

**Administrative Resolution No. (39) of 2026**  
**Concerning the**  
**Requirements and Procedures for**  
**Approving or Changing Names of Early Childhood Centres<sup>1</sup>**

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**The Director General of the Knowledge and Human Development Authority in Dubai,**

After perusal of:

Law No. (2) of 2021 Concerning the Knowledge and Human Development Authority in Dubai (the "KHDA");

Executive Council Resolution No. (35) of 2020 Regulating Early Childhood Centres in the Emirate of Dubai and its amendments; and

Executive Council Resolution No. (17) of 2025 Approving the Organisational Structure of the Knowledge and Human Development Authority in Dubai,

**Does hereby issue this Resolution.**

**Definitions**  
**Article (1)**

The words and expressions mentioned in this Resolution have the same meanings respectively assigned to them in the above-mentioned Executive Council Resolution No. (35) of 2020.

**Requirements for the Approval of Centre Names**  
**Article (2)**

The name of a Centre will be approved subject to the following requirements:

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*<sup>1</sup>Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict, the Arabic text will prevail.*

1. The name proposed for the Centre must not be registered, reserved, or similar to the name of another Centre in the UAE.
2. The name of the Centre must not contain any wording that suggests, directly or indirectly, that the Centre is connected with any person who has no actual association with the Centre.
3. The name of the Centre must not contain any wording that may mislead the public.
4. The name of the Centre must not include any of the Names of Allah or the name of any Government Entity, unless the Centre is owned by that entity.
5. The name of the Centre must not include the name or logo of any government or non-government entity from outside the UAE, or imply that the Centre is a branch of any such entity, unless the prior approvals of the KHDA, the concerned entities, and the proprietor of such name or logo have been obtained.
6. The Centre must first obtain the approvals of competent entities before using the name of any country, city, state, province, particular geographical area, existing school, or Curriculum in its name.
7. The name of the Centre must not contain anything that contravenes any of the legislation in force in the UAE, the public order, or the public morals; or that infringes any intellectual property rights.
8. Subject to obtaining the necessary approvals from the concerned entities, the name of a branch of a Centre must be identical to the name of the parent Centre, and must be followed by the word "Branch" or by the name of the geographical area in which that branch will be established.
9. Where the Centre is a branch of an international parent Centre, it must obtain the prior approval of the proposed name from the international Centre.

### **Requirements for Changing Centre Names Article (3)**

In addition to the requirements stipulated in Article (2) of this Resolution, the name of a Centre will be changed subject to the following requirements:

1. The name of the Centre must be changed upon the end of the School Year during which the name change is requested and before the start of the new School Year.
2. The Centre must satisfy all requirements for changing its name as prescribed by the competent Licensing Authority.

## **Procedures for Approving and Changing Centre Names**

### **Article (4)**

In approving or changing the name of a Centre, the following procedures will apply:

1. An application for approval or change of the name of the Centre will be submitted to the KHDA through the electronic system adopted by it for this purpose. The application must be submitted on the form prepared by the KHDA for this purpose, together with the required supporting documents.
2. The KHDA will consider the application, and the documents attached thereto, to verify that the applicant has satisfied all the conditions and requirements and that the application is accompanied by all the relevant documents stipulated in Articles (2) and (3) of this Resolution. The KHDA may request any additional documents, data, or information it deems necessary for considering the application.
3. The KHDA will issue its decision on the application within a period not exceeding six (6) working days from the date on which the applicant is notified that all required data and documents for the approval or change of name have been submitted. The application will be deemed rejected if no decision is issued by the KHDA within this period.
4. Where an application is rejected, the KHDA will notify the applicant of the reasons for rejection. An applicant whose application is rejected may submit a new application after addressing the reasons for rejection.

### **Obligations of Centres**

#### **Article (5)**

Upon the approval of the name of a Centre by the KHDA or upon obtaining its approval for changing that name, the Centre must:

1. display its name, in both Arabic and English, in a prominent place, and ensure that the displayed name is identical to the name approved by the KHDA;
2. use the name approved by the KHDA in all correspondence, publications, advertisements, and official letterhead of the Centre;
3. notify Parents of any change to the name of the Centre;
4. where the name of a Curriculum is to be used in the name of the Centre, meet the academic accreditation requirements prescribed by the KHDA for that Curriculum; and

5. update all records, licences, official documents, signage, and advertisements to reflect the approved name of the Centre.

**Issuing Implementing Instructions  
Article (6)**

The Chief Executive Officer of the Growth and Human Development Sector of the KHDA will issue the instructions required for the implementation of the provisions of this Resolution.

**Publication and Commencement  
Article (7)**

This Resolution will be published in the Official Gazette and will come into force on the day on which it is published.

**Aisha Abdulla Miran**

**Director General**

**Knowledge and Human Development Authority in Dubai**

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