



ICV FAQs

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1. What is the In-Country Value (ICV) certificate?

A certificate which officially documents the financial contribution of a company towards the local UAE economy.

2. What are the economic benefits of the ICV certification?

The UAE aims to diversify the local economy, strengthen supply chains, increase Emiratization in the private sector and transfer technology knowledge to the local companies. The ICV certificate provides a convenient way to identify those companies that can support the delivery of these objectives.

3. Who manages the ICV program?

Abu Dhabi Local Content Program (ADLC), which belongs to the Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development.

4. What are the benefits to a supplier of obtaining an ICV certificate?

The ICV certification is a contributing factor in the financial evaluation of governmental and semi-governmental procurement tenders, therefore giving an advantage to companies holding an ICV certificate.

5. Is the ICV certificate a mandatory or an optional requirement when applying for government and semi-government tenders?

Applying for an ICV certificate is optional for companies wishing to enter procurements in Abu Dhabi Emirate, however during the financial evaluation, their ICV score will be counted as zero (0) in cases where an ICV certificate is not submitted.



6. How do I obtain an ICV certificate?

For more information on obtaining ICV certificates please visit:

- <https://www.adnoc.ae/en/in-country-value/unified-certification-process>
- <https://idb.added.gov.ae/en/icv>

7. How often are companies required to renew their certificate?

Each ICV certificate is valid for a period of 14 months from the date of issuance of the audited financial statements (date of signing the financial statements) or upon the issuance of a new set of financial statements, whichever is earlier.

8. What is the difference between the Unified Certification Process and the implementation programs?

The In-Country Value (ICV) program has been pioneered by ADNOC and implemented in the ADNOC group of companies since early 2018. Since late 2019, the program has expanded to cover different governmental and semi-governmental entities, and was then referred to as the Unified Certification Process. The In-Country Value program consists of two parts, which are ICV certification and ICV Implementation.

- The ICV certification part is unified and aligned between all ICV participating entities. The unified ICV certificate will be considered by all the participating entities. Therefore, companies are only required to obtain one ICV certificate that may be presented to all participating entities.
- The ICV implementation will be unique at each entity level. It represents the way each participating entity will use the certificate in its business activities. Accordingly, the ICV certificate will be considered by each participating entity in accordance with its policy.

9. How can I benefit from the ICV certificate if I'm not applying for any tenders in Emirate of Abu Dhabi?

Principal companies looking to win procurements in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi are more likely to direct their purchases through subcontracts, etc. to companies who obtain an ICV.

10. Are local value-added improvement plans being considered in the bidding process?

Currently, under the Abu Dhabi Local Content Program, there is no ICV improvement plan for the tender process.



11. Is there a specific threshold that we need to reach in order to obtain a certificate?

The score is evaluated based on financial and other statements and there is no minimum score for issuance of the certificate or participation in the tenders.

12. Can companies located in the free zone obtain an ICV certificate?

Yes, free zone companies can obtain an ICV certificate.

13. What is the difference between ICV 3.0 and ICV 2.0?

ICV 3.0 is the standard certificate which will be requested by all participating Abu Dhabi Emirate government entities for their purchases/procurements. ICV 2.0 is the older version of the ICV certificate which was used by ADNOC for their purchases.

14. Can a company located outside Abu Dhabi use its ICV certificate to bid on Abu Dhabi government tenders?

Yes, the certificate can be used by all companies, wherever they are, to participate in government tenders under the Abu Dhabi Local Content Program.

15. Will the tendering process be different from one participating entity to another?

All participating entities will use the unified ICV certificate. However, the way each entity uses the certificate in its tendering process is unique at each entity level.

16. If the company has branches in four emirates, is it possible to obtain one ICV certificate covering all four?

Branches can be combined if they exist in one emirate, and if their activities are identical. As for branches in different emirates, a certificate must be obtained for each license in each emirate.

