



PORT OF ENTRY VISAS AND VISITOR'S VISAS – I.R.O FOREIGN NATIONALS INVOLVED IN THE COMMERCIAL STILLS AND FILM PRODUCING INDUSTRY

Port of entry visas and visitor's visas will be issued to foreign nationals travelling to the Republic that are involved in the commercial stills and film producing industry.

As some persons do not travel to South Africa for purposes of work, but rather to conduct an oversight role / function involving mere presence on the set of production; applicants have been categorised as follows:

1. Oversight travellers – to conduct oversight functions on a commercial production set
2. Specialist travellers – to conduct work for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days related to the film industry e.g. actors, models, hairstylists, make-up specialists, cameraman, directors, etc.
3. Specialist travellers – to conduct work for a period exceeding ninety (90) days up to three (3) years related to the film industry e.g. actors, models, hairstylists, make-up specialists, cameraman, directors, etc.

PROCESSING TIME

- 5 Working Days

VISA FEES

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

RENEWAL OR EXTENSION OF CURRENT VISA

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 the 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.**



THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY EACH APPLICANT (NOTE: Please pay careful attention to the general visa information for additional information on requirements)

‘OVERSIGHT TRAVELLERS’ FOREIGN NATIONALS EXEMPT FROM SOUTH AFRICAN VISAS	
Visa Type: Section 11(1)(a) of the Immigration Act 2002 (Act No 13 of 2002) – Visitor’s Visa not exceeding 90 days	
Passport / travel document holders who are exempt from South African visa requirements (<i>please refer to the complete list of countries who are exempt from obtaining South African visas and for the period of exemption</i>), and who are classified as ‘Oversight Travellers’ do not have to apply for a visa prior to travelling to the Republic of South Africa.	
Documents required to present at the port of entry in South Africa:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Valid passport / travel document with one (1 blank page valid for 30 days after expected date of departure from the Republic. Manually or electronically extended passports will not be accepted 2. Letter from the Commercial Producers Association (CPA) or a similar bona fide organization 3. Valid original yellow fever vaccination certificate 4. Valid confirmed return / onward ticket (<i>provisional reservations will not be accepted</i>) 	
Immigration Officials at the ports of entry will endorse the passports of visa-exempt nationals with a Visitor’s Visa, when producing a letter from the Commercial Producers Association (CPA) or a similar bona fide organization.	
‘OVERSIGHT TRAVELLERS’ FOREIGN NATIONALS SUBJECT TO SOUTH AFRICAN VISAS	
Visa Type: Section 11(1)(a) of the Immigration Act 2002 (Act No 13 of 2002) – Visitor’s Visa not exceeding 90 days	
Foreign nationals who are classified as ‘Oversight Travellers’ and are subject to obtaining South African visas prior to travelling to the Republic must apply for a visa at a foreign mission of the Republic of South Africa prior to departure and submit the following documents:	
a.	Original machine readable Passport or Travel Document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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 • Copies of the second passport <i>if applicable</i> • Manually or electronically extended passports will not be accepted
b.	Photographs 2 (two) 4x4 cm passport photographs, white background and applicant facing the camera
c.	Visa Application Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully completed DHA-84 Form 11 in black ink with BLOCK letters • 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
d.	Non-Argentine; Paraguay and Uruguay Nationals Proof of permanent residential status in the form of a long term residence visa / D.N.I. (original and copy)
e.	Valid return flight booking or itinerary in the name of the applicant

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	<p>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</p>
f.	<p>Original yellow fever vaccination certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• Please refer to yellow fever brief for countries in the yellow fever belt
g.	<p>Documentation confirming the purpose and duration of the visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A valid letter from the Commercial Producers Association (CPA) or a similar bona fide organisation outlining among other things, confirmation of purpose of visit i.e. to visit and do work on a film shoot or modelling project as, actor, cameramen etc. specifying duration of visit and related undertakings <p>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 proof of planned visits i.e. flight reservations clearly indicating the dates of travel and intended date of return to the Republic.</p>
h.	<p>Proof of sufficient available financial means to cover living expenses while in the Republic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foreigners who provide a valid letter from the Commercial Producers Association (CPA) or similar bona fide organization need not provide proof of financial means while in the Republic
i.	<p>Proof of accommodation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foreigners who provide a valid letter from the Commercial Producers Association (CPA) or similar bona fide organization need not provide proof of accommodation while in the Republic if indicated on the confirmation letter.• Where accommodation is not provided:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Proof of hotel accommodation stating the name of the applicant and full hotel details for the duration of the stay, OR○ 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:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ certified copy of the hosts identity document or proof of residency status in RSA; and▪ recent utility account
j.	<p>Proof of payment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be paid for in cash at the Embassy when applying <p>PLEASE NOTE: The non-refundable application (administrative) fee must be in Argentinian Pesos. The Embassy reserves the right to reject any application that does not satisfy its requirements.</p>



ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED FOR ACCOMPANYING DEPENDENTS (IF APPLICABLE)	
1.	<p>Documentation in respect of a spousal relationship with a South African citizen or permanent resident permit holder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marriage certificate or in the case of a foreign spousal relationship, proof of official recognition thereof issued by the authorities of the foreign country <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanent homosexual or heterosexual relationships: (i) A notarial agreement signed by both parties; (ii) an affidavit on Part A of Form 12 where a spousal relationship to a South African citizen or permanent resident is applicable; (iii) as well as documentation proving cohabitation and the extent to which the related financial responsibilities are shared by the parties. <i>Refer to General Visa Information for further information;</i> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proof of a union recognised in terms of the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act, 1998 (Act No. 120 of 1998), where applicable. <p>PLEASE NOTE: All official documents must be apostilled by the issuing authorities and translated into English by a sworn translator if applicable</p>
2.	<p>Documentation in respect of dependents accompanying the applicant to or joining the applicant in the Republic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unabridged birth certificate of the child authenticated by means of an apostille and 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> <p>Additional documents will be required on a case-to-case bases when either of the parents is unable to sign</p>
3.	<p>Additional documentation where applicable (<i>authenticated by means of an apostille and translated to English by a sworn translator</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Divorce decree• Death certificate of late spouse• Legal separation order



‘SPECIALIST TRAVELLER’

Visa Type: Section 11.2 of the Immigration Act 2002 (Act No 13 of 2002) – Authorization to conduct work on a visitor’s visa for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days.

ALL foreign nationals who intend conducting work as a ‘Specialist Traveller’ in the Republic of South Africa for a period up to ninety (90) days, must submit a complete application for **authorisation to conduct work on the visitor’s visa in terms of Section 11(2) of the Immigration Act, as amended**, at a foreign mission of the Republic of South Africa prior to travelling to the Republic.

Documents to be submitted:

1.	Original machine readable Passport or Travel Document <ul style="list-style-type: none">Valid for thirty (30) days after intended date of departure from the Republic of South AfricaPassports must have at least two (2) blank pages for endorsementsOriginal second passport, if the applicant holds one, should also be presentedCopies of previous visas / entry stamps of visits to the Republic of South AfricaCopies of the second passport <i>if applicable</i>Manually or electronically extended passports will not be accepted
2.	Photographs <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 (two) 4x4 cm passport photographs, white background and applicant facing the camera
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4.	Non-Argentine; Paraguay and Uruguay Nationals <ul style="list-style-type: none">Proof of permanent residential status in the form of a long term residence visa / D.N.I. (original and copy)
5.	Documentation confirming the purpose and duration of the visit <ul style="list-style-type: none">A valid letter from the Commercial Producers Association (CPA) or a similar bona fide organisation outlining among other things, confirmation of purpose of visit i.e. to visit and do work on a film shoot or modelling project as, actor, cameramen etc. specifying duration of visit and related undertakings <p>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 proof of planned visits i.e. flight reservations clearly indicating the dates of travel and intended date of return to the Republic.</p>
6.	Proof of sufficient available financial means to cover living expenses while in the Republic <ul style="list-style-type: none">Foreigners who provide a valid letter from the Commercial Producers Association (CPA) or similar bona fide organization need not provide proof of financial means whilst in the Republic
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	<p>contact details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additional information to be provided for private accommodation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ certified copy of the hosts identity document or proof of residency status in RSA; and ▪ recent utility account
8.	<p>Valid return flight booking or itinerary in the name of the applicant</p> <p>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</p>
9.	<p>Original yellow fever vaccination certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<p>Proof of payment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be paid for in cash at the Embassy when applying <p>PLEASE NOTE: The non-refundable application (administrative) fee must be in Argentinian Pesos. The Embassy reserves the right to reject any application that does not satisfy its requirements.</p>

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‘SPECIALIST TRAVELLER’

Visa Type: Section 11(1)(b)(iv) of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No 13 of 2002) – Work visa longer than ninety (90) days but not exceeding three (3) years

ALL foreign nationals who intend conducting work as a ‘Specialist Traveller’ in the Republic of South Africa for a period exceeding three (3) months, must submit a complete visitor’s visa application before proceeding to the Republic of South Africa.

1. Refer to Visitor’s Visa Section 11(1)(b)(iv) for application requirements.



GENERAL VISA INFORMATION

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 are 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. **Internships:** The Immigration Act, as amended, makes no provisions for foreigners to undertake internships at companies and organisations in the Republic of South Africa, **a visitor's visa issued in terms of section 11(2) may not** be issued to such foreigners, including foreign students whose studies prescribe an internship. Foreign nationals intending to undertake internships must apply for a general work permit.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **Where applicable**, please only submit certified copies of official documents (e.g. birth, marriage certificates etc).
9. **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), medical reports (where applicable) and radiological reports (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!

10. **All** medical reports, radiological reports and police clearance certificates must be dated and issued not older than six months at the time of application. Out-dated documents will strictly not be accepted
11. **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.
12. **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.

13. Permanent homosexual or heterosexual relationships:

1. An applicant for a visa in terms of the Act who asserts in his or her application to be a spouse, as defined in paragraph (b) of the definition of spouse in section 1 of the Act, must prove to the satisfaction of the Director-General that he or she is a spouse to a citizen or permanent residence permit holder in the manner set out in subregulation (2).
2. An applicant contemplated in subregulation (1) must submit—
 - a. notarial agreement signed by both parties attesting that—
 - i. the permanent homosexual or heterosexual relationship has existed for at least two years before the date of application for a relevant visa and that the relationship still exists to the exclusion of any other person; and
 - ii. neither of the parties is a spouse in an existing marriage or a permanent homosexual or heterosexual relationship with any other person;
 - b. an affidavit on Part A of Form 12, confirming the continued existence of the permanent homosexual or heterosexual relationship;
 - c. in the case where such a party was a spouse in a previous marriage, any official documents that prove the dissolution of such marriage either by divorce or the death of the other spouse;
 - d. documentation to prove—
 - i. the financial support the partners provide to each other; and
 - ii. the extent to which the financial and other related responsibilities are shared by the applicant and his or her spouse; and
 - e. where applicable, in the case of a permanent homosexual or heterosexual relationship concluded between two foreigners in a foreign country, an official recognition of the relationship issued by the relevant authorities of the country concerned.
3. Both partners to a permanent homosexual or heterosexual relationship may be interviewed separately, on the same date and time, to determine the authenticity of the existence of their relationship.
4. An applicant contemplated in subregulation (1) who has been issued with a visa must, after a period of two years from the date of issuing of that visa, inform the Director-General whether or not the permanent homosexual or heterosexual relationship still exists by submitting to the Director-General an affidavit on Part B of Form 12 illustrated in Annexure A.
5. An applicant contemplated in subregulation (1) who has been granted a visa on the basis of the permanent homosexual or heterosexual relationship must immediately inform the Director-General when his or her relationship ceases to exist.
6. The Director-General may, upon receipt of the information contemplated in subregulation (5), withdraw the visa issued on the basis of the existence of a permanent homosexual or heterosexual relationship.
7. Whenever it appears to the Director-General that a visa was acquired through error, misrepresentation or fraud, he or she shall withdraw the visa and, where applicable cause, criminal charges to be laid against all parties implicated in the misrepresentation or fraud.

14. Provisional flight reservations:

- a. **No fixed flight arrangements** should be made until the visa has been attained.



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- 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.
15. **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.
 16. 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.
 17. 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.
 18. In the case of inconsistencies and / or incomplete information, our office reserves the right to request the applicant to submit additional documentation to substantiate the visa application.
 19. 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.
 20. 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.