

Cabinet Resolution No. (5) of 2017
Regarding the Conditions, Controls, and Procedures
for Disbursement of Marriage Grants

The Cabinet:

- Having reviewed the Constitution,
- Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 on the Competencies of the Ministries and Powers of the Ministers, as amended,
- The Federal Decree Law No. (11) of 2008 on Human Resources in the Federal Government, as amended,
- Cabinet Resolution No. (10) 2016 on the Organizational Structure of Ministry of Community Development,
- Based on the proposal of the Minister of Community Development and the approval thereof by the Cabinet,

Hereby resolves as follows:

Article (1)

Definitions

Wherever mentioned in this Resolution, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings assigned thereto respectively, unless the context requires otherwise:

State : United Arab Emirates.

Ministry : Ministry of Community Development.

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Department : Ministry's Competent Department in charge of marriage grants.

Grant : A sum of money disbursed as a marriage aid in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

Beneficiary : The Grant Applicant who meets the conditions established by the provisions of this Resolution.

Article (2)

Value of the Grant

A financial marriage Grant of AED (70,000) seventy thousand UAE dirhams shall be paid to the

Beneficiary in a single installment, in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

Article (3)

Grant Eligibility Conditions and Controls

1. As a mandatory requirement for disbursement of the Grant, the applicant shall meet the following conditions and controls:
 - a. The applicant and his wife must both be UAE nationals.
 - b. The husband's age must not be less than (21) twenty-one calendar years, and the wife's age must not be less than (18) eighteen calendar years, at the time of executing the marriage contract.
 - c. The applicant must be unable to afford the marriage expenses and costs, including the low-income persons or persons who receive social aids.
 - d. The applicant's net monthly income must not exceed AED (25,000) twenty-five thousand dirhams, after deducting the retirement allowance and housing allowance, if any.
 - e. The application for Grant must be submitted not later than six months of the date of executing the marriage contract.
 - f. The Grant applicant and his wife must attend the awareness-raising courses and lectures organized by the Ministry within one year of the date of submission of the marriage Grant application.
 - g. The Grant applicant must provide the required documents and papers not later than three months of the application submission date.
 - h. The Grant applicant must not have received the financial marriage Grant at any prior time, benefitted from any other Grant in the State, or participated in any collective wedding party.
 - i. The Grant applicant must not be married, unless an exception is Granted to him pursuant to the provisions of Article (4.3) of this Resolution.
2. The Minister or his authorized representative may extend the time limit prescribed under clauses (E), (F), and (G) of this Article.

Article (4)

Exceptions

Without prejudice to the provisions of Clauses (A) and (B) of Paragraph (1) of Article (3) hereof, any

of the following cases may be exempted from any or all of the conditions and controls set forth in Article (3) of this Resolution:

1. Where the Applicant for the Grant is a Person with Disability.
2. Where the Applicant for the Grant is the sole breadwinner of his family within the income threshold, due to the father's death or inability to earn income by reason of illness, or the absence of a retirement pension, provided that evidence is furnished establishing that he is the sole breadwinner of the family.
3. The Applicant for the Grant who has previously got marriage, in the following circumstances:
 - a. Where the wife has passed away.
 - b. Cases decided by the Ministry to be included in the cases of exemption from the former marriage requirement.

The Minister or his authorized representative shall issue the necessary Resolutions approving any of the exceptions referred to in this Article.

Article (5)

Documents and Papers

The application for Grant shall be submitted to the Department using the standard template designated for that purpose, accompanied by the following documents:

1. A copy of the marriage contract duly certified by the competent court.
2. A copy of the identity card of both the husband and the wife.
3. A document establishing the net monthly income of the Applicant, including a detailed salary certificate issued by his employer.
4. A declaration of ownership of lands, real estate, and commercial licenses.
5. Any additional documents or procedures deemed necessary for submission by the Ministry.

Article (6)

Grant Application Submission and Review Procedures and Mechanisms

1. The Grant application shall be submitted using the template referred to in Article (5) hereof, along with the required documents and supporting materials, in accordance with the procedures and mechanisms established by the Ministry.
2. The applications submitted shall be reviewed from administrative and financial perspectives, and the electronically submitted data shall be compared with the documents and supporting

materials received. Applications fulfilling all conditions and controls shall be approved, and the disbursement procedures thereof shall be completed, all in accordance with the procedures and systems established by the Ministry.

3. The Applicant shall be notified at the address indicated in the application form of the approval or rejection of their application.
4. Upon approval of the Grant application, the Ministry shall transfer the Grant amount to the Beneficiary's bank account.

Article (7)

Recovery of the Grant

1. The Ministry shall recover the Grant from the Beneficiary in any of the following cases:
 - a. If the Beneficiary has provided false information or used a forged document in order to obtain the Grant, without prejudice to any criminal liability arising from the same.
 - b. If the Beneficiary is engaged in fictitious acts for the purpose of obtaining the Grant, such as divorce prior to completion of the marriage procedures as customarily recognized in the State, unless they submit a new marriage contract with a UAE woman within one year of the date the Grant was transferred to their bank account.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Article, the Minister may, by virtue of a Resolution issued thereby, exempt the Beneficiary from refunding the Grant in any of the following cases:
 - a. The death of the Beneficiary.
 - b. where the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Beneficiary is declared pursuant to a final and conclusive court judgment.
 - c. Where the Beneficiary becomes the sole breadwinner for his family due to the demise or incapacity of his father resulting from illness or the absence of a retirement pension.
 - d. Where the Beneficiary suffers from a permanent disability or total incapacity rendering him unfit for any employment.
3. The Minister or his authorized representative may issue a resolution to permit the repayment of the recovered Grant in instalments in the event that the Beneficiary's financial condition renders him unable to refund the same in a lump sum, in accordance with the grounds decided by the Ministry.
4. The Cabinet may, based upon the recommendation of the Ministry, exempt the Beneficiary

from the obligation to refund the Grant.

Article (8)

The Implementing Resolutions

The Minister shall issue the necessary resolutions for the implementation of the provisions of this Resolution.

Article (9)

Repeals

Any provision contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution shall hereby be repealed.

Article (10)

Publication and Entry Into Force

This Resolution shall be published in the Official Gazette, and shall enter into force on of the day following the date of its publication.

Mohamed Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum

Prime Minister

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