



**THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
VISA INFORMATION PACK**

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Where can I apply for a visa to South Africa?

Consulates are places where visitors can apply for visas to South Africa. There are also a way to apply for a visa by online E-Visa system which is only eligible in 14 countries.

- South Africa's immigration policy specifies that nationals of certain nations do not need a visa to visit the country for short periods of time. According to South Africa immigration laws, all other international travelers must get a visa before leaving their home country to enter South Africa. A visa obtained through a South African diplomatic office, or an E-Visa obtained through a simple online application could be used.
- Please keep in mind that there is a fee for issuing a visa, which is updated annually. The cost can be paid in a variety of currencies and countries. For fee information, please contact the consulate.

Types of Visitor's Visas

Visas for medical treatment

Visas for working in the entertainment industry

Visas for attending a conference

Visas for compliance of Treaty conditions

Visas for crew (maritime)

Visas for cultural / economic / social exchange programs

Transit Visas

Types of Temporary Residence Visas

Business Visa

Work Visa

Corporate Visa

Study Visa

Exchange Visa

Retired Person's Visa

Relative's Visa

Medical Treatment Visa

! **Important Note:** To see more information about types of visas, please [click here](#).

2. VISA EXEMPTION

- *Some countries are exempt from visa requirement for a certain number of days*, which implies that residents from those countries do not require a visa to visit the South Africa. Visas are not issued at South African ports of entry, and airline staff must require visas before boarding passengers.
- *Turkish citizens are exempt from visas for a period of 30-days*. Applications from the Republics of Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan are accepted at Embassies in Turkiye.

! **Important Note:** To see which countries and regions are **exempt** from a visa, please [click here](#).

3. VISITOR'S VISA

- May be issued to a foreigner who intends to visit South Africa for holiday purposes, business meetings, to attend conferences or sport events, academic sabbaticals, voluntary or philanthropic endeavors, research purposes and entertainers.
 - Visitor's visas are for international travelers, (citizens of other countries) *who have permanent residence outside the Republic of South Africa and who wish to go to the country on a temporary basis for tourism or business purposes.*
 - Please do not forget that Turkish citizens have 30-day visa exempt for visiting The Republic of South Africa.
- ! **Important Note:** The requirements may change depends on your purpose to visit. Please [click here](#) to get more information about Visitor's Visa and required documentation.

REQUIREMENTS (Visitor's Visa For Holidays)

1. Complete application form
2. Fee to be deposited into the Embassy
3. Two passport size photos
4. Passport *valid for no less than 30 days after the expiry* of intended visit
5. At least two unused pages when presenting the passport for the purpose of endorsing a visa or permit
6. A yellow fever vaccination certificate, if applicant travelled or intends travelling from or through a yellow fever endemic area (not applicable for direct transit)
7. Statement or documentation confirming the purpose and duration of visit
8. Proof of sufficient funds or subsistence during the period of the visit (Bank statements, available cash, travellers cheques)
9. Undertaking by the host in the Republic in the form of Bank statements or Salary advices
10. Minor (accompanied) consent from the guardian or proof of custody

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11. Minors (unaccompanied) consent from the guardian

12. Return ticket reservation

Additional Necessary Information for Medical and Study (For a stay less than 3 months):

- Minor dependent children accompanying or joining (Unabridged Birth Certificate, if adopted, proof of adoption, in the case of a minor subject to guardianship or custody, proof of such guardianship or custody)
- Marriage Certificate
- Full birth certificate of applicant (if applicable)
- Proof of relationship (Affidavit in respect of Permanent Spousal relationship and particulars of any children born of such relationship)
- Return ticket reservation or a written undertaking by the invitee or learning institute accepting responsibility for the costs related to the deportation of the applicant and his/her dependent family members, should it become necessary

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Additional information for Academic Sabbatical, Research, Voluntary and Charitable Activities (For stays more than 3 months and up to 3 years):

- Minor dependent children accompanying or joining (An unabridged Birth Certificate, if adopted, proof of adoption, in the case of a minor subject to guardianship or custody, proof of such guardianship or custody)
- Marriage Certificate (if applicable)
- Full birth certificate of applicant (if applicable)
- Proof of relationship (Affidavit in respect of permanent spousal relationship and particulars of any children born of such relationship)
- Police Clearance Certificate
- Medical report in respect of each applicant
- Radiological report respect of each applicant (not applicable for children under the age of 12 years and pregnant women)
- Valid return air ticket OR a written undertaking by the employer accepting responsibility for the costs related to the deportation of the applicant and his/her dependent family members, should it become necessary

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4. STUDY VISA

If you are a foreign student who wishes to study in South Africa, you must fill out [Form BI-1738](#). (Please check the validity of the presented form!)

Study visas for studies at a learning institution other than a school must be given for the duration of the term. Study visas for learning institutions categorized as schools must be valid for the duration of the study.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. A passport *valid for no less than 30 days after the expiry* of intended visit
2. Payment of fee
3. A vaccination certificate, if required by the purpose of the visit
4. Evidence of medical insurance

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5. Evidence of financial resources to meet anticipated living expenditures while in the Republic, as well as education fees.
This should be in the form of bank statements, cash, or traveler's checks.
6. A cash deposit equivalent to the value of a return ticket.
7. Medical and radiology reports
8. In the case of African students, an undertaking from the competent government to assume full responsibility for the student and cover all costs if deportation becomes required.
9. Birth certificate
10. In the case of a minor, the particulars of the person in the Republic of South Africa who will act as the learner's guardian and a letter from such person confirming guardianship
11. Consent from both parents for your stay in South Africa, or from the parent who has sole custody, along with proof of sole custody

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12. An *official letter from the educational institution*, where you intend to study, confirming provisional acceptance and the duration of the course.
13. Proof of *medical cover renewed annually for the period of study* with a medical scheme registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act.
14. If you are 18 years and older, a police clearance certificate from each country in which you resided for 12 months or longer since the age of 18 years is required. This should be submitted with the application

! **Important Note:** The information may change depending on your country or your situation. Please contact the local consulate for get more information before applying.

! **Important Note:** To get more information about Study Visa, please [click here](#).

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5. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

You will need the following documentation if you wish to visit South Africa:

1. A valid and acceptable passport or travel document for your intended stay
2. At least one blank page in your passport for endorsements
3. A valid visa, if required (Some countries are exempt from Visa for various days)
4. Sufficient funds to pay for your day-to-day expenses during your stay
5. A return or onward ticket
6. Yellow fever certificates if your journey starts or entails passing through the yellow fever belt of Africa or South America

! ***Important Note:*** The required documentation for countries and nations may change. ***Further documentation may be required*** based on the purpose of the visit.

“This page has been prepared to provide general information about *the Republic of South Africa Visa* application documents; however, the information may vary. It is therefore advised that you conduct your own research for up-to-date information.”

6. SOUTH AFRICA E-VISA SYSTEM



A South Africa online visa, also known as an electronic visa or E-Visa South Africa, is a travel permission issued digitally for travel to South Africa. The advent of an online visa application process has made it much easier for foreign visitors and tourists to obtain an entry permit to South Africa without having to visit the South African embassy. The entire procedure is now carried out online. The online visa facility is still in its testing phase, and *only 14 countries can apply for a South Africa E-Visa.*

South African E-Visa system is currently only available to citizens of the following nationalities:

Cameroon, China, Congo (Kinshasa), Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Uganda.

! **Important Note:** To see the website of South Africa E-Visa, please [click here](#).

! **Important Note:** To start an application, please [click here](#).

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7. SOUTH AFRICA IN TURKIYE

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION,

This general information package has been put together to help you with your visa applications.

It is, however, the **applicants' responsibility** to keep up with current information and to carry out his/her process.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the email address listed below:

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