

## AMENDMENT CHECKLIST FREE ZONE - CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE

## SERVICE CATEGORY

- Changing Ownership/Licensee
- Changing Ownership Structure Adding, Replacing or Removing Shareholder(s)

The following documents are required in order to amend necessary registration and licensing documents:

- 1. A. Application for Licence Amendment Form
  - Duly completed and submitted by the owner or shareholder(s) or authorised representative through RAKEZ Portal 360 or by manually filling out the form
  - B. Application form for Registration of Amendment with the Chamber of Commerce (COC) (if any)

    Duly signed by the manager or authorised signatory along with the original COC Membership Certificate (if applicable and valid)
- 2. A. In case of Free Zone Establishment (FZE), submit an Owner's Declaration for the desired service(s).
  - To be signed before RAKEZ personnel or notarised by a notary public in the UAE, or notarised and legalised up to the level of the UAE Embassy, as applicable and submitted in original format
  - B. In case of Free Zone Limited Liability Company (FZ-LLC), submit a Shareholders' Resolution for the desired service(s).

    To be signed before RAKEZ personnel or notarised by a notary public in the UAE, or notarised and legalised up to the level of the UAE Embassy, as applicable and submitted in original format
  - C. In case of Branch Company, submit a Corporate Resolution requesting for the desired service(s) printed on the parent company letterhead with the company seal along with the official Proof of Ownership.
    - If the Corporate Resolution is signed by the Board of Directors, please submit the official list of directors along with their authorisation to take such action on behalf of the shareholders of the parent company. To be signed before RAKEZ personnel or notarised by a notary public in the UAE, or notarised and legalised up to the level of the UAE Embassy, as applicable and submitted in original format.
  - D. In case existing shareholder(s) is/are represented by an Attorney, the Power of Attorney (POA) along with the valid passport copy or Emirates ID copy of the Attorney are required.

    Notarised by a notary public in the UAE if issued in the UAE or notarised and legalised up to the level of the UAE embassy if issued outside UAE.
- 3. In case the new shareholder is a Corporate Entity, then the following additional documents are required:
  - For Foreign Companies or UAE Free Zone Companies:
  - a. Original Corporate Resolution in accordance with the company Memorandum of Association (MOA), on the parent company's letterhead, resolving to acquire shares or to be added as shareholder and the appointment of a representative
  - b. Certificate of Registration
  - c. Certificate of Good Standing/Certificate of Incumbency/Extract from Commercial Register (as applicable to the jurisdiction)
  - d. Trade licence (if applicable)
  - e. Memorandum and Articles of Association, and its amendments (if any)
  - f. Power of Attorney (POA), along with the attorney's passport copy or Emirates ID copy, to the Manager or third party to represent the new shareholder (if not part of the Resolution)

    Notarised by a notary public in the UAE or notarised and legalised up to the level of the UAE Embassy or attested by the relevant UAE Free Zone Authority as applicable
  - g. Passport copy of shareholders
  - h. Declaration of the Ultimate Beneficial Owner (UBO) and supporting documents along with the passport Copy of the UBO.

    A UBO is normally an individual who ultimately owns or exercises effective control over the Company.
  - For UAE Non Free Zone Companies:
  - a. Original Corporate Resolution in accordance with the company Memorandum of Association (MOA), on the parent company's letterhead, resolving to acquire shares or to be added as shareholder and the appointment of a representative.
    - Notarised by a notary public in the UAE
  - b. Valid trade licence
  - c. Commercial Register (if applicable)
  - d. Memorandum and Articles of Association (if applicable)
  - e. POA, along with the attorney's passport copy or Emirates ID copy, to Manager or third party to represent the new shareholder (if not part of the Resolution)
  - f. Notarised by a Notary public in the UAE
  - g. Passport copy of shareholders
  - h. Declaration of the UBO and supporting documents along with the passport copy of the UBO.



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- 4. Valid passport copy along with visa and Emirates ID copy (for UAE residents) or entry stamp for the new shareholder(s)/owner (if applicable)
- 5. Letter confirming the acceptance of the shares or ownership subject to transfer

  This can be endorsed in the resolution itself
- 6. Additional Documents (if applicable):
  - a. Original Document A Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBP) Form signed by new shareholder(s) and manager, applicable for the following activities only:

• Wholesale of Unworked Gold and Precious Metals

Pearls and Precious Stones Trading

Jewellery Trading

Used Jewellery Trading

Company Service Providers

Non Manufactured Precious Metal Trading

Jewellery and Precious Stones E-Trading

- Legal Consultancy
- Real Estate Purchase and Sale Brokerage
- Real Estate Agent
- Real Estate Enterprises Investment, Development, Institution and Management
- Real Estate Development Construction
- Accounts Auditing
- Accounting and Bookkeeping
- Investment Consultancy
- b. No Objection Certificate (NOC) from relevant regulatory authorities (if applicable).

(Kindly visit www.rakez.com, to access the list of NOCs required from relevant regulatory authorities for reference.)

- c. In case a new manager is appointed, please refer to www.rakez.com for the documents required.
- d. Undertaking letter to have the credentials for RAKEZ Portal 360 To be signed by the new shareholder(s) or manager
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Payments are to be made in favour of RAKEZ through RAKEZ Portal 360 or via wire transfer, demand draft, cheque, cash or credit card

8. Share Transfer Agreement

To be signed before RAKEZ personnel or notarised by a notary public in the UAE, or notarised and legalised up to the level of the UAE embassy

9. Memorandum of Association or its Amendment (as applicable)

To be signed before RAKEZ personnel or notarised by a notary public in the UAE, or notarised and legalised up to the level of the UAE embassy

## **NOTES**

- RAK Immigration's pre-approval is required in case of adding a new individual shareholder(s) or changing the Manager. This is not applicable for the new corporate shareholder(s).
- Immigration File amendment fee applies.
- A corporate entity not engaged in legal consultancy shall not be admitted as shareholders in a legal consultancy licensed entity.
- Change in information contained in a licence shall take effect on issuance of an amended licence by RAKEZ.
- The POA must be submitted in original format for verification.
- All documents of foreign companies shall be notarised and legalised up to the level of the UAE Embassy.
- RAKEZ reserves the right to call for any additional documents and/or attestations as and when necessary.
- All documents must be in English and/or Arabic. Documents in any other language must be accompanied by a certified/authenticated English/Arabic translation.