



Standards and elements for the General inspection visit for Nurseries

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The first Standard: Licensing and Professional Commitment

Domains	Elements
The national identity of the United Arab Emirates	The nursery must refrain from displaying images or posters of individuals or symbols other than leaders of the United Arab Emirates.
	Commitment to the values and culture of the UAE
Aids and grants	The nursery must not collect donations, receive aid or grants from any entity, or provide financial support to any party without prior approval from the Ministry / relevant authority.
General appearance	The nursery's name must be clearly displayed at the main entrance.
	Informational and directional signs must be available for all nursery facilities.
	A customer service reception area must be available at the nursery entrance.
Professional commitment	Continuous supervision of children must be ensured.
	Adherence to the official working hours approved by the Ministry / educational authority.
Human Resources	Employee files must be maintained and include all required documents.
	All nursery staff must hold valid residency permits.
	The actual staffing must match the records with the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization.
	Salaries must be paid to staff regularly and in accordance with the approved system in the country.
Daily attendance	The nursery must maintain daily attendance and absence records for children.
	The nursery must maintain daily attendance and absence records for staff.
Capacity	The nursery must comply with the approved total capacity of children.
Appointment Approvals	The nursery director must have an approval issued by the Ministry / educational authority.
	All staff members must have approvals issued by the Ministry / educational authority.
	Staff members must adhere to the terms stated in the employment approvals issued by the Ministry / educational authority.

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Licensing Requirements	The nursery license issued by the Ministry / educational authority must be valid.
	The license from the Department of Economic Development must match the license issued by the Ministry / educational authority.
	The age group of children present in the nursery must match the age group specified in the license issued by the Ministry / educational authority.
	The nursery must adopt the academic plan approved by the Ministry / educational authority.
	The nursery must follow the curriculum approved by the Ministry or relevant educational authority.
Information Management Systems	Staff data must be updated in the electronic systems approved by the Ministry / educational authority.
	Children's data must be updated in the electronic systems approved by the Ministry / educational authority.
	Data of children of determination must be updated in the electronic systems approved by the Ministry / educational authority.
Nursery fees	The nursery must comply with the fee schedule approved by the Ministry / educational authority.
	No additional fees may be collected without approval from the Ministry / educational authority.
Staff Sufficiency	Sufficient number of caregivers (both main and supporting) must be available.
	A security guard must be present at the nursery.

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The second Standard: The nursery facility building

Domains	Elements
General facilities	Adherence to the nursery building layout approved by the competent authorities (Ministry / Educational Entity / Municipalities).
	Ensuring proper maintenance of the nursery premises to safeguard the health and safety of both children and staff.
	Nursery facilities must not be utilized for any purposes other than those officially licensed, except with prior approval from the Ministry or relevant educational authority.
	Ensuring that the building and its facilities are accessible and appropriate for People of Determination
	Efficiency of air conditioning systems in the nursery
Learning and care rooms	The nursery must ensure the separation of children in care rooms based on their age groups, in accordance with regulatory requirements.
	The suitability of the furnishings and equipment in learning and care rooms
	The suitability of the furnishings and equipment in infant sleeping rooms
Indoor and outdoor play areas	Availability of designated indoor and outdoor play areas
Sanitary facilities / Restrooms	Availability of the required facilities for children from birth to under two years of age in the sanitation areas, in accordance with the standards approved by the Ministry / Educational Authority.
	Sufficiency of children's restrooms in accordance with the standards approved by the Ministry / Educational Authority.
	Restrooms readiness
	Availability of staff restrooms that are separate from children's restroom facilities
Swimming pool and wading pools	Readiness of the swimming pool and wading pools
Cleanliness of the building and facilities	Cleanliness of all nursery facilities

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The third Standard: Care and learning services

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The academic plan and curriculum	Commitment to teaching the Arabic language to nursery children
	Commitment to teaching Islamic education to nursery children
	Commitment to teaching national identity and awareness of Emirati culture and environment to nursery children
Children of Determination	The nursery has a policy for integrating children of determination based on its capabilities and resources.
	Ensuring the availability of a qualified female employee/supervisor to manage children of determination.
	Provision of facilities and equipment adapted to the specific needs of children of determination
Child protection	Existence of a written child protection policy at the nursery.
	Commitment by the nursery to appoint an employee tasked with child protection duties.
	The nursery provides a safe and positive environment for children
	Sufficiency of the number of buses for the number of children
	All staff members at the nursery are females only
	Physical and psychological punishment is prohibited in the nursery at all levels
	The nursery's commitment to accept and register all children applying for enrollment without discrimination, and the absence of any policy indicating otherwise.
Extracurricular activities and events	The nursery's commitment to refrain from conducting any additional activities without prior approval from the Ministry / Educational Authority.
	The nursery's commitment to adhering to approved procedures during extracurricular activities and events.
Professional development	The nursery is committed to facilitating staff participation in training programs to improve their professional development

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The forth Standard: Community Partnership

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Community events and occasions	The nursery's commitment to participating in national, religious, cultural, and community events
Children's and guardians' data	Availability of an individual record for each child that includes their details and those of their parent/guardian
	Availability of effective communication channels between the nursery and the children's parents/guardians

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The fifth Standard: Environment, Health, and Safety

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Facility safety	All corridors and stairways are safe, accessible, and unobstructed.
	Ensuring the installation of internal and external surveillance cameras while safeguarding children’s privacy
Fire safety measures	The nursery implements periodic fire drills and evacuation exercises as per the standards and protocols set by the relevant authorities
	Availability of a valid certificate meeting fire prevention requirements issued by the Civil Defense Department, along with a clear evacuation map and designated assembly points.
	All emergency exits open outward and are equipped with push bars.
	Availability of safety, emergency, and fire prevention equipment in the nursery
	Availability of early warning and fire extinguishing systems in the nursery
	The building is free of gas cylinders
Health and safety requirements	The nursery implements comprehensive policies and procedures to ensure the health and safety of children at all times.
	Ensuring an adequate number of first aid kits are available within the nursery premises and transportation vehicles
	Guaranteeing that electrical installations in the nursery are safe, well-insulated, and inaccessible to children
	Rooms are free from any unauthorized electrical devices or flammable materials
	The nursery’s commitment to storing cleaning tools and materials in closed, secure places, out of children’s reach
	Documenting visitors’ entry to the nursery according to a specific identity verification procedure.

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Nursery Buses	The nursery's commitment to complying with transportation requirements and regulations in accordance with applicable laws.
	Bus drivers and supervisors hold the necessary permits to operate professionally in compliance with the regulations of each Emirate
	The nursery implements well-defined protocols for the daily tracking of children who use the nursery's transportation services
Nursery clinic	The nursery's clinic is licensed by the competent authorities in the country.
	The nursery's clinic is equipped according to the standards and requirements of the competent authorities in the country.
	Presence of a licensed and specialized nurse during daily working hours.
	Maintaining a medical record for each child and a separate register for critical and special medical cases.
	Recording and documenting all incidents in a designated incident log.
	Availability of a general waste bin, a medical waste bin, and a sharps container for syringes and sharp instruments, each clearly labeled to indicate its content
Indoor and outdoor play areas	Availability of safety and security requirements in both indoor and outdoor play areas
food preparation room/kitchen	Availability of a food preparation room/kitchen in the nursery
	Availability of dining seats for children in the nursery.
	Availability of equipment and tools for storing food and maintaining the required temperature.
	Maintaining hygiene in food preparation areas and the kitchen.
	All staff working in food preparation rooms/kitchen are trained in food safety according to approved regulations.
	All staff working in food preparation areas maintain proper personal hygiene and wear suitable personal protective equipment during work