



Qatar Free Zones Authority (QFZA)

Brand new infrastructure in a growing hub for global trade

Qatar Free Zones Authority (QFZA) was established in 2018 to oversee and regulate world-class free zones in Qatar, backed by the strength of the country's position as a global industrial and logistics hub with a growing economy. Qatar has a business-friendly legal environment and one of the highest GDPs per capita in the world, along with a strong investment track record and easy access to many dynamic markets, making it the perfect base to pursue regional and global expansion.

QFZA offers outstanding opportunities and benefits for businesses, including quality infrastructure, a skilled workforce, 100% foreign ownership, access to investment funds, tax exemptions and partnership opportunities with Qatari entities. Moreover, unlike many free zone developers, QFZA oversees Qatar's free zones as an independent regulatory body, providing a one-stop shop for the entire set-up and management process.

TWO BRAND NEW ZONES

QFZA currently oversees two free zones, providing unparalleled access to the country's leading airport and seaport. The two zones are closely interconnected and only 15km from each other.



The Airport Free Zone at Ras Bufontas

Ras Bufontas covers 4 sq km directly adjacent to world-renowned Hamad International Airport (HIA), providing unrivalled access to air transportation and short export turnaround times.

The first line of the Doha Metro, which opened in May 2019, provides direct access to Ras Bufontas.



The Port Free Zone at Umm Alhoul

Umm Alhoul Free Zone covers 32km and is situated near Hamad Port, the world's largest greenfield port, providing an optimal location for industries which benefit from access to sea freight and shipping routes.

In addition to its proximity to Hamad Port, Umm Alhoul has its own port, MARSAs, a fully integrated maritime ecosystem with amenities to support activities from boat building to maritime research to recreational yachting and water sports.



STRATEGIC SECTOR FOCUS

QFZA is focused on sectors where Qatar has a strong value proposition, so that we can develop and offer specialized solutions for businesses based on the nature of their product.

Specialized clusters for **logistics, chemicals and emerging technology** will allow companies in these sectors to benefit from a growing community of like-minded organizations, and dedicated research and innovation facilities.

- **Logistics:** Qatar sits at the intersection of three continents, and within 8 hours flying time of more than 4.5 billion people. Qatar is also one of the world's largest cargo hubs, making logistics a natural area of focus.
- **Chemicals:** As part of its mandate, QFZA is working to develop and expand the downstream landscape in Qatar, leveraging the country's competitive advantages in natural gas.
- **Emerging Technology:** Qatar's small size, powerful infrastructure, high internet and smartphone penetration and the continued growth of its tech sector all make it a great place for tech companies to establish operations.

LIFE IN QATAR

Qatar is not just a great place to do business, it's also a fantastic place to live.

Qatar has a stable political situation and a currency pegged to the U.S. dollar. It boasts extremely low crime rates and one of the world's best healthcare systems, in addition to world-class schools teaching British, American and IB systems, cultural attractions and great recreational facilities. Doha is home to many 5-star hotels and is a hub for global cuisine by leading restaurateurs including Alain Ducasse and Michelin-starred Vineet Bhatia. With a large expat community, laws in Qatar allow pork and alcohol to be sold, and the country practices religious tolerance, with several Christian facilities including a Catholic church.

OUR COMMITMENT TO THE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

QFZA provides a one-stop shop for investors, supporting you every step of the way.

- A private account manager and onsite guidance
- Local business introductions and networking support
- A range of infrastructure solutions including pre-built and self-build options
- Swift work and accommodation permit services

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