



SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY - EMBAJADA DE SUDAFRICA

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APPLICATION FOR A PORT OF ENTRY VISA / VISITOR VISA: SECTION 11(1)

Foreigners who are not exempt from South African visa requirements are subject to visa control and must therefore apply for and be issued with port of entry visas at a South African Mission abroad, before proceeding to the Republic of South Africa. A port of entry visa is issued for a period **not exceeding ninety (90) days** and authorizes the holder to proceed to the Republic of South Africa to report to an immigration officer at a South African port of entry for the purpose of:

1. holiday or visiting family and friends
2. business meetings
3. attending conferences, seminars or sports events

Refer to the following link for countries exempt from South African Visas (*subject to change without notice*)

<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries>

VISA FEES

- Visa fees are subject to change annually.
- Consult with the Embassy the corresponding tariff according to the type of visa

PROCESSING TIME

- 5 – 10 Working Days

RENEWAL OR EXTENSION OF CURRENT VISA

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, while in the Republic, refer to

<https://www.vfsglobal.com/dha/southafrica/visitor-visa-section-holiday.html> for requirements and timeframes.

The Embassy does not renew or extend visas therefore each application will be treated as a new application and all supporting documentation must be submitted.

PLEASE NOTE: No person holding a visitor's visa may apply for a change of status to his or her visa while in the Republic, unless under exceptional circumstances set out below:

- is in need of emergency lifesaving medical treatment for longer than three months;
- is an accompanying spouse or child of a holder of a business or work visa, who wishes to apply for a study or work visa;
- be that the holder's continued stay in the Republic is required for any purpose related to a criminal trial in the Republic: Provided that such application shall be initiated by the relevant Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions and addressed to the Director-General.
- **Only** foreign spouses and children of South African citizens or permanent resident holders can apply to change their status or the conditions attached to their visas from within the Republic **without the need to first apply for a waiver.**

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(it is recommended that you pay careful attention to the general visa information for additional information on requirements)

1.	Original machine readable Passport or Travel Document - Valid for thirty (30) days after intended date of departure from the Republic of South Africa - Passports must have at least two (2) blank pages for endorsements - Original/copy of second passport, if the applicant holds one, should also be presented - Copies of previous visas / entry stamps of visits to the Republic of South Africa - Manually or electronically extended passports will not be accepted.
2.	Photographs 2 (two) 4x4 cm passport photographs, white background and applicant facing the camera
3.	Visa Application Form - Fully completed DHA-84 Form 11 in black ink with BLOCK letters (<i>to be downloaded from the website prior to appointment for submission</i>) - Questions to be answered in English – questions that don't apply may be completed with N/A - The applicant must complete his / her full name, sign and date the declaration on page 133; an undesirable person would not qualify for a visa or admission into the Republic for a period of at least 12 months
4.	Non-Argentine; Paraguay and Uruguay Nationals Proof of residential status in the form of a long term residence visa / D.N.I. (original and copy)
5.	A statement or documentation confirming the purpose and duration of the visit - The statement or documentation must be in English, dated and signed. - The starting and ending dates in the statement or documentation must correspond with the flight itinerary and information completed on the application form. - In respect of business meetings, a signed and dated letter on the letterhead of the South African company / organisation and from the applicant's employer abroad. - Where the applicant is attending an activity or event, a signed and dated letter on the letterhead of the South African organisation under whose control the activity or event will take place, confirming such attendance and whether or not the foreigner will be remunerated, and if remunerated, the amount of the remuneration. PLEASE NOTE: Port of entry visas are usually issued for a single entry into the Republic. Applicants who intend entering the Republic more than once must provide a written motivation in the form of a letter in English; provide proof of planned visits i.e. flight and hotel reservations clearly indicating the dates of travel and intended date of return to the Republic.
6.	Proof of accommodation - Confirmation from the institution that they will provide accommodation for the applicant for the duration of their stay; OR - Proof of hotel accommodation stating the name of the applicant and full hotel details for the duration of the stay, OR - Organised tour itinerary with a list of hotels; OR For foreign nationals being hosted by a South African Citizen or Permanent Resident: A written undertaking, supported by proof of residence; certified copies of the identity document / permanent residence permit / passport and valid visa, by a South African citizen or permanent resident that he or she will be hosting the applicant and accepting responsibility for the costs related to the maintenance and deportation of the applicant from the Republic; OR



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	- In the case of private accommodation (including private rental apartments / houses; booking via Airbnb,)), a letter of invitation from the host confirming the length of stay; residential address and contact details. - Additional information to be provided for private accommodation: - certified copy of the hosts identity document or proof of residency status in RSA; and - recent utility account
7.	Proof of sufficient available financial means to cover living expenses while in the Republic 3 months' bank statements (not older than 2 weeks at time of submission) with transactions OR - Cash available to the applicant i.e. credit card statement indicating available balance and limit, with transactions. OR - If the applicant holds a corporate credit card from his or her employer, then a copy of the card and statements from the last three (3) months reflecting the transactions and the credit limit may be submitted. PLEASE NOTE: ➤ ALL bank statements must be stamped by the bank or accompanied by a verification letter from the bank confirming the account holder and funds available; ➤ The minimum sufficient available funds is R3000.00 per person per month for the length of stay of the visa at the current exchange rate ➤ Salary advices and company undertakings to cover the costs are NOT accepted as proof of sufficient available financial means
8.	Provisional return flight reservation or itinerary in the name of the applicant PLEASE NOTE: The Embassy will not be held liable for costs incurred due to change of flight bookings on confirmed tickets if the visa is not finalized prior to the indicated date of departure
9.	Original yellow fever vaccination certificate - Required if the applicant travelled or intends travelling from or transiting through a yellow fever endemic area - Vaccination must be administered ten (10) days prior to date of departure
10.	Documentation in respect of minor children under the age of 18 travelling alone: - unabridged birth certificate of the child authenticated by means of an apostille and, where applicable, translated into English by a sworn translator; - certified copies of both parents' passports / identity document; - proof of consent from one or both parents or legal guardian, as the case may be, in the form of a signed letter and dated. Contact details of the parents or legal guardian to be stated; - a letter of confirmation from the person who is to receive the child in the Republic, containing his or her residential address in the Republic where the child will be residing; <i>if applicable</i> - a certified copy of the identity document or valid passport and visa or permanent residence permit of the person who is to receive the child in the Republic; <i>if applicable</i> Additional documents will be required on a case-to-case bases when either of the parents is unable to sign
11.	Proof of payment Must be paid by local bank transfer on the day of the appointment. The Embassy reserves the right to reject any application that does not satisfy its requirements.

GENERAL VISA INFORMATION



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1. Argentine; Uruguay and Paraguay Passport Holders are visa exempt for 90 days when travelling to South Africa in respect of purposes for which a port of entry visa may be issued. Please refer to the Visa Exempt List for the complete list of countries who are exempt from obtaining South African visas and for the period of exemption <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries>
2. Submission of applications is by appointment only and must be submitted **in person**.
3. **Machine readable** passports / travel documents which have been **manually / electronically** extended will **NOT be** accepted.
4. **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)**.
5. **Birth Certificate** means any birth record of a child issued by the relevant authority indicating the full names, surname and the date of birth, including the names and surname(s) of the parent(s) of such a child.
6. **All non-South African public documents** (i.e. birth; marriage; death certificates; divorce decree; court orders, foreign police clearance certificates etc.) must be authenticated by means of an apostille by the issuing authority and officially translated into English by a sworn translator, with further legalization at the Board of Translators at the expense of the applicant.
7. **Where applicable**, please only submit certified copies of official documents (e.g. birth, marriage certificates etc).
8. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

For an application to be considered complete, application forms must be fully completed (areas that are not applicable to the applicant must be indicated with N/A); all couples and families applying together must provide complete sets of required documents for **EACH** applicant. This includes copies of bank statements, flight tickets, accommodation, marriage certificate certified copies (where applicable), etc.

- All copies of ID/Passport/Residence permit of host in South Africa must be certified copies – that is, certified by the Police in South Africa or a Commissioner of Oaths;
- Invitation letter from host in South Africa must be signed and dated;
- All bank statements must be stamped by the bank or accompanied by a separate letter from the bank verifying the account, name and address of the client.

Applicants who submit incomplete applications risk their applications being refused!

9. **Accompanying spouse and dependent children** of the main applicant who is the holder of a visa issued in terms of section 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 22 of the Act may be issued with a visitor's visa exceeding 3 months; however, it is recommended that dependent children of school-going age accompanying the main applicant apply for a study visa.
10. **Proof of sufficient available financial resources** refers to funds available to the applicant in order to sustain themselves whilst in the Republic. Please note that for family's and couples the amount stipulated is for per person per month. Copies of salary slips / employer's undertaking is **not accepted** as proof of sufficient available financial resources.

The requirement is:

- a. R3000.00 for all short stay visa applications (i.e. not exceeding three months)
- b. R8500.00 for long stay visa applications including accompanying dependents
- c. **Volunteer Visas:** R3000.00 per month for the length of stay for e.g. if the length of the visa is for 6 months the proof of available funds is R18 000. Financial undertaking by the institution is not accepted.

NOTE: The amounts indicated above is applicable to per person per month for the length of the visa. A financial undertaking or support by a foreigner (parents/ spouse of an applicant who is not a South African citizen) is no longer recognized in terms of the South African Immigration Regulations.

11. **Provisional flight reservations:**



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- a. **No fixed flight arrangements** should be made until the visa has been attained.
 - b. All applicants travelling to the Republic for less than twelve (12) months must hold a valid return ticket when presenting themselves to the Immigration Officer at the ports of entry.
 - c. Entry will only be permitted on a one-way flight ticket, where applicants are in possession of a valid Temporary Residence Permit issued for 12 months or longer, a Permanent Residence Permit or an appropriate visa.
12. **Yellow fever certificates** are required 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. Yellow fever vaccinations **must** be administered **10 days** prior to date of travel, or you will run the risk of being denied boarding by the airline. As of 11 July 2016, all existing and new vaccinations validity is considered as lifelong.
 13. Applicants should be aware that all decisions regarding the issuance of, number of entries and duration of a visa are at the sole discretion of the Embassy, and it is not guaranteed that the Embassy will grant your request.
 14. All application forms filled by hand must be original and completed in black ink in BLOCK letters. Scanned copies of application forms will not be accepted.
 15. Applicants who are unable to collect their passports in person must provide a letter of authorisation to the Embassy to release the passport to their nominated representative. The letter must be signed; dated and accompanied by a certified copy of the collecting person's D.N.I / Passport.
 16. The Embassy **does not** accept applications for the renewal or extension of an existing visa. Each visa application will be treated as a new application and as such required supporting documentation must be submitted as if applying for the first time.