



DEPARTMENT: HOME AFFAIRS

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

APPLICATION FOR A VISA

[Section 1(xlii) of Act 13 of 2002: Regulation 8]

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION

(Please read carefully)

PURPOSE OF A VISA

A visa only enables the holder to proceed to a port of entry before or on the expiry date of the visa, where the holder must comply with the applicable law, regulations and the following requirements of the Republic of South Africa. No fixed travel arrangements must be made prior to the issuing of the visa and five (5) – ten (10) days must be allowed for the processing thereof.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- An acceptable passport / travel document to be valid for no less than 30 days after the expiry of the intended stay and containing at least one unused page when presenting it for endorsements.
- A valid visa, if required.
- Sufficient funds.
- A return / onward ticket.
- Yellow fever certificates are required if the journey starts or entails passing through the yellow fever belt of Africa or South America.

WHERE TO APPLY FOR A VISA

- At the South African diplomatic or consular representative in the applicant's country of normal residence, which includes permanent residence and long-term temporary residence.
- At the South African diplomatic or consular representative in the country of which the applicant validly holds a valid passport.
- At the designated South African diplomatic or consular representative when a mission is not present in the applicant's country of residence.

NB: Applications lodged at a place other than the above may be referred by the consular officer to the above offices which will imply a longer processing time.

- Visas **CANNOT** be applied for at South African ports of entry.

WHAT TO SUBMIT

- Passports must accompany the visa applications when submitted at a South African diplomatic or consular representative.
- Proof of booking of airline ticket.
- 2 Identity photographs.
- Prescribed visa fee, if not exempted thereof.
- Supporting documentation confirming the purpose of the visit.
- Vaccination certificate, if required.

FEES

Nationals of certain countries are subject to visa fees. Fees are levied per application and are not refundable should the application be refused.

PERSONS IN TRANSIT

Persons applying for transit visas must submit proof that they will be admitted to their destinations and they must be in possession of onward / return tickets.

DURATION AND PURPOSE OF STAY

The period of residence in the RSA will be determined from the applicant's date of admission to the Republic in accordance with any conditions that may appear on the visa. On admission, the visa will be deemed to be a visitor's permit. Applicants must ensure that they request the full duration of their intended visits as renewals are subject to additional fees.

Applicants must also ensure that they apply for the correct visa (transit or visitor's) or temporary residence permit reflecting the true purpose of the visit, as any change in the purpose of stay will only be approved in the RSA for good cause and if the requirements of the Act are complied with.

WARNING

Any applicant allowed entry into South Africa due to any misrepresentation, or false declaration on this application form or who sojourns in the Republic in contravention of his / her visa / permit conditions shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment as an illegal foreigner.

(Page 1 and 2 must be detached and retained by the applicant)



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APPLICATION FOR VISA OR TRANSIT VISA
[Section 7 (1) (g) read with sections 10A and 10B;
Regulation 8 (1)]

Failure to complete this application form in full may result in the visa being delayed or refused.
Please use block letters and black ink only.

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

Surname											
First names (in full)											
Maiden name											
Previous surname(s)											
	Y	Y	Y	Y	M	M	D	D			
Date of birth									City of birth		
Country of birth											
Gender	Male		Female								
Nationality								If acquired by naturalisation, state original nationality			
Where and when was present nationality obtained											
Passport/Travel Document Number								Issuing authority			
Type of document: Diplomatic/Official/Ordinary Passport/Travel Document/other (Specify)								Date of expiry			
Permanent residential address											
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Period resident at this address.....	Telephone number(.....) (code) (number)
Country of permanent residence	Period resident in that country

Occupation or profession.....

Name, address and telephone no. of employer, university, organisation, etc. to which you are attached, or that you attend or which you represent

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If self-employed, state name, address, telephone no. and nature of business

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Marital status	Never married		Married		Widowed		Separated		Divorced	
First name(s) of spouse										
Maiden name										
	Y	Y	Y	Y	M	M	D	D		
Date of birth									Nationality.....	

NB: SEPARATE FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED IN RESPECT OF PERSONS OVER THE AGE OF 16 AND CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 TRAVELLING ON THEIR OWN PASSPORTS

Particulars of children endorsed on your passport accompanying you:

Surname	First name(s)	Date of birth	Place of birth
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			

VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA

Expected date of arrival in the Republic YM D

Place of arrival.....

Purpose of visit.....

Duration of stay (months, weeks or days)

Number of entries required

Single	
Multiple	
Two	

Proposed residential address (physical) in the Republic, including the full name(s) of your host or hotel

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Names of organisations or persons you will be contacting during your stay in the Republic:

Name	Address	Relationship
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Identity document number or permanent residence permit number of South African host

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Indicate by means of an X whichever is applicable

Have you at any time applied for a permit to settle permanently in South Africa?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been restricted or refused entry into South Africa?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been deported from or ordered to leave South Africa?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been convicted of any crime in any country?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is a criminal action pending against you in any country?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you an unrehabilitated insolvent?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you suffering from tuberculosis or any other infectious or contagious disease or any mental or physical deficiency?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been judicially declared incompetent?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you a member of, or adherent to an association or organisation advocating the practice of social violence or racial hatred or are you or have you been a member of an organisation or association utilising crime or terrorism to pursue its ends?	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	<input type="checkbox"/>

Give particulars if reply to one or more of the questions above is in the affirmative:

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To be completed by applicants applying for visitor's permits exceeding three months:

In the case of a spouse or dependant minor child of the holder of a permit issued in terms of section 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19 or 22, submission of a marriage certificate or an unabridged birth certificate.

Proof of academic sabbatical, if applicable.

Proof of non-remunerative voluntary or charitable activities to be undertaken, if applicable.

Proof of research to be undertaken, if applicable.

Proof of funds available for subsistence during period of visit.

To be completed by applicants applying for diplomatic, official or courtesy visas:

In the case of an official visit, submission of a note verbale.

In the case of a diplomatic placing in the Republic, proof of such placing.

To be completed only by passengers in transit to another country:

Destination after leaving the Republic.....

Mode of travel to destination.....

Intended date and port of departure from the Republic to that destination

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Do you hold a visa or permit for temporary or permanent residence in the country of your destination? (Proof must be submitted)

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To be completed by persons wishing to work in the Republic

Yes

No

If the answer is yes, please provide details

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I SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE PARTICULARS PROVIDED BY ME ARE TRUE IN SUBSTANCE AND IN FACT AND THAT I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE MEANING THEREOF. I FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DO NOT CONTEMPLATE CHANGING THE PURPOSE OF MY VISIT WHILST IN THE REPUBLIC.

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Signature of applicant

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Date

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Approved/not approved by on

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Type of visa

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Reasons for decision

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PASSPORT HOLDERS WHO ARE EXEMPT FROM VISAS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

The citizen who is a holder of a national passport (diplomatic, official and ordinary) of the foreign countries / territories / international organisations listed below are not required to hold a visa when reporting to an immigration officer for an examination at a South African port of entry, subject to the terms and conditions set out in this list, including *inter alia* the intended period of stay in the Republic.

1. The holder of a national South African passport, travel document and document for travel purposes.
2. The citizen who is a holder of a national passport (diplomatic, official or ordinary) of the following countries / territories / international organisations is not required to hold a visa in respect of purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [diplomatic & official visit] for an intended stay of **90 days** or less and when in transit:

African Union / Unity Laissez Passer

Andorra
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Botswana
Brazil
Canada
Chile
Czech Republic
Denmark
Ecuador
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Iceland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica

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Japan
Liechtenstein
Luxemburg
Malta
Monaco
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Paraguay
Portugal
San Marino
Singapore
Spain
St Vincent & the Grenadines
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom of Great Britain, Northern Ireland, British Islands Bailiwick of Guernsey and Jersey, Isle of Man and Virgin Islands.
Republic of Ireland
British Overseas Territories **who are in possession of British passports** namely: Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, St Helena and Dependencies (Ascension Island, Gough Island and Tristan da Cunha), Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands, the Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the Turks and Caicos Island.

Uruguay
Venezuela
United States of America

3. The citizen who is a holder of a national passport (diplomatic, official and ordinary) of the following countries / territories / international organisations is not required to hold a visa in respect of purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [diplomatic & official visit] for an intended stay of **30 days** or less and when in transit:

Antigua and Barbuda
Barbados
Belize
Benin
Bolivia
Cape Verde
Costa Rica
Cyprus
Gabon
Guyana

Hong Kong [only with regard to holders of Hong Kong British National Overseas passports and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passports]

Hungary

Jordan

Lesotho

Macau [only with regard to holders of Macau Special Administrative Region passports (MSAR)]

Malaysia

Malawi

Maldives

Mauritius

Mozambique

Namibia

Peru

Poland

Seychelles

Slovak Republic

South Korea

Swaziland

Thailand

Turkey

Zambia

Zimbabwe [only in respect of government officials, including police on cross border investigations]

4. Agreements have also been concluded with the following countries for holders of diplomatic and official passport holders.

Citizens who are holders of **diplomatic, official and service passports** of the following countries do not require visas in respect of purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [diplomatic & official visit] for the **period indicated** and transit:

Albania	(120 days)	Madagascar	(30 days)
Algeria	(30 days)	Morocco	(30 days)
Angola	(90 days)	Mozambique	(90 days)
Bulgaria	(90 days)	Paraguay	(120 days)
Cyprus	(90 days)	Poland	(90 days)
Comoros	(90 days)	Romania	(90 days)
Croatia	(90 days)	Rwanda	(30 days)
Egypt	(30 days)	Slovak	(90 days)
Guinea	(90 days)	Slovenia	(120 days)
Hungary	(120 days)	Tanzania	(90 days)
Ivory Coast	(30 days)	Thailand	(90 days)
Kenya	(30 days)	Tunisia	(90 days)
Mexico	(90 days)		

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5. Notwithstanding this Schedule, a foreigner whose visa exemption has been withdrawn shall comply with the visa requirements until notified by the Department that his or her visa exemption has been re-instated by the Department on petition or of its own accord.
6. Visas are not required by passport holders of Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Malawi who are entering the Republic as commercial heavy-duty vehicle drivers provide their visits do not exceed 15 days and on condition that they can produce a letter confirming their employment with a transport company on entry.
7. Staff members of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) who travel on SADC laissez-passers are exempt from visa requirements for bona fide official business visits up to 90 days and transit.
8. The following categories of the UN as well as their spouses, dependent relatives and other members of the households are exempt from visa requirements when visiting the Republic for periods not exceeding 90 days for purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued, and for official business purposes and transits and when accredited for placement at a UN mission in the Republic for the duration of their accreditation, provided they are in possession of the relevant letters or identification documents to identify themselves at ports of entry as personnel of an UN agency.
 - Holders of United Nations Laissez-passers
 - Volunteers attached to the UN
 - Persons involved in any United Nations agency
 - Persons performing services on behalf of the UN
- 9.. Members of military forces attending any military related matters with the South African National Defence Force are exempt from visa and study permit requirements, irrespective of their duration of stay provided they are in possession of letters of invitation from the SANDF as well as letters of consent from the military force of which they are members.
They are also permitted to enter the country without passports.

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THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES FALL WITHIN THE YELLOW FEVER BELT:

AFRICA

Angola	Kenya
Burundi	Liberia
Benin	Mali
Burkina Faso	Niger
Cameroon	Nigeria
Central African Republic	Sao Tome and Principe
Chad	Senegal
Congo	Sierra Leone
Equatorial Guinea	Somalia
Ethiopia	Sudan
Gambia	Rwanda
Gabon	Tanzania
Guinea	Togo
Guinea-Bissau	Uganda
Ghana	Zaire
Ivory Coast	

SOUTH AMERICA

Bolivia	Guyana
Brazil	Panama
Colombia	Peru
Ecuador	Surinam
French Guyana	Venezuela

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