

VISA REQUIREMENTS

1. An acceptable passport/travel document to be valid for no less than 30 days after the expiry of the intended stay.
2. Passport must contain at least 2 unused pages for entry/departure endorsements.
3. Visa application form BI-84 <http://home-affairs.pwv.gov.za/documents/bi-84.pdf> Failure to complete the visa application form in full may result in the visa being delayed or refused. The form must be completed in black ink and sent or delivered to be Embassy.
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5. Payment of the prescribed visa fee of **EUR 51**, if applicable (see Countries exempt from visa control). http://home-affairs.pwv.gov.za/visa_schedule.asp .If the applicant prefers to pay the visa fee into the Embassy's bank account (**Nordea Bank 182030-25809, SWIFT Code NDEAFIHH, IBAN Code FI41 1820 3000 0258 09**), the applicant should pay extra bank charges to both the local bank as well as to the Finnish bank. When paying the fees by international bank cheque, an extra bank charge of EUR 10 must be added. Please note that the visa processing period is longer with bank payments as the visa will only be issued after receipt of the full amount, i.e. the payment must show on the Embassy's Bank Statement, before the visa can be issued. When an applicant is making use of a bank payment, it must be paid and applied for well in advance. Bank payments can take up to ten working days. Fees are levied per application and are not refundable should the application be refused.
6. Yellow fever certificates are required if the journey starts or entails passing through the yellow fever belt of Africa or South America.
7. Proof of financial means in the form of:
 - bank statements;
 - salary advices;
 - undertaking(s) by the host(s) in the Republic;
 - bursaries;
 - medical cover;
 - or cash available, including credit cards or travellers' cheques to cover the living expenses during the sojourn in the Republic.
8. Proof of booking of airline ticket

PROCESSING PERIOD

Processing period of a visa to South Africa is at least one week plus the possible mailing time.

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 under item 28 in the visa application form 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 the visa 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.

CHILDREN

Separate visa application 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 accompanying the applicant and endorsed on the applicant's passport should be mentioned in item 24 in the visa application form.

BUSINESS VISITS

If a visa is applied for the purpose of attending to business matters, a letter of invitation from the South African company to be visited must accompany the application, as well as a letter from the company which the applicant represents.

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.

COLLECTING/DISPATCHING OF THE VISA/PASSPORT

The applicant is responsible to take care of the collecting/dispatching of the ready visa/passport. On receipt of the visa application form, the Embassy must be informed of the arrangements that have been made in order to be able to deliver the visa/passport back to the applicant (e.g. through a travel agency, a courier service or by registered mail).

Should you need any more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Consular Section:

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