

Decree No. (16) of 2013
Establishing the
Dubai Appreciation Award for Community Service¹

We, Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai,

After perusal of Law No. (3) of 2003 Establishing the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai; and

In order to encourage individuals to serve the community, and honour those who demonstrate social responsibility, strive to build an integrated and vivid community, provide support and assistance to the needy, and contribute to the support of humanitarian and social activities, initiatives and projects that aim to achieve sustainable development,

Do hereby issue this Decree.

Definitions
Article (1)

The following words and expressions, wherever mentioned in this Decree, will have the meaning indicated opposite each of them unless the context implies otherwise:

Emirate:	The Emirate of Dubai.
Ruler:	His Highness the Ruler of Dubai.
Government:	The Government of Dubai.
Executive Council:	The Executive Council of the Emirate.
DAACS:	The Dubai Appreciation Award for Community Service.
Board of Trustees:	The board of trustees of the DAACS.
Secretary General:	The secretary general of the DAACS.

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¹*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.*

DAACS Establishment

Article (2)

A public corporation named the “Dubai Appreciation Award for Community Service” is hereby established. The DAACS will have legal personality and financial and administrative autonomy and the legal capacity required to undertake all acts and dispositions that will ensure the achievement of its objectives. The DAACS will be organised and managed in accordance with the provisions of this Decree and its charter.

Head Office of the DAACS

Article (3)

The head office of the DAACS will be in the city of Dubai.

DAACS Objectives

Article (4)

The DAACS aims at honouring individuals and private companies and corporations providing distinguished service to the community through business initiatives that they provide in the areas of social welfare, healthcare, education and other areas that serve the Emirate community, and aims at creating stability, integration and solidarity amongst community members, thus enhancing a vivid and coherent community, without regard to achieving material profits or personal gains.

DAACS Levels

Article (5)

The DAACS's forms and levels will be determined in accordance with the following hierarchy:

a. DAACS granted to individuals:

1. Community Service Pendant;
2. Community Service Sash;
3. Community Service Badge; and
4. Community Service Medal.

b. The forms and categories of the DAACS granted to private companies and corporations will be determined in the charter that will be approved pursuant to a resolution of the Chairman of the Executive Council.

Board of Trustees Formation
Article (6)

- a. The DAACS will be managed by a Board of Trustees who will be appointed pursuant to a resolution of the Ruler for a renewable period of three (3) years. Members of the Board of Trustees may not exceed eleven (11) including the chairman, the vice chairman and the Secretary General.
- b. The Board of Trustees will convene by invitation from its chairman at least once every three (3) months, and whenever else the need arises. Meetings of the Board of Trustees will be valid if attended by the majority of its members, provided that the chairman or his deputy is in attendance. Resolutions of the board will be passed by a majority vote of attending members, and in the event of a tie, the chair of the meeting will have the casting vote.

Functions of the Board of Trustees
Article (7)

The Board of Trustees is the highest authority overseeing the DAACS, and as such it will:

1. approve the general policy and annual plans of the DAACS in light of its pre-determined objectives;
2. approve the standards and principles that form the basis of selecting winners in the various categories of the DAACS, and submit them to the Executive Council for final approval;
3. approve the charter of the DAACS, and submit it to the Executive Council for final approval;
4. approve the balance sheet and final accounts of the DAACS, and submit them to the competent entities in the Emirate for final approval;
5. propose model designs for the categories of the DAACS, and submit them to the Ruler for approval;
6. determine timings and occasions for granting the DAACS;
7. approve the bylaws regulating the work of the DAACS;
8. form panels and expert work teams as required by the DAACS;
9. prepare the list of candidates for the DAACS, and submit it to the Ruler for approval;
and

10. perform any other functions required for the achievement of the objectives of the DAACS.

Secretary General of the DAACS

Article (8)

The DAACS will have a Secretary General appointed pursuant to a resolution of the Chairman of the Executive Council. The Secretary General will have duties and powers to:

1. prepare the charter of the DAACS, and submit it to the Board of Trustees for approval;
2. draw the general policy of the DAACS, propose annual, implementing and operating plans of such policy, and submit them to the Board of Trustees for approval;
3. propose the draft annual budget, prepare the final accounts of the DAACS, and submit them to the Board of Trustees for approval;
4. propose the bylaws regulating the work of the DAACS and submit them to the Board of Trustees for approval;
5. propose the standards and the principles that form the basis of selecting winners in the various categories of the DAACS, and submit them to the Board of Trustees for approval;
6. represent the DAACS in its relations with third parties;
7. oversee the organisation of the DAACS ceremony for the winners; and
8. perform any other duties assigned by the chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Publication of the DAACS Grant Resolution

Article (9)

The DAACS will be granted pursuant to a resolution of the Ruler, and such resolution will be published in the Official Gazette of the Government.

Entitlement to the DAACS

Article (10)

The DAACS will be granted to individuals and private companies and corporations who meet its eligibility conditions. An entity who has previously been granted the DAACS may be granted a higher DAACS when it meets the requirements.

Ownership of the DAACS Article (11)

- a. The DAACS will be owned by the person to whom it has been granted, and such ownership will be transferred to the legal heirs of that person who may keep it as a souvenir without wearing it.
- b. A DAACS holder or his legal heirs may not dispose of the DAACS or assign it in any form whatsoever whether with or without consideration. A DAACS may not be seized or mortgaged.

Financial Resources of the DAACS Article (12)

The financial resources of the DAACS will comprise:

1. the funds allocated to the DAACS by the Government; and
2. gifts, grants and sponsorships acceptable to the Board of Trustees.

Financial Year of the DAACS Article (13)

The financial year of the DAACS will commence on 1 January and will end on 31 December of each year, except that the first financial year will commence as of the date this Decree comes into force and will end on 31 December of the following year.

Issuing Implementing Bylaws Article (14)

The chairman of the Board of Trustees will issue the bylaws required for implementing the provisions of this Decree.

Publication and Commencement Article (15)

This Decree comes into force on the date on which it is issued, and will be published be published in the Official Gazette.

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Ruler of Dubai

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