

DSC:	The Dubai Statistics Centre.
Licensing Authority:	The commercial licensing authority responsible for licensing economic activities in the Emirate.
Activity:	Conducting Poll Studies for others in the Emirate.
Firm:	A legal person licensed by the DSC and the Licensing Authority to conduct the Activity in the Emirate.
Permit:	A document issued by the DSC authorising a Firm to conduct the Activity in the Emirate.
Poll Study:	Survey of opinions; measurement of trends; and collection of data, information, and statistics on a particular matter during a specific period of time through various direct and indirect techniques and methods.
Surveyor:	A person who surveys opinions and collects information in the course of conducting a Poll Study.
Certificate of Professional Competence:	A certificate issued to a natural person by the DSC, in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution, to confirm that he is competent to perform, and capable of conducting, the Activity.

Conditions for Granting Permits

Article (2)

For a Firm to be issued with a Permit to conduct the Activity in the Emirate, the following conditions must be met:

1. The Firm must hire one or more natural persons holding Certificates of Professional Competence; or undertake to hire a person holding this certificate within thirty (30) days from the date of issue of the Permit.
2. The Firm's main area of business must be relevant to the Activity.
3. The fee prescribed for the conduct of the Activity must be paid.

Certificates of Professional Competence

Article (3)

- a. To be issued with a Certificate of Professional Competence, a natural person must:
 1. hold an academic qualification not lower than a bachelor's degree;
 2. pass the professional competence examination conducted by the DSC; and
 3. pay the prescribed fee.
- b. A Certificate of Professional Competence does not authorise its holder to conduct Poll Studies in his personal capacity.

Obligations of Firms

Article (6)

In addition to the obligations prescribed by the above-mentioned Executive Council Resolution No. (39) of 2015, a Firm must:

1. provide the DSC with the information it requests about the Surveyors working for the Firm and with any change to this information;
2. issue identification cards for the Surveyors working for the Firm;
3. not complete any Poll Study unless the Firm hires a person holding a Certificate of Professional Competence. If that person ceases to work for the Firm for any reason whatsoever, the Firm must, within thirty (30) days, hire another person who holds a Certificate of Professional Competence;
4. qualify and train the Surveyors working for it; raise their awareness of the legal aspects related to Poll Studies; and acquaint them with the professional ethics and recognised principles of the survey work and conduct of the Activity;
5. maintain, for a period of not less than five (5) years, a special register to record the outcomes of the Poll Studies conducted by the Firm; and
6. assign a person working for the Firm and holding a Certificate of Professional Competence the responsibility of ensuring the conduct of Poll Studies in accordance with the relevant recognised scientific methodologies and practices; and qualifying the staff of the Firm, verifying their efficiency, and following up their field work.

Publication and Commencement
Article (2)

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

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