



Wife can sponsor family only under certain criteria



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I work for an organisation in Dubai. My husband started his own business some months ago in Sharjah. But his business is in the initial phase, which means he's not getting his salary regularly as it's not fully operational. I recently switched my job from Sharjah to a Dubai firm and I cancelled my kids' visa (they were on my visa). Can I sponsor my kids again?

It is understood that previously you were working in Sharjah and that your children were under your sponsorship. Subsequently, you have now moved to Dubai with a new job and you had to cancel your sponsorship for your children prior to taking up employment in Dubai.

Now your husband has his own business. It is assumed that your husband is a partner/owner of a company in Sharjah and holds an investor visa. Therefore your husband should be able to sponsor your children as he is not required to present any proof of salary as he holds an investor visa. Since your husband holds a UAE visa you may not be able to sponsor the visa of your children. There are certain criteria and rules based on which a mother may be allowed to sponsor her children's residence visas in the UAE, pursuant to which the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigner's Affairs may consider your application. You may contact the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigner's Affairs to check if you could sponsor the visa of your children.

Wife's sponsorship

I was working in the UAE and my family was on my sponsorship. My wife opened a company as partner in 2011 but remained on my visa as I gave an NOC. In December 2013 I lost my job and the visa was cancelled for me and my family. Now, my wife's residence visa has been stamped as partner. Can she now sponsor us till the time I get a job? What are the additional documents required?

It is understood that the visas for you and your family members were cancelled after you lost your job last year. Subsequently, your wife set up a company where she is a partner and hence holds an investor visa from this company.

Pursuant to your questions, it may be suggested that your wife may sponsor visas for you and your children. However, this is strictly subject to the approval of the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigner's Affairs. There are certain criteria based on which your wife may be allowed to sponsor visas for you and other family members. Further, as per the prevailing regulations, you will not be allowed to undertake any type of work during the period you are on your wife's sponsorship. Once you secure a job, you will have to cancel your visa under your wife's sponsorship and then obtain an employment visa.

For detailed information regarding the procedure involved for securing a visa and the required documents, you may contact the General Directorates of Residency and Foreigner's Affairs.

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