



# Visa Requirements

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Most forms and other information can be found on our website under **Resources**. Always check any additional regulations your **airline** and your **country** may have, in addition to SA immigration regulations.

## 01 — Visa-Exempt Travellers

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*Oversight Travellers (Minors & Adults) from visa-exempt countries*

### Required Documents

- **Passport** — No damage, minimum 3 blank pages, no extensions (handwritten or machine-readable), valid for a minimum of 30 days after intended departure from SA.
- **Return Flight** — Confirmed return ticket.
- **FIVA Letter** — Ensure the **arrival date on the letter is the actual arrival date**.  
*Incorrect dates on the FIVA letter are a common cause of delays at the border.*
- **Yellow Fever Certificate** — Required if travelling from or through a yellow fever risk country. (If applicable)

## 02 — Visa Non-Exempt: Application NON-EXEMPT

Oversight & Specialists — S11.2 Visitor's Visa with Work Authorisation (Directive 2 of 2020)

### For Visa Application

- **Passport** — No damage, min 3 blank pages, no extensions, valid 30+ days after SA departure.
- **Passport Copy**
- **Completed DHA-84 Form** — In black ink, in English.
- **2 x Passport Photographs**
- **FIVA Letter**
- **Yellow Fever Certificate (Copy)** — Bring original for verification. (If applicable)
- **Proof of Flights** — Must NOT be a confirmed flight. A flight reservation with the traveller's name is sufficient.

*A confirmed booking is not required — a reservation/itinerary is sufficient. Embassies will not take financial responsibility for a confirmed flight that is missed due to a visa not being issued in time.*

- **Applicable Fee** — See embassy list for current fees.
- **Proof of Accommodation**

### For Travel — Required Documents

- Passport with visa inserted
- Return Flight
- FIVA Letter
- Yellow Fever Certificate (if applicable)

### Important Reminders

- Verify FIVA letter arrival date matches actual travel date
- Check airline's own requirements — separate from SA immigration
- Carry originals of all key documents

## 03 — Children (Under 18) MINORS

Oversight & Specialists — Visa Non-Exempt Countries | S11.2 Visitor's Visa with Work Authorisation



Please check with your airline what their specific requirements are for travelling with minors — these may differ from SA immigration requirements.

### For Visa Application

- **Passport** — No damage, min 3 blank pages, no extensions, valid 30+ days after SA departure.
- **Passport Copy**
- **Certified Copy — Both Parents' Passports**
- **Certified Copy of Unabridged Birth Certificate** — Must specify both birth mother and father of the minor.
- **Parental Consent Affidavit** — If one parent has absconded, temporary sole custody must be obtained for the period of travel.

*Form available from the FIVA website under Resources.*

- **Completed DHA-84 Form** — Child's details with mother's or father's signature. In black ink, in English.
- **SA Labour Certificate** — Required if the child is under the age of 15.
- **2 x Passport Photographs**
- **FIVA Letter** — Obtain permission for privacy protection acts from the parent(s).
- **Yellow Fever Certificate (Copy)** — Bring original for verification. (If applicable)
- **Proof of Flights** — Must NOT be a confirmed flight. A flight reservation with the traveller's name will suffice.

*Embassies will not take financial responsibility for a confirmed flight that is missed due to a visa not being issued in time.*

- **Applicable Fee** — See embassy list.
- **Proof of Accommodation**

### For Travel

- Passport with visa inserted
- Return Flight
- FIVA Letter
- Yellow Fever Certificate (if applicable)

## 04 — Long-Stay Specialist Visa LONG-TERM

S11.1(b)(iv) Visitor's Visa with Work Authorisation exceeding 90 days but not 3 years (1095 days) — Directive 2 of 2020

### For Visa Application

- **Passport** — No damage, min 3 blank pages, no extensions, valid 30+ days after SA departure.
- **Passport Copy**
- **Completed DHA-1738 Form**
- **2 × Passport Photographs**
- **FIVA Letter**
- **Yellow Fever Certificate (Copy)** — Bring original for verification.
- **Original Police Clearance** — Not older than 6 months, from every country you have lived in for 12+ consecutive months in the last 5 years. If you hold a passport from a different country to the one you currently live in, and you have never visited that country, you will still need to provide a police clearance certificate from your country of citizenship.
- **Original Medical Report** — Not older than 6 months, in English or certified translation.

*Template available at [visa.vfsglobal.com](http://visa.vfsglobal.com)*

- **Employment Contract** — Contract between SA and international company for the duration of stay.
- **Proof of Flight to SA** — A return flight is NOT required. A flight reservation with the traveller's name will suffice.  
*Embassies will not take financial responsibility for a confirmed flight that is missed due to a visa not being issued in time.*
- **Applicable Fee** — See embassy list.
- **Proof of Accommodation**

**+** Every time you travel on this visa — the documents below are required on *each* trip, not just the first.

### For Travel (Each Trip on This Visa)

- Passport with visa inserted
- FIVA Letter
- Yellow Fever Certificate (if applicable)

**!** Please check with your airline what their requirements are — airline policies may add requirements beyond SA immigration.

# Quick Reference Summary

At-a-glance comparison of document requirements per traveller category

Document	Exempt	Non-Exempt	Children	Long-Stay
Passport (valid, 3 blank pages)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Return Flight	✓	✓	✓	—
FIVA Letter	✓	✓	✓	✓
Passport Copy	—	✓	✓	✓
DHA-84 Form	—	✓	✓	—
DHA-1738 Form	—	—	—	✓
Passport Photos (x2)	—	✓	✓	✓
Yellow Fever Cert.	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓
Proof of Flights	—	✓	✓	✓
Proof of Accommodation	—	✓	✓	✓
Birth Certificate (unabridged)	—	—	✓	—
Both Parents' Passport Copies	—	—	✓	—
Parental Consent Affidavit	—	—	If req.	—
SA Labour Certificate (<15 yrs)	—	—	If req.	—
Police Clearance	—	—	—	✓
Medical Report	—	—	—	✓
Employment Contract	—	—	—	✓

\* Yellow Fever Certificate required only if travelling from or through a yellow fever risk country.

— Dash indicates document is not required for that category. Always verify current requirements with the relevant embassy.