

Cabinet Resolution No. (41) of 2025

Regarding Media Services Fees

The Cabinet:

- Having reviewed the Constitution;
- Federal Decree by Law No. (57) of 2022 Establishing the UAE Media Council;
- Federal Decree by Law No. (55) of 2023 Regarding Media Regulation;
- Cabinet Resolution No. (39) of 2016 Regarding Media Services Fees in Free Zones;
- Cabinet Resolution No. (86) of 2020 Regarding the Fees for Services Provided by the Ministry of Culture and Youth;
- Cabinet Resolution No. (62) of 2023 Regarding Certain Media Services Fees; and
- Cabinet Resolution No. (68) of 2024 Regarding the Executive Regulations of Federal Decree by Law No. (55) of 2023 Regarding Media Regulation, and
- Upon the proposal of the Minister of Finance and the approval of the Cabinet,

Hereby resolves as follows:

Article (1)

The definitions stipulated in Federal Decree by Law No. (55) of 2023 regarding Media Regulation shall apply to this Resolution. Otherwise, the following terms and expressions shall have the meanings assigned thereto respectively, unless the context indicates otherwise:

The State	: The United Arab Emirates.
The Council	: The UAE Media Council.
The Chairman	: The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Council.
The Competent Authority	: The local government entity responsible for licensing or authorizing media activities and for supervising and monitoring them, or the Council for any Emirate where no such local competent entity exists.

Article (2)

Scope of Application

1. Fees shall be collected in consideration of the services provided by the Council or the Competent Authority, as listed in the tables attached to this Resolution, in accordance with the amounts specified to each service.
2. The fees' amounts specified in the tables attached to this Resolution shall not apply to media services provided within the free zones of the State. Such services shall be governed by the provisions of Cabinet Resolution No. (39) of 2016 Regarding Media Services Fees in Free Zones.

Article (3)

Collection of Fees

For the purposes of collecting the fees in accordance with Article (2) of this Resolution, a part of a day shall be deemed a full day, a part of a month shall be deemed a full month, and a part of a year shall be deemed a full year.

Article (4)

Amendment of Fees

The Cabinet shall have the authority to amend to the fees set forth in this Resolution, whether by addition, deletion, or modification.

Article (5)

Exemptions

Natural persons shall be exempt from paying the fee for the issuance or renewal of the permit stated under Item (60) of table No. (1) attached to this Resolution, for the first three (3) years from the date of issuance of the permit. The fee shall be payable starting from the fourth year.

Article (6)

Collection of Fees

1. The fees collected by the Council under the provisions of this Resolution shall be collected through the methods determined by the Ministry of Finance.
2. The fees collected by the Competent Authority shall be collected in accordance with the mechanism approved by such authority.

Article (7)

Issuance of Executive Resolutions

The Chairman shall issue the resolutions necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Resolution, in coordination with the Minister of Finance.

Article (8)

Repeals

1. Cabinet Resolution No. (62) of 2023 Regarding Certain Media Services Fees shall be repealed.
2. Any provision that contradicts or conflicts with the provisions of this Resolution shall also be repealed.

Article (9)

Publication and Entry into Force

This Resolution shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force thirty (30) days from the date of its publication.

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Prime Minister

Issued by Us:

Dated: 18 Shawwal 1446 A.H.

Corresponding to: 16 April 2025 A.D.

Annex One
Table of Media Services Fees
Attached to Cabinet Resolution No. (41) of 2025

Table No. (1): Services Provided by the UAE Media Council

First: Commercial Media Licenses and Permits Services			
No.	Service Description	Fees in AED	
		Initial Issuance	Renewal
1.	License for Establishing a Cinema Venue - Category One (6 Screens or More).	(100,000)	(50,000) Per Year
2.	License for Establishing a Cinema Venue - Category Two (1-5 Screens).	(60,000)	(30,000) Per Year
3.	License for Importing and Distributing Cinematographic, Documentary, and Animated films.	(35,000)	(18,000) Per Year
4.	License for Producing Cinematographic, Documentary, and Animated films.	(18,000)	(8,000) Per Year
5.	License for Distributing, Publishing, and Trading Sound Recordings and Audio Media.	(5,000)	(2,500) Per Year
6.	License for Selling Sound Recordings and Audio Media.	(4,000)	(2,000) Per Year
7.	License for Distributing, Publishing, and Trading in Video Recordings and Visual Media.	(5,000)	(2,500) Per Year
8.	License for Selling Video Recordings and Visual Media.	(4,000)	(2,000) Per Year
9.	License for Translating and Dubbing Artistic Works.	(5,000)	(2,500) Per Year
10.	License for Importing and Distributing Electronic Video	(11,000)	(5,500)

	Games.		Per Year
11.	License for Selling Electronic Video Games.	(10,000)	(5,000) Per Year
12.	License for Producing Electronic Video Games.	(4,000)	(2,000) Per Year
13.	License for Selling or Renting Video Films via Mobile Devices.	(5,000)	(5,000) Per Year
14.	License for Selling or Renting Video Games via Mobile Devices.	(5,000)	(5,000) Per Year
15.	License for Theatrical Production.	(10,000)	(6,000) Per Year
16.	License for Engaging in Printing-Related Activities.	(10,000)	(5,000) Per Year
17.	License for Designing and Producing Advertisement Content.	(5000)	(2500) Per Year
18.	License for Engaging in the Activity of Designing, Implementing, and Installing Advertising Billboards.	(10,000)	(5,000) Per Year
19.	License for Providing Media and Advertising Consultations and Studies.	(5,000)	(3,000)
20.	License for Establishing a Printing Press.	(25,000)	(15,000) Per Year
21.	Application for Canceling a Media Activity License.	(200) Per Application	
22.	Application for surrendering a Media Activity License.	(100) Per Application	
23.	Application for the Addition or Withdrawal of a Partner from the Media Activity License.	(100) Per Application	
24.	Application for Amending the Media Activity License Data.	(200) Per Application	
25.	Special Approvals Package for Foreign	(3,000)	

	Cinematographic Films. (Includes services listed in Items (27) to (31)).	
26.	Permit for Establishing a Temporary Cinema Venue for Commercial Purposes.	(10,000) For Every 30 Consecutive or Non-Consecutive Days
27.	Permit for Screening a Cinematographic Film.	(1,000)
28.	Permit for Age Rating of a Cinematographic Film.	(500)
29.	Permit for Screening Promotional Clips of a Cinematographic Film (Trailer).	(500)
30.	Permit for Displaying the Promotional Poster of a Cinematographic Film.	(500)
31.	Permit to Commence Ticket Sales for a Cinematographic Film.	(500)
32.	Permit for Displaying Advertising Content Inside the Cinema Auditoriums.	(1,000)
33.	Application for Re-Inspection of a Cinematographic Film.	(1,000)
34.	Application for Urgent Inspection of a Cinematographic Film.	(6,000)
35.	Special Approvals Package for Local Cinematographic Film. (Includes services listed in Items (27) to (31)).	Free
36.	Permit for One-Day Cinematographic Screening. (Includes sports matches, concerts, and other events).	(500)
37.	Permit for Cinematographic Screening by Embassies, Consulates, Cultural Clubs, and Government Institutions.	Free
38.	Permit for Approval of a Theatrical Script or Cinematographic Scenario.	(800)
39.	Permit for Approval of a Theatrical Script or	Free

	Cinematographic Scenario for Local Works.		
40.	Permit for Approving Visual Works.	(400)	
41.	Permit for Approving Audio Works.	(200)	
42.	Electronic Video Games Package. (Includes services listed in Items (43) to (45)).	(2,000)	
43.	Permit for Circulating Electronic Video Games Only.	(1,000) Per Game	
44.	Permit for Circulating Digital Version of Electronic Video Games.	(500) Per Game	
45.	Permit for Age Rating of Electronic Video Games.	(500)	
46.	Permit for Printing Foreign Publications.	(200)	
47.	Permit for Printing Foreign Publications (Commercial Directory).	(5,000)	
48.	Permit for Circulating Foreign Publications in the State (More Than 10 Copies per Title).	(15) Per Printed Book	(10) Per Electronic Book
49.	Permit for Circulating Foreign Publications in the Local Market After the End of Book Fairs (More Than 10 Copies per Title).	(15) Per Printed Book	(10) Per Electronic Book
50.	Permit for Circulating Foreign Publications in the State (Less Than 10 Copies per Title).	Free	
51.	Permit for Circulating Foreign Publications in the Local Market After the End of Book Fairs (Less Than 10 Copies per Title).	Free	
52.	Permit for Importing of Publications into the State for Government Entities.	(100) Per Shipment	
53.	Permit for Importing of Publications into the State for Personal Use.	Free	
54.	Permit for Importing of Publications into the State for Circulation Purposes.	(1,000)	

55.	Permit for Providing Self-Monitoring Service for Media Content.	(2,000)	
56.	Permit for Importing of All Other Publications into the State, Except Books.	(200)	
Second: Correspondents and Journalists Services			
57.	Application for Sponsorship of a Foreign Correspondent or Journalist Not Registered in the State.	(6,000) Per Sponsorship	
58.	Permit for a Foreign Correspondent or Journalist Not Registered in the State to Cover a Specific Event (Valid for the Duration of the Event Only).	(300)	
59.	Permit for a Foreign Correspondent or Journalist Not Registered in the State and Not Affiliated with Licensed Foreign Media Offices in the State.	(500)	(500)
Third: Electronic and Digital Media Activities Services			
60.	Permit for a Natural Person to Provide Advertising or Media Content on Social Media and Other Modern Technical Means (Individuals).	(1,000)	(1,000)
61.	Permit for Visiting Individuals to Provide Advertising or Media Content on Social Media Platforms.	(500) For Every (3) Months	
62.	License for a Legal Entity to Engage in Platform Activities for Electronic and Digital Media Providing Audio/Visual Blogging (Media Establishments/Institutions).	(5,000)	(5,000)

Table No. (2): Services Provided by the Competent Authority

First: Commercial Media Licenses and Permits Services			
No.	Service Description	Fees in AED	
		Initial Issuance	Renewal
1.	License for Reprinting a Foreign Daily Newspaper.	(50,000)	(50,000) Per Year
2.	License for Reprinting a Foreign Weekly Magazine.	(25,000)	(25,000) Per Year
3.	License for Reprinting a Foreign semi-monthly Magazine.	(15,000)	(15,000) Per Year
4.	License for Reprinting a Foreign Monthly Magazine.	(10,000)	(10,000) Per Year
5.	License for Reprinting a Foreign Quarterly Magazine.	(3,000)	(3,000) Per Year
6.	License for Reprinting a Foreign Annual Magazine.	(1,000)	(1,000) Per Year
7.	License for Issuing a Daily Newspaper.	(100,000)	(50,000) Per Year
8.	License for Issuing a Weekly Newspaper.	(35,000)	(35,000) Per Year
9.	License for Reprinting a Weekly Newspaper.	(35,000)	(35,000) Per Year
10.	License for Issuing a Press Card for Media Entities.	(100)	(100) Per Year
11.	License for Issuing a Weekly Magazine.	(25,000)	(25,000) Per Year
12.	License for Issuing a semi-monthly Magazine.	(15,000)	(15,000) Per Year
13.	License for Issuing a Monthly Magazine.	(10,000)	(10,000)

			Per Year
14.	License for Issuing a Quarterly Magazine.	(3,000)	(3,000) Per Year
15.	License for Issuing an Annual Magazine.	(1,000)	(1,000) Per Year
16.	License for Issuing, Importing, and Distributing Books.	(3,500)	(2,000) Per Year
17.	License for Distributing and Publishing Newspapers, Magazines, and Periodicals.	(3,500)	(2,000) Per Year
18.	License for Selling Books and Publications.	(1,000)	(500) Per Year
19.	License for Establishing a Publishing House.	(3,500)	(3,500) Per Year
20.	License for Providing Press Services.	(1,500)	(1,000) Per Year
21.	License for Foreign Media Office.	(3,000)	(3,000) Per Year
22.	License for Establishing a Radio Broadcasting Station.	(100,000)	(50,000) Per Year
23.	License for Establishing a Television Broadcasting Station.	(100,000)	(50,000) Per Year
24.	License for Producing Radio Programs and Audio Recordings.	(10,000)	(6,000) Per Year
25.	License for Producing Television Programs and Series.	(10,000)	(6,000) Per Year
26.	License for Establishing a Fixed Audio/Visual Studio.	(15,000)	(8,000) Per Year
27.	License for Establishing a Mobile Audio/Visual Studio.	(15,000)	(8,000) Per Year
28.	Permit for Ground Filming in the State.	(500)	

		For One Day
29.	Permit for Aerial Filming in the State.	(500) For One Day
30.	Permit for Maritime Filming in the State.	(500) For One Day
31.	Application for Cancelling a Media Activity License.	(100) Per Application
32.	Application for surrendering a Media Activity License.	(200) Per Application
33.	Application for the Addition or Withdrawal of a Partner from a Media Activity License.	(100) Per Application
34.	Application for Modifying Media Activity License Data.	Free
35.	Permit for Approving the Script of a television Series.	(500) For the text
36.	Permit for Printing Local Media Material.	200
37.	Permit for Circulating Local Publications in the State.	25
38.	Permit for Distributing a Daily Newspaper.	(250) Per Year
39.	Permit for Distributing a Weekly Newspaper.	(400) Per Year
40.	Permit for Distributing a Monthly Newspaper.	(300) Per Year
41.	Permit for Distributing a Weekly Magazine.	(250) Per Year
42.	Permit for Distributing a semi-monthly Magazine.	(450) Per Year
43.	Permit for Distributing a Monthly Magazine.	(400) Per Year
44.	Permit for Distributing a Quarterly Magazine.	(300) Per Year

45.	Permit for Distributing an Annual Magazine.	(200) Per Year	
Second: Correspondents and Journalists Services			
46.	Permit for a Correspondent or journalist to work with licensed foreign media offices in the State.	(500)	
47.	Permit for bringing in filming and photography equipment accompanying media personnel and filming crews from Outside the State.	(500)	
Third: Electronic and Digital Media Activities Services			
48.	License for a Legal Entity to engage in platform activities for electronic and digital media offering news or advertising services (Media Establishments/Institutions).	(5,000)	(5,000)