

# New Holiday Homes regulations in Qatar FAQs

In August 2021, Qatar Tourism Authority issued the [Holiday Homes Circular 2021](#) governing the requirements for homeowners to apply for a tourism license, including quality standards, amenities, health and safety, accessibility criteria, code of conduct and environmental sustainability.

Following this Circular, hosts of holiday homes should apply for a Holiday Homes license through the [e-Services portal](#). You can find more information in the [Holiday Homes Classification Manual](#) and [Holiday Homes Self-Assessment Checklist](#) that Qatar Tourism has published on their [website](#).

The below questions have been answered by Qatar Tourism. Should you have any questions, you can reach out to them on [eservicessupport@visitqatar.qa](mailto:eservicessupport@visitqatar.qa)

### 1) How do I apply for a Holiday Homes license?

Visit the Qatar Tourism website for details on how to apply [here](#).

### 2) Where are the touristic areas mentioned in the regulations?

Please find the list below:

1. All-inclusive touristic areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Pearl Region - Qatar</li><li>2. Souq Waqif - Doha</li><li>3. Cultural Village (Katara)</li><li>4. Museum Islamic Art (MIA) Park</li><li>5. Old Wakra Souk</li><li>6. Aspire Zone</li><li>7. Lusail Project</li><li>8. Doha Oasis Project</li><li>9. Al Bidda Park Area</li><li>10. Doha Corniche</li><li>11. Al Khor Corniche</li></ol>
2. Integrated commercial complexes with hotel facilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>12. Qatar Mall</li><li>13. Doha Festival City Project</li><li>14. AlHazzam Mall</li><li>15. Le Vendome Mall project in Lusail area</li><li>16. Villaggio Complex</li><li>17. City Centre Complex</li><li>18. Mall Bin Tawar</li></ol>

### 3) Are any accommodation types able to operate outside of the touristic areas?

Yes, standalone villas.

**4) Will more touristic areas be considered in future?**

There is a high possibility of adding more touristic areas.

**5) The online registration is open for Qatari nationals, GCC nationals and residents only - what does this mean for international property managers planning to manage listings from abroad?**

Currently this cannot be done.

**6) Can any tenant (non-Qatari or non-residents of GCC also) with the authorization of the owner become an operator and operate a Holiday Home unit?**

To be a tenant, the person should have a Qatar Identification Document

**7) How can we differentiate between a home, villa, town house, etc.?**

They are all considered Holiday Homes, please refer to the [Classification Manual](#) for more details.

**8) How does the rating system work?**

Please refer to the "Guest Experience Index" on page 4 of the [Classification Manual](#).

**9) Should a host get a bad rating, can they find out what impacted that rating in order to remedy the situation?**

Please refer to the "Guest Experience Index" on page 4 of the [Classification Manual](#).

**10) How long does it take to get a license?**

The process usually takes between 3 to 5 days.

**11) Do I need to pay government taxes for listing my home commercially?**

No.

**12) Who do I contact if I have any questions?**

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