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### **CONSULAR NEWSLETTER : [DATE]**

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#### **UAE suspends good conduct certificate ([The National](#))**

The Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization announced via Twitter that, effective from Sunday April 1st, the UAE would suspend rules requiring good-conduct certificates for new employees, until further notice. The rules were introduced on February 4 and meant anyone moving to the UAE had to present a police document from their home nation to show they had no criminal history or convictions during the last five years. FCO travel advice has been amended accordingly so for more information on this and to see our Living in the UAE Guide click [here](#).

#### **About to leave the UAE for good? ([The National](#))**

For those of you gearing up to leave the UAE this summer here is a helpful article with tips from former residents on how to make your exit as smooth as possible. Please also keep your eyes peeled on @UKinUAE on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for our Checking Out Campaign due to launch this month.

#### **Travelling this summer? Remember to check the passport's validity for you and your family to avoid expensive changes to travel plans or the need for an Emergency Travel Document (ETD)**

Here are a few tips:

- Always check our [Travel Advice](#) for the country you are visiting to check you have sufficient validity remaining on your passport to gain entry
- Do you have children who are in school years FS2/Reception, year 5 and year 10? Your children's passport may need renewing this year as they only last 5 years.
- To apply online go to <https://www.gov.uk/overseas-passports>. For further enquiries contact Passport Advice Line on +44 300 222 0000

#### **Information for friends and relatives - what you need to know before you enter the UAE ([Gulf News](#))**

In the Consular section we see many arrests each year for people who are not aware of what you can and cannot bring into the UAE. This article sets out some of the things that you may find useful to point out to visiting friends or relatives (or even to remind yourself of!)

#### **A new law covering Dubai has banned all volunteering without permission from the authorities ([The National](#))**

Any community organisations or groups will now need permission to carry out all voluntary work following new laws announced by the Dubai Government on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **Dh1,000 fine for drivers in Dubai who occupy electric vehicle parking slots ([Gulf News](#))**

Owners of petrol or diesel-powered vehicles who occupy parking slots clearly earmarked for electric vehicles (EVs) could be given an AED 1,000 fine in Dubai. Dubai is hoping to raise the share of electric vehicle sales to 2 per cent by 2020 and by 10 per cent by 2030.



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**Fines of AED400 for cars changing lanes without signalling** ([Khaleej Times](#))

According to this report 10,766 drivers were given fines of AED 400 between 1st July 2017 and December 2017 – don't let it be one of you!

**Emirates & Etihad cut flights to UK** ([The National](#), [The Insider](#))

Emirates will be reducing flights from Dubai to London Heathrow from 6 per day to 5 per day from April 25 to 22 May, whilst Etihad is stopping its route from Abu Dhabi to Edinburgh from 1st October 2018

**New fee for manual handling of baggage at Dubai airport** ([Gulf News](#))

Passengers flying out of Dubai International Airport will have to pay extra charges for baggage that does not conform to standard size and weight and requires manual handling.

**Ever experienced the stress of thinking you are about to run out of fuel? The solution may be here** ([Gulf News](#))

According to Gulf News, Adnoc are to launch a new service for Abu Dhabi residents to fill up their cars with fuel anytime and anywhere! Sound good?! Click the link above to find out.

**Some tips for the adventurers among you:**

If you fancy exploring all that the UAE and Oman have to offer why not try out one of 6 road trips featured in The National's Lifestyle section ([The National](#))

Abu Dhabi will soon be opening its first inflatable waterpark. Acqua Fun has an inflatable obstacle course over the water on Abu Dhabi's Corniche ([The National](#))

Why not try out the longest zip line on the planet! The 2.83km zip line on Jebal Jais in Ras al Kheimah opened earlier this year. It is suspended 1.680m in the sky and riders can reach speeds of close to 150kph ([Whatson](#))

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