

## New Dubai Construction Permits – Don't work without them

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The last few days has seen new permit requirements imposed on the construction sector as part of the efforts of the Dubai Government to combat COVID-19.

On 04 April new 24 hour movement restrictions were implemented in Dubai for a period of 2 weeks (subject to renewal) and, with limited exceptions, apply to everyone.

These new permit requirements are law and must be followed:

1. From 8 pm on 04 April construction is no longer an unconditional exempt vital sector. Construction businesses must now obtain a permit from Dubai Municipality and the Permanent Committee for Labour Affairs to be exempt from the movement restrictions. Without this permit you cannot carry out work on site or factory.
2. From 05 April it was clarified that businesses that obtain a permit must give their workers a letter stating that their movement to and from work is required for the workers to either show police if stopped or to waive any movement violations.

If you have a permit in place you can continue operations subject to the health and safety directives regarding COVID-19 which include social distancing.

If you do not have a permit you risk fines and prosecution should you continue to operate your business on site and you may be in breach of your contracts.

If you are not given a permit to operate you must now review your contracts and see what notices must be given and ensure that they are given on time.

Importantly in all situations you must keep a detailed record of how these new requirements impact your work.

The situation is fluid so make sure you abide by the latest directive. Remember everyone's safety is paramount.

We can help you with contract reviews, contract administration advice and strategy and drafting notices that must be given.

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