

You cannot sponsor your son's visa after he turns 18



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Q: I live in Dubai and sponsor the residence visa of my family - my wife and two children. My eldest son is about to be 18 years old and he will complete his grade XII next year. Upon its completion, I intend for him to pursue a correspondence course from my home country. I wish my son remains under my visa sponsorship and continues to reside with me in the UAE after attaining 18 years of age. What are the options open to me?

A: It should be noted that an expatriate parent in the UAE can sponsor his son up to the age of 18 years. You will not be able to continue to keep him under your visa sponsorship after he is 18 years. Your son may obtain an

employment and reside in the UAE under his employer's visa or may enroll himself at an educational institution for a course in the UAE and obtain a student visa from where he studies. You may contact the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs in Dubai for any further information you may require.

Building's owner is responsible for its maintenance

Q: I reside as a tenant in a rented premises in Dubai and the maintenance of my building is bad. Despite several requests by me to the owner of the building, no one turns up to fix the maintenance issues. Is there a way to address this?

A: It is the responsibility of the owner of the building to maintain the premises including common areas and other amenities in the property. This is in accordance with Law No. 26 of 2007, regulating the relationship between the landlords and tenants in the emirate of Dubai (the 'Dubai Rental Law'), which states, "Landlord shall,

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during validity of contract, be liable for handling maintenance of property and shall rectify any defects or faults that affect tenant's targeted benefit from the premises, unless the two agree otherwise". Since the owner of the building does not maintain the building, you may approach the Dubai Rental Dispute Centre in Dubai and file a complaint against the owner of the building.

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