

Cabinet Resolution No. (9) of 1995

Regulating Expatriates Bringing Their Families and Servants

The Cabinet:

- Having reviewed the provisional Constitution;
- Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 on the Competencies of the Ministries and the Powers of the Ministers and the Laws amending thereto,
- Federal Law No. (6) of 1973 on the Immigration and Residence and the Laws amending thereto,
- And as per the Cabinet resolution No. (1/63) of 1994 on the Formation of the Ministerial Committee of the Demographic Structure to study the population issue, its impacts and means of treatment,
- Cabinet resolution No. (4) of 1994 on the Regulation of Expatriates Bringing their Families and Servants,
- And upon the presentations made by the Minister of Defence, the Chairman of the Ministerial Committee of the Demographic Structure, and the approval thereof by the Cabinet,

Resolved:

Article One

The expatriate is allowed to sponsor and bring its family if its salary is not less than three thousand (3,000) Dirhams and its employer provides the accommodation; or four thousand (4,000) Dirhams if the employer doesn't provide the accommodation. The salary shall be proved by a formal certificate approved by the concerned bodies in the State.

The word family means the wife, male children till the age of 18 and unmarried daughters.

(Excluding the students at universities and higher institutes in the State).

Article Two

The expatriate who receives a monthly salary of not less than six thousand (6,000) Dirhams is allowed to sponsor a male or female servant provided the sponsor shall pay annually the treasury of the State the equivalent to the annual salary of the servant, so the monthly salary may not be less than four hundred (400) Dirhams.

Article Three

Women working in rare or important specializations such as medicine, engineering and teaching and the like, of which the State is in dire need may replace the husband as a sponsor and bring her family and a male or female servant upon the satisfaction of the conditions required.

Article Four

The following categories shall be excluded from the salary clause, and may in that event sponsor and bring their family only, subject to the provisions of second paragraph of clause (1):

1. Teachers.
2. Imam of mosques and preachers.
3. Drivers of buses used to transport students of schools, universities and other scientific institutes.

Article Five

The following categories may not sponsor or bring anyone, even if the salary clause is satisfied:

1. Housekeepers and the like.
2. Workers and the like.

Article Six

1. The Minister of Interior shall form a committee chaired by the Assistant Deputy Minister of Naturalization and Immigration Affairs and membership of representatives from the ministries and related bodies, to be appointed by the competent minister, the head of circuit or the competent body to study the conditions of the institutions set out herein below, and submit the results of the study and the recommendations to the ministerial committee referred to in Item (3) below, to study them and submit its recommendations. The institutions are:
 - a. Individual institutions owned by foreigners and those are conditioned by having a citizen service agent, their capital shall be paid in full by the (expatriate) foreigner and practices the commercial activity.
 - b. professional individual institutions and those are conditioned by having a citizen service agent, their capital shall be paid by the expatriate license holder and practices personal professions such as the (physician, engineer, consultant, lawyer).
 - c. vocational individual institutions and those are conditioned by having a citizen service

agent, their capital shall be paid by the expatriate person and they shall practice a vocational activity such as hand labor.

- d. any other private institutions such as institutes, colleges, hospitals and the like.
2. The committee mentioned above shall study the subject matter of the sponsorship and bringing the expatriate to one or both of the parents and submit the appropriate recommendation to the ministerial committee referred to in Item (3) below.
3. The committee referred to in Item (1) above shall submit the study and the recommendations to which it is assigned, to a ministerial committee chaired by the Minister of Interior, and formed of the Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, the Minister of Economy and Trade, provided the latter committee shall submit its recommendations in the subject matter to the Ministerial Committee of the Demographic Structure in preparation to submit the recommendations to the Cabinet for approval.
4. Till the submitting the recommendations mentioned above to the Cabinet and issuing the appropriate resolution in their respect, the Minister of Interior shall be authorized to act in the subject matter and grant the visas required to the persons mentioned in sub-items (a), (b), (c) and (d) of Item (1) above.

Article Seven

The Minister of Interior or whoever he authorizes, shall have the power to exclude whoever he chooses from the implementation of the provisions hereof for humanitarian reasons or in the public best interest.

Article Eight

The expatriate residents in the State shall, before the date of the issue of this resolution, adjust the status of their dependants in accordance with the provisions thereof, upon the termination of their residence.

Article Nine

All the bodies competent to enforce the provisions of the Immigration and Residence Law and the resolutions issued for its enforcement, shall submit immediately any instructions or orders in discord with these provisions, to the Ministry of Interior to take the appropriate decision in their regard.

Article Ten

The resolution (4) of 1994 referred to, as well as each provision which contravenes or contradicts the provisions hereof, shall be repealed.

Article Eleven

The Minister of Interior or whoever he authorizes, shall issue the decisions required to enforce the provisions hereof.

Article Twelve

The competent bodies shall enforce this resolution, it shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force as of the date of its issue.

The Prime Minister

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