

# Onshore Government Authorities Approval Guidelines

Abu Dhabi Global Market is a broad-based international financial center for local, regional and international institutions, established in accordance with the [Federal Law No (8) of 2004](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Clisa.somers%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CJ85UOHOP%5CThis%20email%20contains%20a%20link%20which%20is%20disabled%20by%20our%20emailing%20system%20for%20additional%20security%20preventive%20countermeasure), [Federal Decree No (15) of 2013](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Clisa.somers%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CJ85UOHOP%5CThis%20email%20contains%20a%20link%20which%20is%20disabled%20by%20our%20emailing%20system%20for%20additional%20security%20preventive%20countermeasure), [Cabinet Resolution No (4) of 2013](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Clisa.somers%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CJ85UOHOP%5CThis%20email%20contains%20a%20link%20which%20is%20disabled%20by%20our%20emailing%20system%20for%20additional%20security%20preventive%20countermeasure), and [Abu Dhabi Law No (4) of 2013](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Clisa.somers%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CJ85UOHOP%5CThis%20email%20contains%20a%20link%20which%20is%20disabled%20by%20our%20emailing%20system%20for%20additional%20security%20preventive%20countermeasure).

ADGM’s three independent authorities – the Registration Authority, the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) and ADGM Courts – ensure that our business-friendly environment operates in line with international best practice that are recognized by major financial centers across the world.

In collaboration with other onshore government authorities, Abu Dhabi Global Market develops and supports the Hotels, Tourism Establishments and Retailers with the regulatory framework, legal jurisdiction and attractive business environment they need for sustainable business growth.

Therefore, The Registration Authority in ADGM is adopting a process that all retail businesses are required to obtain an Abu Dhabi government authorities approval prior operating the businesses based on the sector of each retailer as it shown at the following table:

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| **No.** | **Authority** | **Applicable Activities** |
| 1 | Abu Dhabi Civil Defense Department | All retail store locations. |
| 2 | Abu Dhabi Food Control Authority Permit | Food and beverage activities, including cafés and restaurants.  |
| 3 | Department of Municipal Affairs Abu Dhabi – Health Department  | Public health and safety for beauty salons, Spas and massage centers |
| 4 | Department of Municipal Affairs Abu Dhabi | Real estate development. |
| 5 | Abu Dhabi Police GHQ  | Jewelry shops and precious metal dealing stores. |
| 6 | Abu Dhabi Media Authority | Media related activities e.g. libraries, bookshops and Cinema. etc.  |
| 7 | Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority  | Hotels & tourism establishments |
| 8 | Health Authority Abu Dhabi  | Hospitals & medical centres |
| 9 | ADGM Corporate Relation Division  | Al Alcohol Permits for Hotels & tourism establishments |

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