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Laws



Law No. (15) of 2021

Concerning the Amendment of Some provisions of Law No. (14) of 2021

Concerning the Personal Status of non-Muslim Foreigners in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganisation of the Governmental body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law no. (2) of 1971 concerning the National Advisory Council, and its amendments;
- Law no. (23) of 2006 concerning the Judicial Department in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and its amendments;
- Law no. (14) of 2021 concerning the Personal Status of non-Muslim Foreigners in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi;
- Federal Law no. (28) of 2005 concerning Personal Status, and its amendments; and
- Based on what was presented to and approved by the Executive Council; Issued the following Law:

Article (1)

The title of the aforesaid Law No. (14) of 2021 shall be replaced by the following title: "Law No. (14) of 2021 concerning Civil Marriage and its effects in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi."

Article (2)

- 1. The definition of "Foreigner" shall be deleted from Article (1) of the aforesaid Law No. (14) of 2021.
- 2. The phrase "those subject to the provisions of this Law" shall replaced by the word (the Foreigner) and the phrase "the non-Muslim foreigner", wherever it appears in the aforesaid Law No. (14) of 2021, whether they

- appear in the singular, dual or plural form.
- 3. The following definition shall be added to Article (1) of the aforesaid Law No. (14) of 2021: "Those Subject to the Provisions of this Law: The male or female non-Muslim foreigner or National."

Article (3)

Article (3) of the aforesaid Law No. (14) of 2021 shall be replaced as follows:

- "1. If the marriage takes place in accordance with this Law, it shall be applicable in relation to the effects and dissolution of the marriage.
- 2. This Law shall be applicable to the wills and inheritances of Those Subject to its Provisions, provided that the estate or the bequeathed money is present in the state."

Article (4)

Article (17) of the aforesaid Law No. (14) of 2021 shall be replaced as follows:

- "1. A court shall be established in the Emirate for the consideration of personal status cases of Those Subject to the Provisions of this Law.
- 2. The court stipulated in this Article shall be formed of a single judge; the judge may be non-Muslim.
- 3. All the Forms and procedures of the Court shall be in two languages, English and Arabic."

Article (5)

A new Article No. (17) bis shall be added to the aforesaid Law No. (14) of 2021, as follows:

The court shall have jurisdiction over cases related to personal status matters for Those Subject to the provisions of this Law, that are brought against Nationals among them, and foreigners who have a domicile, place of residence, or workplace in the Emirate.

The court shall also have jurisdiction over cases related to personal status

that are filed against a foreigner who does not have a domicile, place of residence, or workplace in the Emirate, in the following cases:

- 1. If the case is an opposition to a marriage intended to be contracted in the Emirate in accordance with this Law.
- 2. If the lawsuit is related to a request for the dissolution of a marriage contract, annulment thereof, or divorce, and the lawsuit is filed by a national wife, or a wife who has lost the nationality of the state, if either of them has a domicile or place of residence in the Emirate.
- 3. If the case is related to a request for alimony for the wife, or the minor son, if they have a domicile, place of residence, or workplace in the Emirate.
- 4. If the case is related to a personal status matter that is subject to the provisions of this Law, and the plaintiff is a National, or a foreigner with a domicile, place of residence or workplace in the Emirate, only if the defendant has no known domicile or place of residence abroad.
- 5. If he has a chosen domicile in the Emirate.

Article (6)

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette, and shall be effective from 15 December 2021.

Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan Ruler of Abu Dhabi

> Issued by us in Abu Dhabi On: 8 December 2021

Corresponding to: 3 Jumada Al-Awwal 1443 Hijri



Crown Prince Chairman of the Executive Council Resolutions



Chairman of the Executive Council Resolution No. (36) of 2021

Concerning the Appointment of the Director-General of the Family Care Authority

We, Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince, Chairman of the Executive Council,

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the Reorganisation of the Governmental Body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (6) of 2016 concerning the Human Resources in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and its amendments;
- Law No. (4) of 2021 concerning the establishment of the Family Care Authority; and
- Based on what was presented to and approved by the Executive Council, Issued the following Resolution:

Article (1)

H.E. Dr. Bushra Abdullah Mohammed Al-Mulla shall be appointed as the Director-General of the Family Care Authority.

Article (3)

This Resolution shall be effective from the date of its issuance and published in the Official Gazette.

Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Crown Prince
Chairman of the Executive Council

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Executive Council Resolutions



Executive Council Resolution No. (205) of 2021

concerning The Replacement of a Member of the Board of Trustees of Mohamed bin Zayed University for Artificial Intelligence

Pursuant to the Chairman of the Executive Council Resolution No. (41) of 2019 concerning the formation of the Board of Trustees of Mohamed bin Zayed University for Artificial Intelligence;

The Executive Council has decided the following:

H.E. Mansour Ibrahim Al-Mansouri shall replace Dr. Andrew Yao as a member of the Board of Trustees of Mohamed bin Zayed University for Artificial Intelligence.

Saif Saeed Ghobash Secretary-General

Issuance Date: 8 December 2021

Corresponding to: 3 Jumada Al-Awwal 1443 Hijri

Executive Council Resolution No. (207) of 2021 concerning The Official Working Days and Hours for Abu Dhabi Government

The Executive Council has decided the following:

- 1. Approve making the weekend in the government on Saturday and Sunday.
- 2. Approve changing of official working hours of the Government, to become as follows:

Days	Official Working Hours	
From Monday	Eight (8) hours	From 7:30 am to 3:30 pm
to Thursday		
Friday	Four and a half (4.5) hours	From 7:30 am to 12:00 noon

- 3. The government entities and companies may apply the flexible work system commensurate with the nature of their work.
- 4. All the government entities shall, each within their own competencies, implement what is stipulated in this Resolution.
- 5. This Resolution shall be effective from 01/01/2022, and published in the Official Gazette.

Saif Saeed Ghobash Secretary-General

Issuance Date: 8 December 2021

Corresponding to: 3 Jumada Al-Awwal 1443 Hijri

Circulars



Date: 08/12 /2021

Circular No. (10) of 2021 Concerning the Official Working Days and Hours for Abu Dhabi Government

To all the government entities and companies in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi,

Peace be upon you, and God's mercy and blessings,

We are pleased to greet you and to extend our sincere gratitude for your continuous cooperation to realise the public interest.

In the context of the efforts made by Abu Dhabi government to improve the institutional performance in government entities and companies, and pursuant to the Executive Council Resolution No. (207) of 2021 concerning the above subject, please note the following:

- 1. The weekend in the government shall be on Saturday and Sunday.
- 2. The official working days and hours in the government shall be modified from Monday to Friday, as follows:

Days	Official Working Hours		
From Monday	Eight (8) hours	From 7:30 am to 3:30 pm	
to Thursday			
Friday	Four and a half (4.5) hours	From 7:30 am to 12:00 noon	

- 3. The government entities and companies may apply the flexible work system commensurate with the nature of their work.
- 4. The provisions of this circular shall be effective from 01/01/2022, provided that Saturdays corresponding to 01/01/2022 and Sunday corresponding to 02/01/2022 are official holidays.

We value your efforts and thank you for your cooperation

For your necessary action

May Allah guide you

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