



**SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY - EMBAJADA DE SUDAFRICA**

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**ADMISSION OF PASSPORT / TRAVEL DOCUMENT HOLDERS FROM COUNTRIES / TERRITORIES / INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHO ARE EXEMPT FROM HAVING TO BE IN POSSESSION OF A VALID PORT OF ENTRY / VISITOR'S VISA**

Passport / travel document holders from countries who are exempt from South African visa requirement (see: <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries>) for a specific period and in respect of purposes for which a port of entry visa may be issued e.g. holiday, business meetings or when in transit must meet the following requirements prior to sojourning to the Republic:

1. Be in possession of a machine readable passport valid for no less than thirty (30) days after the intended date of departure from the Republic;
2. The passport / travel document **MUST** have at least one blank pages labelled visas for endorsements;
3. A statement / documentation detailing the purpose and duration of the visit;
4. A valid return / onward ticket;
5. Proof of sufficient financial means which shall be in the form of a recently issued bank certified statement with a minimum balance of equivalent R3 000.00 at current exchange rate; OR an undertaking by a host in South Africa;
6. Proof of accommodation for the full duration of stay in the Republic;
7. If travelling with minors; documentation in respect of the admission and departure of minor children under the age of 18 (*please refer to 'Travelling with Minors Section' for required information*)
8. A yellow fever vaccination certificate; if the journey starts or entails passing through the yellow fever belt of Africa or South America within 14 days prior to arriving in the Republic. Please refer to the yellow fever brief for affected countries.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

1. A visitor's visa for the specific period of exemption may be issued at a South African port of entry in respect of:
  - tourism or visiting family and friends;
  - business meetings;
  - attending conferences, seminars or sports events;
  - medical treatment;
  - study, academic sabbaticals, research activities;
  - voluntary or charitable activities;
  - spouse to join a spouse who is in South African on a work or study visa
  - children to join parents who are in South Africa on a work or study visa
  - to work in film / modelling industry
2. **ALL** foreign nationals (*whether you are visa exempt or not*) who intend conducting work in the Republic of South Africa for a period up to ninety (90) days, including, but not limited to, technicians, journalists and film crews, must submit a completed application for **authorisation to conduct work on a visitor's visa in terms of Section 11(2)**.
3. Non-machine readable / handwritten and manually extended passports are not accepted for entry.



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4. In terms of Immigration Regulation 11(5), a person, other than a resident from a country with which the Republic of South Africa shares a border (Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique), who is in possession of a visitor's visa issued on the basis of being exempt from South African visa control, shall upon his or her re-admission to the Republic, be admitted on the same visa, and where such visa has expired, may be admitted on a new visa valid for a period not exceeding seven (7) days: Provided that where that foreigner arrives at a port of entry from his or her country of residence, the new visa may be issued for a period not exceeding the period attached to the visa exemption.
  
5. The Immigration Act, as amended, makes provision for an application for a once-off renewal / extension of a visitor's visa for a further period, subject to the decision by the Department of Home Affairs. For renewal and extension of existing visas please refer to <http://www.vfsglobal.com/dha/southafrica/visitor-visa-section-holiday.html> for requirements and timeframes.