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### **CONSULAR NEWSLETTER : JANUARY 2018**

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#### **VAT treatment for selected industries**

We are all getting used to paying VAT if you want a quick reference guide to VAT for selected industries please click [here](#). More information can be found in [this](#) informative article by Watson

#### **New rules for bounced cheques in Dubai**

A new ruling, which came into effect in December 2017, states that non-fraudulent cases involving bounced cheques in Dubai (for amounts under Dh200,000) will be dealt with by way of a fine rather than there being any risk of imprisonment. See more [here](#).

#### **In December 2017 changes were made to the vehicle registration and licensing fees**

See more [here](#)

#### **Remember to move your car after a minor accident or face 500aed**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> December any motorist involved in a minor accident who fails to move the vehicle off the road will be fined 500aed. This also includes cars which have stalled due to mechanical fault or flat tyres. See full report [here](#).

#### **The future of policing?**

Open 24 hours, seven days a week, the new 'smart' police station in City Walk Dubai offers 27 key services such as reporting crimes and traffic incidents as well as a further 33 services offering community services ranging from getting a good-conduct certificate to social support for victims of family violence. Find out more [here](#).

#### **New legislation for expat Wills in Dubai**

While a Memorandum of Understanding had previously been signed between the Dubai Courts and the DIFC Courts regarding the recognition of Wills registered in the DIFC Wills & Probate Registry (WPR), this new legislation will entrench the acceptance of Wills registered through the WPR, and also those that are registered through the Dubai Court system.

The DIFC Wills & Probate Registry (WPR) was created in May 2015 and allows non-Muslims to register Wills for their assets in Dubai. See more [here](#).



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### **Attention all dog lovers – the first dog park in UAE is to open in February in Ras Al Khaimah**

The park will be located in Al Jazeera Al Hamra area at the RAK Animal welfare Centre (RAKAWC) and includes a range of facilities located in a 7,000 square meter area. Click [here](#) for more information but there are off-leash areas, a dog walking path, agility park and even a swimming pool!

### **What you need to know about registering an expat will at the Abu Dhabi Courts**

Since May 2017 non Muslim expats have been able to dictate how they want their assets distributed without Sharia Law being applied. See [here](#) for a guide on how to register your Will.

### **This is a great reminder of the more subtle things we should be aware of living in the UAE**

Find out more [here](#) and share with visiting family and friends.

### **10 tips for driving safely in fog**

Click this [link](#) for a great reminder for us all.

### **Contact Numbers**

British Embassy: Abu Dhabi Tel: 02 610 1100; Dubai Tel: 04 309 4444

### **Gov.uk Website**

The UK's worldwide pages and consular information have moved to the new government's single website Gov.uk. There is [useful information about the UAE](#) on there.

### **Social Media sites**

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