

Complete Checklist to Open a Beauty Salon in Dubai

Step 1: Decide Your Business Activity

Determine the type of beauty salon (Ladies, Gents, Unisex)

Choose business activities (hair, nails, makeup, spa, specialized services)

Confirm if specialized services require DHA approval

Step 2: Choose Trade Name

Select a unique and compliant trade name

Ensure the name aligns with Dubai's DED or free zone regulations

Check for name availability on DED portal or free zone website

Step 3: Initial Approval / Pre-Approval

Submit application for initial approval with DED or free zone authority

Receive approval to proceed with licensing process

Step 4: Secure and Register Your Location (Ejari)

Find a suitable salon location with high visibility, parking, and foot traffic

Ensure location meets Dubai Municipality regulations (size, ventilation, plumbing)

Register Ejari (mainland) or obtain official lease agreement (free zone)

Gather required documents: tenancy contract, landlord's title deed, passport/visa/Emirates ID copies, DED approval, recent DEWA bill

Step 5: Submit Fit-Out and Layout for Municipality & Civil Defense Approval

Prepare detailed salon layout and fit-out plans

Submit plans to Dubai Municipality (mainland) or free zone authority

Obtain Civil Defense approval for fire safety (mainland) or confirm free zone compliance

Ensure all health, hygiene, and safety standards are met



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Step 6: Apply for Additional Approvals (Specialized Services)

- Identify services requiring special approval
- Submit required documentation to DHA (mainland) or free zone authority & DHA
- Ensure practitioners hold valid professional licenses

Step 7: Apply for the Salon License

- Submit all documents to DED (mainland) or free zone authority
- Include Ejari, fit-out approvals, DHA approvals, business plan, and other trade license documents
- Pay relevant license fees
- Receive official beauty salon license

Step 8: Install Signboard & Obtain Permit

- Design salon signboard according to branding guidelines
- Apply for a signboard permit from Dubai Municipality (mainland) or free zone authority
- Ensure compliance with size, placement, and lighting regulations
- Use licensed contractors for installation

Step 10: Hire Licensed Staff & Secure Employment Visas

- Hire qualified and licensed beauty professionals
- Verify DHA or relevant professional licenses
- Apply for employment visas and labor cards via MOHRE/GDRFA or free zone visa services
- Maintain proper documentation for inspections and insurance

