issuing the permit. The validity of the permit shall be the same for project execution or as determined by the competent engineer.
- Delivery of the permit to the applicant after verification of the payment of the prescribed fee for the service.

## 4- Building Completion Certificate

A certificate issued by the competent department stating the completion of project works as per the approved as built drawings and permits with the absence of any comments or remnants on site.

## **Required Documents**

- Application form for building completion certificate.
- A letter from the project consultant indicating the execution of works as per the approved as built drawings and permits.
- Copy of as built drawings.
- AutoCAD soft copy of the drawings abovementioned.

## **Service Procedures**

- Receipt of application at the one-stop shop.
- Recording application and reviewing it to make sure of the fulfilment of required data and documents.
- Review and audit of as built drawings by specialized engineers.
- Visiting the site and matching works executed with the approved as built drawings.
- Sending observations on the drawings, if any, to the investor or consultant for amendment.
- Issuing work completion certificate and returning the insurance amount to the applicant.
- Delivering the certificate to the applicant after verification of the payment of the prescribed fee for the service.
- Setting and keeping as built drawings with the specialists at Department of Geographic Information Systems.

# 5- Service Connection Permit (electricity, water, telephone, etc.)

A permit for the provision of services (electricity, water, telephone etc.)

## **Required Documents**

Service application form.

### **Service Procedures**

- Receipt of application at the one-stop shop.
- Recording application and reviewing it to make sure of the fulfilment of required data and documents.
- · Visiting the site by specialists.
- Approving the application if there are no observations.
- Providing the investor with the service form to submit to the service provider.

## 6- Lease Registration and Renewal

Official documentation and recording of the contract between the lessor and the lessee with SEZAD, after making sure of the availability of the required conditions are necessary. This service shall be upon registering the contract for the first time or upon its renewal.

### **Required Documents**

- Lease form (three copies) signed by the lessor and the lessee.
- Origin of previous lease form (for renewal).
- Copy of usufruct contract and survey drawing of the location.
- Civil ID of tenant (individual) / commercial register for companies and institutions.

### **Service Procedures**

- Receipt of application at the one-stop shop.
- Recording application and reviewing it to make sure of the fulfilment of required data and documents.



- Visiting the store / location to make sure it meets the requirements established in this regard.
- Informing the applicant if the shop/site does not fulfill the requirements and requesting rectification of the situation.
- Issuance of the lease after the store / location fulfils the requirements.
- Delivering two copies of the contract to the applicant after the collection of the prescribed fees.
- Keeping a copy of the contract in SEZAD records.

## 7- Application for License/ Renewal of Billboards or Advertisement on the Road

License for the billboards and others that includes a review of the language and spelling, shape, size, as well as the GIS coordinates of location. This is to maintain public order and organize sites of advertisements and maintaining SEZD aesthetic character.

### **Required Documents**

- Application form for a billboard or advertisement.
- Model of billboard approved by project consultant (for project signage).
- Commercial register papers of the applicant project.
- · Coordinates of billboard site.
- · Any other necessary approvals.
- For renewal, add a recent natural image of the billboard or advertising and original previous license.

#### Service Procedures

Receipt of application at the one-stop shop.

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- Recording application and reviewing it to make sure of the fulfilment of required data and documents as well as the requirements established in this matter (in terms of language, size, shape, and location).
- Informing the applicant if the application does not fulfill the requirements for amendment.
- Issuing the license after fulfilling the requirements.
- Delivering the license to the applicant after the collection of the prescribed fees.

#### 8- Checking Vehicle / Commercial

#### Equipment

An examination of the commercial terms on the doors and bodies of the vehicles and equipment used by companies and institutions working in SEZD and numbering and examining them to make sure they meet the technical requirements.

#### **Required Documents**

- Application form of checking vehicle / commercial equipment.
- · Copy of vehicle/ equipment mulkiya.

#### **Service Procedures**

- Receipt of application at the one-stop shop.
- Recording application and reviewing enclosed documents.
- Checking the vehicle/ equipment to be registered or renewed by specialists.
- Issuing the license number of the vehicle/ equipment when it meets the requirements.
- Registration of the license number issued by SEZAD on the vehicle/ equipment.

• Registration or renewing the vehicle/ equipment with the Traffic Department at ROP.

## 9- Temporary Workers Camp Permit

A permit that organizes work to ensure the safety and health of workers in temporary camps and the surrounding environment.

## **Required Documents**

- Application form for workers camp permit (temporary).
- Site maps approved by the consultant with the coordinates + soft copy (PDF + CAD).
- Preliminary license and maps approved by the Public Authority for Civil Defense and Ambulance.
- Filled-in application form of an environmental license for the camp.
- Usufruct contract of the campground or a letter of no objection to use the site and its facilities as workers camp along with the authorized term (commencement and end) from the project owner or developer.
- Copy of the project agreement and a letter of award.
- Bank guarantee equal to 1% of the project value with a maximum of OMR 10,000.
- Commercial register papers of the applicant.

### **Service Procedures**

- Receipt of application at the one-stop shop.
- Recording application and reviewing enclosed documents.
- Review ad audit of maps by specialists.

- Informing the applicant if there are any observations.
- Payment of a bank guarantee equal to 1% of the contract value recovered upon the removal of the temporary workers camp.
- Stamping maps showing the permit number in the absence of any observations.
- Receiving fees and issuing the permit. The validity of the permit shall be the same of the usufruct contract or no-objection letter from the project owner or developer.

### **10- Issuing Health Card**

Card issued for food handlers based on the result of medical examination to prove they are free from infectious diseases.

#### **Required Documents**

- Application form of medical examination.
- Copy of the ID card for Omanis and business card.

### **Service Procedures**

- Receipt of application at the one-stop shop.
- Recording application and reviewing enclosed documents to ensure meeting the requirements.
- Referring the application to the concerned body in the Ministry of Health to conduct medical examination.
- Issuing medical examination report for food handlers.
- Issuing health card by the concerned department if examination proves they are free from diseases.
- Handing the card to the applicant after the collection of prescribed service fees.

# FEES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY SEZAD

Decision 8/2016 issued by SEZAD on 7/2/2016 approved the various service fees. We would like to draw the attention of the investor to the following:

- For services other than those mentioned in the attached tables, SEZAD shall collect the same fees the concerned parties would \_collect as provided for in the relevant laws and regulations issued for their implementation.
- 2. SEZAD shall impose an administrative fine of (10%) of the fee on each

person who fails to pay the fee due for each month of delay, calculated after one (1) month from the due date of the fee. The fraction of the month shall be one month and the fraction of the Omani Rial shall be one Omani Rial.

 Fees for services provided to SMEs, wholly owned by Omanis and registered with the Public Authority for Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Riyada), shall be lower by 50% of those mentioned in the attached tables.



## First: Charges for Registration in the Commercial Register

Sr.	Service	Charge in OMR	Due	
1	Project registration in the com- mercial register	one thousand (1000)	Upon registration for the first time	
2	Renewal of project registration in the commercial register	one thousand (1000)	Every five (5) years, or upon renewal of the main office if the project is a branch	
3	Registration of land usufruct contracts	One percent (1%) of the agreed usufruct consideration	Upon registration of contract	
4	Registration of mortgage contracts	One percent (1%) of credit facilities	Upon registration of mortgage	
5	Release of mortgage	one hundred (100)	Upon release of mortgage	
6	Application for land usufruct	two hundred fifty (250)	Upon submission of application	
	Registration of amendments of commercial register:			
	A- Modification of brand name	ten (10)		
	B- Adding a new business	ten (10)		
	C-Amendment of headquarters	twenty (20)		
	D- Modification of partners' names	twenty (20)		
	E- Amendment of partners' shares	twenty (20)		
7	F- Modification of legal form	fifty (50)	Upon registration of	
	G- Merger of two or more companies	fifty (50)	amendment	
	H- Amendment of capital	fifty (50)		
	I- Changing the names of authorized signatories	twenty (20)		
	J- Modification of other data	twenty (20)		
	K- Amendment of contact information	free of charge		
8	Issuance of a data certificate (Extract from the commercial register)	ten (10)	Upon issuance of each certificate	



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## Second: Charges for licensing exercise of economic activities

Sr.	Service	Charge in OMR	Due	
Firs	t: license of industrial activity	one thousand five hundred (1500)		
Sec	ond: license of tourism activity			
	Establishment, exploitation, utilized or transfer of hotel facilities or to	zation, management, modification ourist license:		
	A- (5) Five-Star Hotel	three thousand (3000)		
	B- (4) Four-Star Hotel	two thousand five hundred (2500)		
	C- (3) Three-Star Hotel	two thousand (2000)		
	D- (2) Two-Star Hotel	one thousand eight hundred (1800)		
1	E- (1) One-Star Hotel	one thousand five hundred (1500)	Upon issuing the license annually	
	F- Deluxe hotel apartments	two thousand seven hundred fifty (2750)		
	G- Excellent hotel apartments	one thousand seven hundred fifty (1750)		
	H- Ordinary hotel apartments	one thousand (1000)		
	I- Deluxe tourist camps	one thousand five hundred (1500)		
	J- Ordinary tourist camps	one thousand (1000)		
	K- Tourist rest houses	one thousand (1000)		
	L- Tourist restaurant (independent)	five hundred (500)		
2	Temporary facilities	five hundred (500)		
3	Utilization or management of hotel and tourism time-sharing facilities	two thousand (2000)		
4	Dealing with companies to market or exchange time- sharing weeks	two thousand (2000)		
5	Travel, aviation and tourism offices	one thousand (1000)		
6	Tourist transport activities	one thousand (1000)	Upon issuing the license	
7	Organizing watersports	one thousand (1000)	annually	
8	Organizing entertainment and arts shops and centers	ganizing entertainment and arts one thousand (1000)		
9	Tourist guide offices	five hundred (500)		
10	Charges of tourist services	four percent (4%) of the value of sales or services	Paid each month in arrears	

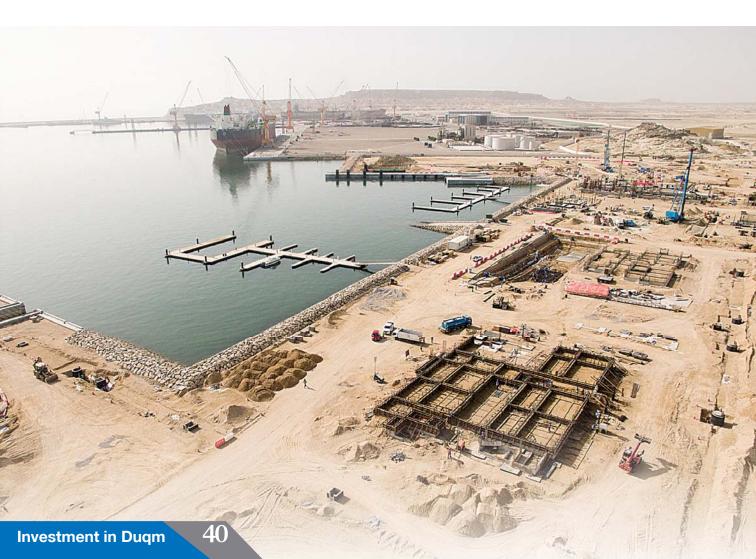


Sr.	Service	Charge in OMR	Due			
Thir	Third: charges of mining licenses					
1	Mineral prospection					
2	Mineral exploration	two thousand (2000) in addition to an annual rent of OMR (1000) per square	Upon issuing the license annually (every year)			
3	Mining	Kilo meter	annually (every year)			
4	Livelihood mining					
5	Royalty	ten percent (10%) of the value of sales	Paid each month in arrears			
6	Issuing sample export certificate for the purposes of scientific research	five (5)	Upon issuing the certificate			
7	Issuing sample export certificate for the purposes of study for holders of exploration/ prospection licenses	one (1)	Upon issuing the certificate			
8	Assignment of exploration/ mining license or mining concession	one hundred (100)	Upon registration of assignment			
9	Application for expansion of mining license area	one hundred (100)	Upon approval of expansion			
10	Amending data in the mining register	fifty (50)	Upon registration of amendment			
Fou	rth: other economic activities					
1	Sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages	five thousand (5000)				
2	Offering shisha	five thousand (5000)				
3	Sale and distribution of tobacco and smoke	five thousand (5000)	Upon issuing the license annually			
4	Other activities	five hundred (500) per each homoge- nous activity				
Fifth	: the renewal of license	Same charge for license of practicing the activity	Upon renewal annually			

### Third: Environmental permits charges

Sr.	Service	Charge in OMR			Due
51.		First Tier	Second Tier	Third Tier	Due
1	Issuing environmental permit	fifty (50)	one hun- dred (100)	two hun- dred (200)	Upon issuing the final permit
2	Renewal of environmental permit	fifty (50)	one hun- dred (100)	two hun- dred (200)	Upon renewal of permit
3	Review of EIA or environmental audit report	five hundred (500) in addition to the costs incurred by SEZAD for outsourcing the study review			Upon submission of study or report

SEZAD shall specify the nature of economic activities that fall under each tier, including temporary projects, infrastructure projects and their complementary projects.



## Fourth: Charges of urban planning and building licenses

Sr.	Service	Charge in OMR	Due on
1	Excavation permit	fifty (50)	Upon issuing permit
2	Issuing a survey lay- out (krooki) of the land	fifty (50)	Upon issuing layout
3	Issuing construction permit	one hundred (100) for the project whose construction area does not exceed (1000) thousand square meters in addition to (25) Baisas per additional square meter for projects whose construction area exceeds (1000) thousand square meters	Upon issuing permit
4	Renewal of construction permit	one hundred (100) for the project whose con- struction area does not exceed (1000) thousand square meters in addition to (25) Baisas per additional square meter for projects whose con- struction area exceeds (1000) thousand square meters	Upon annual renewal
5	Permit of temporary labor camp	one hundred (100) for the project whose construction area does not exceed (1000) thousand square meters in addition to (5) Baisas per additional square meter for projects whose construction area exceeds (1000) thousand square meters	Upon issuing permit
6	Construction completion certificate	Fifty (50) for the project whose construction area does not exceed (1000) thousand square meters in addition to (5) Baisas per additional square meter for projects whose construction area exceeds (1000) thousand square meters a maximum (1000) thousand	Upon annual certificate
7	Delivery of site markings	ten (10) per each marking (point)	Upon submitting the marking delivery application



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Sr.	Service	Charge in OMR	Due on
8	Adoption of detailed survey report	fifty (50) for the project whose construction area does not exceed (1000) thousand square meters in addition to (10) Baisas per additional square meter for projects whose construction area ex- ceeds (1000) thousand square meters a maxi- mum (1000) thousand	Upon adoption of report
9	Adoption of general organization layout	one hundred (100) for the project whose con- struction area does not exceed (1000) thousand square meters in addition to (25) Baisas per addi- tional square meter for projects whose construc- tion area exceeds (1000) thousand square me- ters a maximum (1000) thousand	Upon adoption of layout
10	Adoption of detailed layouts	one hundred (100) for the project whose con- struction area does not exceed (1000) thousand square meters in addition to (25) Baisas per addi- tional square meter for projects whose construc- tion area exceeds (1000) thousand square me- ters a maximum (1000) thousand	Upon adoption of layout
11	Amendment of layouts	one hundred (100) for the project whose con- struction area does not exceed (1000) thousand square meters in addition to (25) Baisas per addi- tional square meter for projects whose construc- tion area exceeds (1000) thousand square me- ters a maximum (1000) thousand	Upon adoption of amendment
12	Receipt of urban planning proof at SEZD (digital)	twenty-five (25) per version	Upon delivery of proof
13	Getting an additional version of maps	twenty (20) per version	Upon provision of map

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## Fifth: Charges related to food security

Sr.	Service	Charge in OMR	Due on
1	Issuing certificate fir damaging foodstuffs for commercial establishments	twenty-five (25)	Upon issuing certificate
2	Issuing permits for refrigerators for refreshments and commercial hot drinks devices in public places (excluding site rent and electricity expenses)	one hundred thirty-five (135)	Upon issuing and renewal of permit
3	Issuing health license for vehicles for transferring water or selling food or marketing of fish (with the exception of drinking water transport vehicles owned by Omanis)	fifty (50)	Upon issuing and renewal of license
4	Issuing a health card for vendors and shop workers	ten (10)	Upon issuing and renewal of card

## Sixth: Charges of other services

Sr.	Service	Charge in OMR	Due on
1	General services for guests of hotels and international and touristic restaurants	five percent (5%) of the value of sales or services	Paid each month in arrears
2	General services for frequenters of entertainment centers and cinemas	ten percent (10%) of the ticket value	Paid each month in arrears
3	Permit to install billboards, advertisements and guiding signs on shops, vehicles, posters and printed materials	fifty (50)	Upon registration and annual renewal of permit
4	Permit to install billboards and advertisements on roofs, facades and at streets	one hundred (100) up to (30) square meters and two hundred fifty (250) for more than that	Upon registration and annual renewal of permit

Sr.	Service	Charge in OMR	Due on
5	Registration of leases	three percent (3%) of the annual contract value	Upon registration and annual renewal of contract
6	Reservation of public parking lots	fifty (50)	Monthly per parking lot starting from the date of approval of reservation
7	Permits of meter parking lots	ten (10)	Monthly per parking lot starting from the date of permit
8	License of building name	two hundred (200)	Upon application
9	Changing the board of commercial shop	ten (10)	Upon application
10	Issuing To Whom it May Concern	ten (10)	Upon issuing certificate
11	Issuing a replacement certificate/ document for all documents issued by SEZAD	twenty-five (25)	Upon issuing certificate or document
12	Ratification of the General Meetings minutes and amendment the of the Articles of Association of joint stock companies	ten (10)	Upon ratification of each version
13	Obtainment of true copies of documents, records and minutes filed with SEZAD	five (5)	Upon receipt of each version
14	Ratification of the Articles of Association and Articles of Incorporation of the joint stock companies for the first time	fifty (50)	Upon ratification
15	Authentication of commercial contracts	point one of thousand (0,001) of the contract value at a minimum of (20) and a maximum of (100)	Upon authentication

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# FEES COLLECTED BY SEZAD FOR GRANTING USUFRUCT OF STATE-OWNED LAND IN SEZD

#### FIRST: LAND ALLOCATED FOR END-USE PROJECTS

These are the projects granted land usufruct for direct economic activity.

Sr.	FILED OF LAND USES	Annual consideration per square meter (OMR)
1	Heavy Industries	0.500
2	Medium Industries	0.850
3	Light industries	1
4	Stores, services and showrooms	1
5	Commercial land	1
6	Residential complexes	1
7	Tourist lands	0.750
8	Beach tourist lands	1.500
9	Clean energy	0.100



#### SECOND: LAND ALLOCATED TO MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (DEVELOPERS)

These are the projects granted land usufruct for development purposes, including the construction of infrastructure and service facilities within the development boundaries and property management and leasing.

Projects classified as «main development» shall receive a discount on the consideration received by SEZAD for granting usufruct according to the percentage determined under the following equation, provided the discount does not exceed 50% of the usufruct allowance for end-use projects:

Discount percentage (%) =  $\frac{\text{Cost of infrastructure}}{25 \text{ x land area}} \times 100$ 

#### THIRD: EXEMPTION (GRACE PERIOD)

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SEZAD may grant an exemption from payment of usufruct allowance for two years from the effective date of usufruct agreement provided the beneficiary start the project during this period.

#### FOURTH: ANNUAL INCREASE IN USUFRUCT ALLOWANCE

(3%) of the value of usufruct in the previous year.

#### FIFTH: ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY FOR DELAYED PA YMENT

(10%) of the allowance due for each month of delay calculated after one month from maturity date. The fraction of the month shall be one month and the fraction of the Omani Rial shall be one Omani Rial.



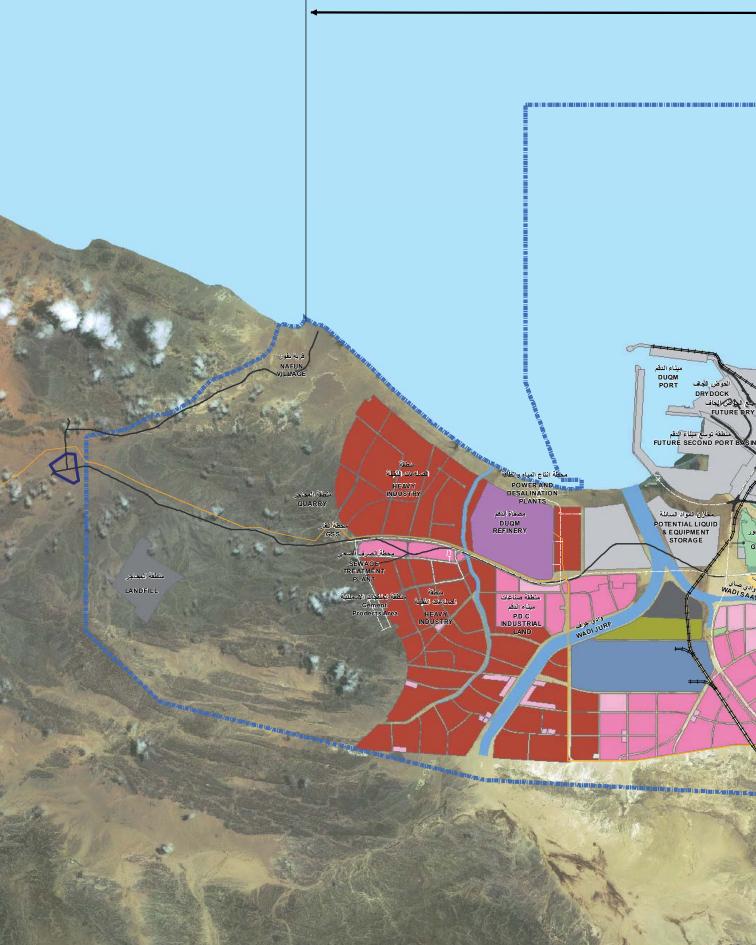
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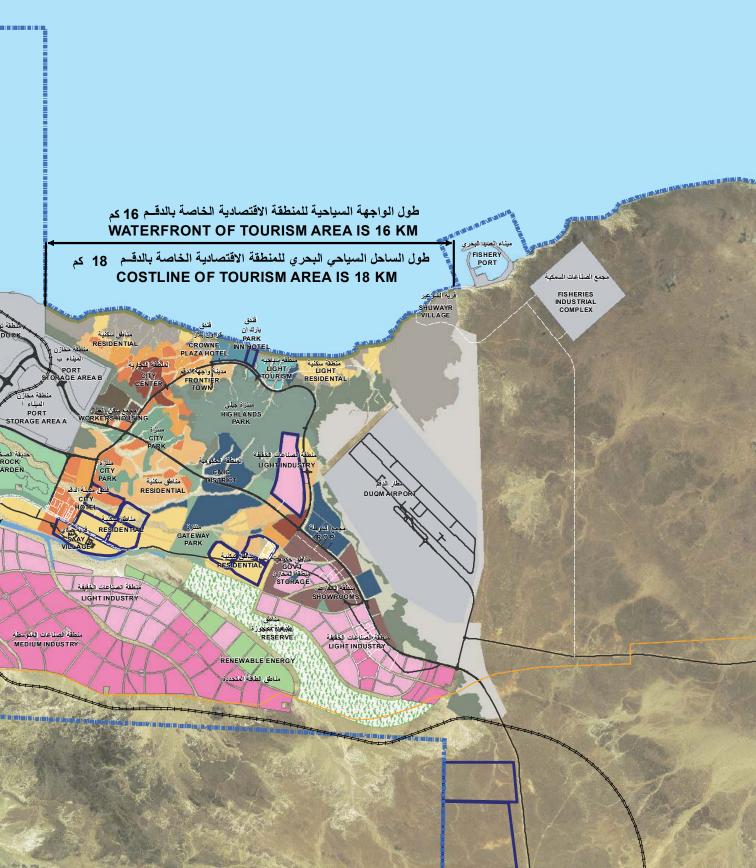
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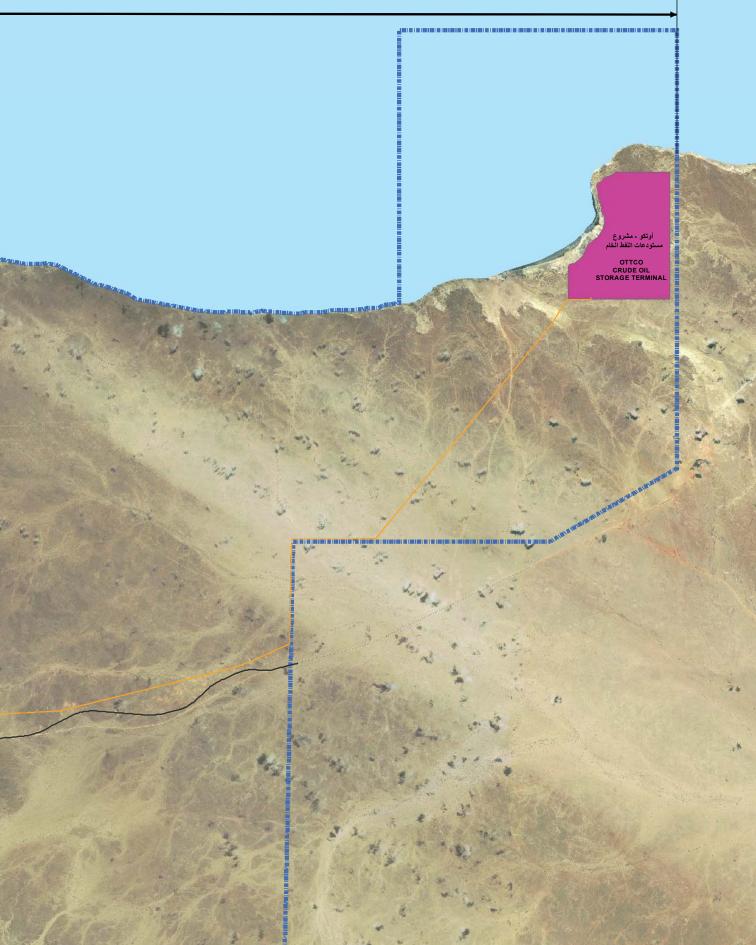




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A commemorative photo of Omani students with SEZAD Chairperson in China

## THEY SAID ABOUT DUQM

Peter Pellegrini (DPM) for Investment in the Slovak Republic



Our visit to the Sultanate of Oman has been successful. We will convey our impressions to the companies in our country and tell them that the Sultanate has prepared a large economic zone with an area of 2,000 square kilometers along with attractive facilities and advantages worthy of investment not only for the Slovaks but also for the European Union.

17 October 2017





Signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Adani Ports



Slovak Deputy Prime Minister listening to an explanation of a project



The Sino-Omani Industrial City (SOIC) is a new starting point for friendship and cooperation between us. The establishment of SOIC has received great attention and profound support from the governments of both countries and positive feedback from the Chinese businesspeople. The National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China (NDRC) has listed SOIC as a model city for international cooperation in power productive capacity. As the party in charge of building SOIC, we will spare no effort in making it excel.

19 April 2017

#### Khalid Nasser Al Hail Chairman of the Board of Directors of Karwa Motors



The laying of the foundation stone is a key milestone in the implementation of a historic initiative to build the first bus manufacturing and assembly factory in the Sultanate as a strategic investment by the governments of the Sultanate and Qatar. The proximity and ease of access to the port of Dugm ensures reducing shipping times and the time and effort usually required in the land transport of raw materials, for the rapid delivery of buses. This in turn will also help to expedite the clearance of goods in the port and reduce the cost and storage time.

30 November 2017