Applying for cabin crew? See how each airline recruits, from its own pages.

This guide covers Emirates, flydubai, Qatar Airways, Etihad Airways and Saudia, and points you to Gulf Air's own vacancies. It tells you what each airline says about its selection steps, what to bring and how to present yourself. The current figures for each airline (age, height or reach, education, test scores), checked by our editors, are here: **https://careermena.com/guides/gulf-cabin-crew-requirements-by-airline/#live-requirements**

Check every posting for these 6 things

1. **Minimum age.**
2. **Height or arm reach.** Some airlines state a height; some state an arm reach measured on tiptoe. Use the airline's own unit.
3. **Education.** A minimum school level or years of education.
4. **Languages.** Fluent written and spoken English is always asked; some airlines count other languages as an advantage.
5. **Nationality rule.** Some roles are for nationals of the airline's country only. Read this line first.
6. **How to apply.** Online only, an open day you walk into, or an invitation-only event after an online application.

If the airline's page does not state one of these, treat it as "not stated". Do not rely on forum figures.

Emirates

How it recruits (Emirates Group Careers): you can walk into an Open Day, or apply online to be selected for an invitation-only event. The recruitment day has three stages: an introduction to the role; an assessment with group activities and an online test at the venue; and a final interview about your motivation and your customer service experience.

What to bring: a valid ID for entry; on your phone, ready to share: an up-to-date CV in English, a copy of your education certificate and a PDF copy of your passport.

Presentation: no visible tattoos while in uniform. The uniform includes the red hat and cream scarf; Emirates states that alternative head coverings are not part of the current uniform, and asks applicants to be comfortable with the uniform and grooming requirements before applying.

Before you join: a self-declaration medical form and a dental form after a dentist visit; Emirates states that these medical costs are yours.

Official page: emiratesgroupcareers.com/cabin-crew/

flydubai

How it recruits (flydubai careers): four steps before the assessment days.

1. Online application: create a candidate profile, upload your CV and documents, answer role questions.
2. Online assessment: psychometric tests on work behaviour, logical thinking, multitasking and verbal reasoning, with practice questions first.
3. Video interview: you record answers to set questions.
4. Review: candidates who meet the criteria are invited to assessment days.

Also on the page: a valid passport; good health and the ability to pass an aero-medical examination; being confident in water with a life jacket; a training bond for the first year (amount on our live page).

Official page: careers.flydubai.com/cabin-cre

Qatar Airways and Etihad

Qatar Airways: its recruitment page lists the essential requirements (including arm reach, years of education, English, health and fitness, and the ability to relocate to Doha) and sends you to careers.qatarairways.com to apply. It does not describe the selection stages; read them on the careers site when you apply.

Etihad Airways: before you attend an event, Etihad asks you to read its Crew Style and Image Guidelines, which set its expectations for

business attire, grooming, visible tattoos, scars and birthmarks.

Official pages: qatarairways.com (Cabin crew recruitment) · careers.etihad.com (Cabin crew requirements)

Saudia and Gulf Air

Saudia: the flight attendant posting asks for these attachments, and states that a missing attachment eliminates the application: CV; a valid Saudi national ID; your official education certificate showing your overall grade (with a Ministry of Education accreditation letter if you studied outside the Kingdom); your official transcript; and an English test certificate (STEP, by Qiyas). Candidates must also pass Saudia's screening assessment.

Gulf Air: read the requirements and steps on the vacancy itself, on Gulf Air's official careers site.

Official pages: careers.saudia.com · Gulf Air's careers site

Before your open day

Tick what you have

- ☐ I meet every stated minimum on the airline's current page, not last year's.
- ☐ A one-page CV in English, with a recent photo only if the airline's form asks for one.
- ☐ Copies of my passport and education certificate, on my phone and printed.

- [ ] I read the airline's grooming or image guidelines, where it publishes them.
- [ ] I registered or applied through the airline's own careers site.

Stay safe

Open days are announced on the airline's own careers page. Anyone who charges a fee to attend, to "guarantee" a place or to process your visa is not the airline. The Emirates Group, for example, states that it never asks applicants for money, and that its official emails come only from @emirates.com and @dnata.com addresses.

Sources

Our editors read these official pages on 10 Nov 2026. If anything differs, the official page is the reference.

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2. Emirates: never asks for money; official email domains https://www.emiratesgroupcareers.com/recruitment-fraud
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