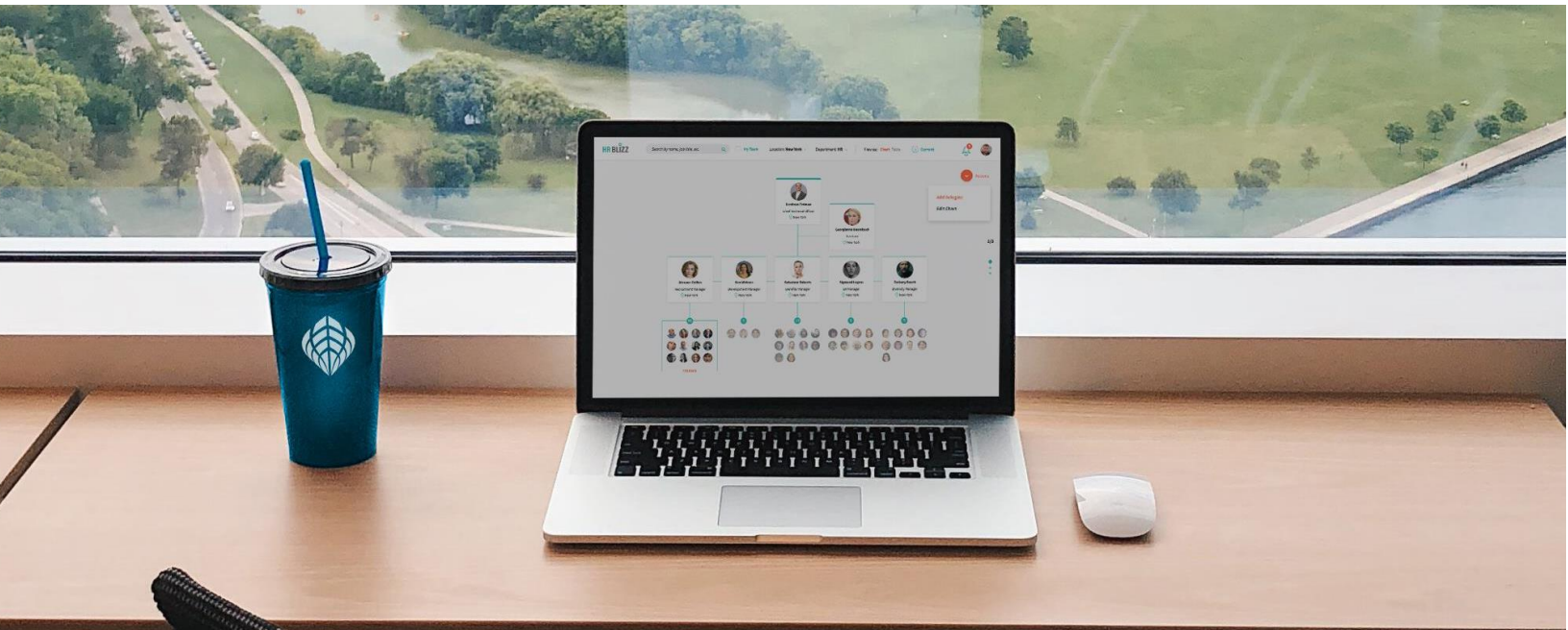




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# Statutory Change Alert

## United Arab Emirates – New Workweek



### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



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# We help you achieve your global ambitions

Thank you for trusting Mercans to outsource your HR and Payroll functions. We propose HR consulting services, actionable solutions, and cost-effective global payroll processing tools to energize your human capital management in real-time and augment your performance. We are dedicated to becoming your business growth facilitator.



## **Global Payroll Solutions – Boost your HR brand and employee satisfaction**

Rationalize your HR budgets, monitor your data, and optimize your global payroll tasks in real-time. Systematize processes and streamline HRM lifecycles with HR Blizz™, our unified SaaS platform, to ensure your employees are paid accurately and on time.



## **PEO/GEO Services – Easily hire, deploy and manage your workforce abroad**

A reliable Professional Employer Organization (PEO), Mercans is your trusted employer of record to globally select, engage, and manage highly qualified personnel on your behalf, through integrated Global Employment Outsourcing (GEO).



## **Global Talent Acquisition – Quickly fill vacancies with only the best candidates**

Mercans supports you in designing/deploying long-term HR strategies and processing full-cycle recruitment. Our ATS Suite Mesar™ and our hiring experts help to screen, select, attract the right candidates for your organization and populate your pipeline of prequalified talents.



## **BPO Services – Reclaim the focus on your core activities to expand your business**

Concentrate on the essentials: outsource non-primary activities and your front- and back-office functions to Mercans. Save the time, money, and energy needed to refine the value chain engagement of your customers and suppliers and increase revenue.



## **HR Management SaaS – Access customizable cloud-based online platforms**

Centralize your HR function on an all-in-one user-friendly and self-service platform. Combined with the expertise of our consultants, the Mesar SaaS offers a built-in applicant tracking system and easy-integration features to improve internal processes.



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## Mercans at a Glance

**160+**

Countries

**20**

Years of Success

**850+**

Payroll and HR Specialists

**8k+**

Clients Worldwide

**97%**

Client Retention Rate

**1.5X**

Annual Revenue Growth

**45k+**

Largest Single Country  
Payroll

**9M+**

Pay Slips per Annum

**0**

Security Breaches

**Number one** for outsourced payroll services, we are endorsed by international authorities.



Mercans has the highest industry quality and IT security certificate





# United Arab Emirates – UAE announces new weekend days for government employees.

The UAE will transition to a four-and-a-half-day workweek from January 1, 2022. This will see government employees get Saturday and Sunday, and Friday half-day as the new weekend.

Many private sector companies are also likely to shift the weekend to Saturday-Sunday for their employees.

## Weekend Duration

The working week will begin on Monday and end on Friday afternoon. The working hours for federal employees are set from 7:30am to 3:30pm with 8.5 working hours per day. On Friday employees will work only 4.5 hours.

In addition, on Friday's employees will be given the option to either commute to work or work from home. Friday prayers will also be held after 1:15pm all year long. The aim of the longer weekends is to boost productivity and improve work life balance making the UAE the first country in the world to have a working week shorter than the global five-day week.

## Economic Alignment

Alongside helping reflect the country's status globally, this economic alignment also helps UAE's financial sector align itself with global real time trading such as driving global stock markets, banks and other financial institutions.

The move will help facilitate stronger business links for local and multinational corporations and help create more trading opportunities as well as provide the general public with flexible and enjoyable lifestyle.



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Please contact your Mercans' services delivery team for any additional information regarding the implications of the above change.

## They already trust Mercans





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## We Simplify Employment Tasks Worldwide

### Everywhere for Everyone

We are a borderless people engagement enabler, driven by technology and innovation. We deliver bespoke human capital management services and global payroll solutions to empower businesses across 110+ countries regardless of their organizations' size and their industry. We pride ourselves on being global people experts with a striking local presence, committed to making your teams happy, and ensuring the consistent and sustainable growth of your organization.

### Local Presence. Regional Strategy. Global Success

Supported by 500+ payroll and HR specialists with in-depth local knowledge, Mercans operate globally. Our pioneering human resources consulting services and trailblazing SaaS platforms are already satisfying 5,000+ international clients, ensuring timely measurable results and bottom-line savings. Thanks to success-oriented teams striving for excellence and taking care of our clients' tasks within budget, we have gained the trust of major multinational companies.

### A Revolutionary Service Delivery System

Say goodbye to third-party service providers, offshore call centers, fragmented data, and endless chains of sub-contracts.

Mercans cloud-based SaaS Products, HR Blizz™ & Mesar™, combine the performance of proprietary technologies with a human touch. Cost-effective, they are fully-compliant self-service tools, packed with smart built-in features for your peace of mind. All your data are integrated into single interfaces accessible from everywhere and on any device.

### Trailblazing Cloud-Based SaaS Products

HR Blizz & Mesar, our Software-as-a-Service platforms, both propose a preconfigured API integration capability with all the major global HRMS platforms, including SuccessFactors, Workday, Oracle HCM, and MS Dynamics. All Mercans systems and processes are GDPR compliant, ISO 9001, 20000, 27001 certified, and SOC 1 and SOC 2 audited. A registered Finpro expert, Mercans is also a member of the Global Payroll Association and the Global Payroll Management Institute.



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