

International Health Certificate for Cats & Dogs

Regrettably, one size does *not* fit all when it comes to the international health certificate.

The type of health certificate, and the timeline to gain it, will depend on your *country of origin* and whether or not that country has an officially agreed international health certificate in-place with the *UAE Ministry of Climate Change & Environment (MOCCAE)*.

However, what *is* the same, in *all* cases, is that your health certificate **MUST**:

- Be issued or endorsed by an official government/ministry veterinarian in your country of origin;
- Arrive in original with your pet (along with their other original documentation).

What does that actually mean!? Well... your health certificate will fall under one of the following:

1. Officially Agreed Health Certificate with MOCCAE:

If your country of origin has an agreed health certificate in place with the UAE (MOCCAE), it will be either:

- a) One that follows the UAE MOCCAE model (see below link), which must be issued or certified within 24 hours of departure.

NOTE: Air France and Etihad Airways both have their own version of this, with the timeline agreed as 5 days.

http://www.dkc.ae/docs/MOCCAE_Model_of_Veterinary_Health_Certificate_for_Exporting_Cats_and_Dogs_to_the_UAE.pdf

...or...

- b) One that has been officially agreed with the UAE, regardless of the format. This will be available in your country of origin.

2. Countries *WITHOUT* an Agreed Health Certificate in place with MOCCAE:

This will be an international export health certificate, issued by the official government/ministry veterinarian in your country of origin.

This health certificate must contain both an "issue" date and a "validity" date. Government regulations in your locale will determine the process and timeline to gain this.

Also, this international health certificate must be valid at the time of arrival in the UAE. Should no "validity" date be mentioned, the "issue" date must not be earlier than 10 days prior to arrival.

*Whichever type of health certificate context you find yourself in,
your export agent or the relevant government/ministry authority will be able
to provide guidance, including the process involved.*

Additional Points:

- EU Pet Passports: A stamped "Clinical Examination" page is not accepted as an international health certificate.
- The health certificate is not required for the import permit application.