

# Your UK → Dubai Move & Tax-Exit Planner

A practical, ordered checklist for moving from the UK to the UAE — and getting the expensive bits right. From Dubai Transition Consultants.

## 1 - Before you leave the UK

- Plan your **UK tax exit** — get the departure-year (Statutory Residence Test) position right
- Decide your **route** — a job, your own company, or the Golden Visa
- Choose the **emirate** that fits — Dubai, Abu Dhabi, RAK or another
- Decide on your **UK home** — sell or let, and mind how an available home affects your "ties"
- Tell **HMRC** you're leaving (form P85)
- Start **attestation** of UK marriage / birth certificates early

## 2 - Setting up in the UAE

- Choose the right **structure** — freezone, mainland or offshore
- Pick the **activity** that genuinely covers what you do
- Get the **trade licence**
- **Residence visa + Emirates ID** — yours, then family
- Open a **UAE bank account** — the slow step; prepare a clean application

## 3 - Family & a soft landing

- **Schools** — start admissions early
- **Housing** — short-term first, then a lease (mind the upfront cheques)
- **Shipping**, or travel light and buy on arrival
- **Health insurance** — mandatory for residents
- **Driving licence** — UK holders can usually convert without a test

## 4 - The five things most expensive to get wrong

- The **departure-year tax position** — don't get taxed in both countries
- The **company structure** — costly to unwind later
- The **banking application** — a rushed one gets declined
- Spending **too many days back** in the UK
- Forgetting **UK-source income** (rent, pensions) can stay UK-taxable

**Want a hand with the tricky bits? Book a free consultation at [www.dubai-info.co.uk/contact](http://www.dubai-info.co.uk/contact)**

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