

# Dubai Golden Visa — Long-Term Residency for Skilled Talent

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Quality score: 48/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

## Summary

Dubai's renewable 10-year residency for investors, skilled professionals and researchers grew from 47,150 visas issued in 2021 to 158,000 in 2023 per GDRFA, though official reporting doesn't separate talent-retention outcomes from investor uptake.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                                  | Score |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| Evidence of impact / measured results      | 1/3   |
| Transferability / demonstrated replication | 1/3   |
| Scalability                                | 3/3   |
| Sustainability / continuity                | 2/3   |
| Innovation                                 | 1/3   |
| Inclusiveness / equity                     | 1/3   |
| Multi-stakeholder collaboration            | 1/3   |

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

[General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs \(GDRFA\) – Dubai](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

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