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UAE's Blue Visa: 10-year Residency for Sustainability Experts



UAE's Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, in partnership with the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs, and Ports Security (ICP) has launched a ground-breaking "Blue Visa" program at the Worlds Government Summit 2025 held in Dubai from February 11 to 13. This 10-year residency visa program aims to attract and retain international talent in the area of sustainability. This transformative program reflects UAE's dedication to environmental protection and its vision to be a global leader in sustainable development.

Eligibility Criteria

In the initial Phase, the "Blue Visa" will be granted to 20 sustainability innovators and leaders.

This initiative targets a wide array of environmental advocates-



Members of international organizations and businesses engaged in sustainability efforts



NGOs, associations, and research institutions dedicated to environmental cause



Winners of global sustainability awards, recognizing exceptional contributions to ecological conservation



Influential sustainability activists, academics, and researchers working on climate change, renewable energy, conservation, and other green initiatives

Benefits of UAE Blue Visa

Extended Residency

Secure a 10-year residency in the UAE

Collaborative Projects

Work on sustainability projects within the UAE ecosystem

Funding & Resources

Access financial support and environmental research tools

Official Recognition

Get recognition for contribution to environmental protection

Awards & Grants

Gain eligibility for prestigious accolades and financial assistance

Application Process

Self-Application

Eligible individuals can submit their applications through the official Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs, and Port Security (ICP) website or mobile app.

Government Nomination

Sustainability-driven government agencies have the authority to nominate outstanding candidates.

The initial application phase will be handled electronically, as per the ICP's set approval processes.

A Step Towards a Sustainable Future

The Blue Visa complements the UAE's Golden Visa (for investors and professionals) and Green Visa (for skilled workers and freelancers). The UAE aims to draw in the top talent from around the world in environmental science, policy and innovation by providing sustainable professionals with long term resident visas.

This initiative aligns with the country's broader sustainability objectives, including its Net Zero 2050 strategy, the promotion of renewable energy, and the hosting of global environmental forums. The Blue Visa strengthens the UAE's standing as a global hub for climate leadership and sustainable development.