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Abstract

In accordance with Art. 13, a foreigner may only be granted an entry permit or visa if he meets the following conditions:

- 1. Having a valid passport or travel document enabling him to enter the country and return to the country in which he resides or his country of origin.
- 2. Having approval from the competent authorities depending on his reason for entering the country.
- 3. Having a sponsor who resides in the country; the sponsor may be either a citizen or a resident.
- 4. Not being banned from entering the country.
- 5. Having never been deported unless he obtains special permission to re-enter in accordance with article 91.

A multiple entry visa may be granted to foreigners whose work requires them to visit the country repeatedly. The visa allows its holder to enter the country multiple times within a six-month period and remain for thirty days each time (Art. 32, 33). Art. 41 lists the categories of private sector employees for whom a visit visa may be turned into a residence permit for the purpose of work. These include engineers, doctors, pharmacists, nurses, lab technicians, teachers, accountants, auditors, and

Art. 42 sets the procedure for turning a visit visa into a residence permit for the purpose of work.

Art. 43 lists categories of foreign residents of GCC countries who may enter the UAE for a visit without obtaining a visa or permit.