

Unfit due to scars of past illness? Do this to be reconsidered



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Q: After working for 12 years in a company in Dubai, I quit after getting a better job. As I went for my medical examination for my new employment visa, the X-ray revealed some scars and I was declared medically unfit. I went back to Pakistan, where doctors told me the scars were due to pneumonia that I had several years ago. How do I convey this to the UAE authorities so I can come back to Dubai for work?

A: It may be noted that, for the purpose of residence visa in the UAE, all matters pertaining to medical fitness assessment fall within the purview of the Dubai Health Authority (DHA). As you have failed to qualify the medical fitness test conducted by the DHA, you may approach a relevant medical authority in Pakistan and obtain medical reports stating that the X-ray scars were due to past illness of pneumonia and the same has been cured. Subsequently, you may have your medical reports duly notarised and legalised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan and by the UAE Embassy in Pakistan. Thereafter, get them attested with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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in the UAE and further file them with the DHA for re-consideration by it. You may contact the Dubai Health Authority for any further enquiries concerning this.

No fines if you stay for 30 days after your visa expires

Q: My 18-year-old son's UAE residence visa will expire on June 2, 2019. His exams will continue till June 18. Can he stay on the expired visa during his exams, considering the fact that there is a one-month grace period? Or will he need to come back on a visit visa?

A: Even as your son's residence visa expires on June 2, he may still stay in the UAE on one-month grace period (during his exams) without paying any overstaying fine.

Thereafter, upon completion of his exams and prior to completion of 30 days of grace period of stay in the UAE, he may travel back to his home country or any other country and return to UAE on visit/tourist visa or on any other visa. Further, if your son is willing to enroll at an educational institution based in the UAE for higher studies, the said educational institution may grant him a student visa upon completion of admission procedures. You may contact the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs in Dubai for any further information in this regard.



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If a person's residence visa expires, he/she is given a one-month grace period of stay and no overstaying fines are charged

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