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Useful Apps for
Your Personal and Professional Everyday Life in Dubai

The United Arab Emirates ("UAE") has been consistently embracing digitalisation over the last years. As a result, the smartphone is an indispensable part of daily life. Apps make it possible to carry out numerous routine tasks as well as dealings with authorities in a time-saving way. In many cases, it is not even possible to submit applications or obtain information without using the relevant app. Below, we explain some of the most important apps that are regularly used in Dubai:

UAE PASS

UAE PASS is the digital identity for citizens, residents and visitors in the UAE. It provides access to various online services of governmental and private-sector providers without the need to create separate accounts. In addition, UAE PASS allows for digitally signing and verifying paperwork, requesting digital versions of official documents, such as the Emirates ID Card, and using these documents when applying for services offered by third parties.

UAEICP

The app of the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs & Port Security (ICP) covers immigration services. For example, users can apply for or renew visas, pay specific fines or renew their Emirates ID Card and update details related to it, such as mobile number and eMail address.

Dubai Police App

The Dubai Police app enables users to handle numerous police-related matters. It complements or replaces a visit to a police station. The app can be used to register minor traffic accidents, report lost and found items and apply for police clearance certificates or loss certificates. Also, users are able to check whether they are involved in pending legal cases or whether they are subject to a travel ban.

Dubai REST

Dubai REST is the Dubai Land Department's app. REST stands for "Real Estate Self Transaction". It offers features for property owners, tenants, real estate agents and potential investors. For example, it serves to check on the legality of a rent increase or to verify a title deed as proof of ownership. The app also facilitates the registration and renewal of tenancy contracts within the Ejari system. Furthermore, users can inquire about recent property transactions and the construction progress of off-plan projects.

DubaiNow

DubaiNow is the all-in-one app for Dubai. It brings together a wide range of services that are otherwise also available through the individual app of authorities and private-sector providers. Among other things, the app allows to pay bills (e.g. from DEWA, du and Etisalat) as well as parking fees. The Salik account can be topped up, driving licences and vehicle registrations renewed and visit visas applied for. It is also possible to use DubaiNow to make enquiries about ongoing court cases and to request certificates, such as one's own credit report.

Do you have questions? – We would be glad to answer them!

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