



REQUIREMENTS FOR RELATIVE'S VISA

(This is a permit issued to relatives/spouses of South African citizens or residents intending to move to South Africa with an intention of taking up permanent residence.)

As an immediate family member of a South African citizen or permanent resident, you may be issued a relative's permit once the financial means as contemplated in the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002) have been complied with. Relative's permits are valid for a minimum period of 24 months and may be extended. For a spouse and/or dependent child of a South African citizen or permanent resident, the permit is issued free of charge, whilst there is a fee for other relatives wishing to join their family members in South Africa.

REQUIREMENTS: (all forms to be completed in black ink)

- MACHINE READABLE VALID PASSPORT WITH MINIMUM TWO UNUSED VISA LABEL PAGES. PASSPORT MUST BE VALID FOR MINIMUM 30 DAYS AFTER THE INTENDED DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM SOUTH AFRICA.
- **NO FEE IS REQUIRED FROM SPOUSES/ DEPENDENT OF A SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN**
- **COMPLETED DHA-1738** SIGNED BY APPLICANT.
- TWO PASSPORT PHOTOS.
- CERTIFIED/NOTARIZED COPY BIO PAGE OF PASSPORT.
- CERTIFIED COPY OF VALID PROOF OF RESIDENCE IN US (Green Card/H1 B/ J1/ L1 etc) (Proof of residence must be valid for duration of stay in South Africa) **(B1/B2 US VISA HOLDERS NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY – MUST APPLY IN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN).**

- PROOF OF TENTATIVE TRAVEL ITINERARY OF ROUND-TRIP AIR TICKETS. **DO NOT PURCHASE AIR TICKETS PRIOR TO OBTAINING SOUTH AFRICAN VISA.**
- PROOF OF FINANCIAL MEANS IN THE FORM OF THREE (3) MONTHS OF THE MOST RECENT BANK STATEMENTS, **STAMPED** BY THE BANKING INSTITUTION (NO NOTARY STAMPS) OR WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM BANKING INSTITUTION-ONLINE BANKS.
- PROOF OF TENTATIVE ACCOMMODATION.
- IF HOSTED BY SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN OR PERMENANT RESIDENT: LETTER OF INVITATION, COPY OF CERTIFIED RSA ID DOCUMENT, PROOF OF RESIDENCE OF HOST (UTILITY BILL).
- IF HOSTED BY NON-SOUTH AFRICAN: LETTER OF INVITATION, COPY OF CERTIFIED VALID BIO PAGE OF PASSPORT AND VISA, PROOF OF RESIDENCE OF HOST (UTILITY BILL).
- YELLOW FEVER CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED FOR APPLICANTS TRAVELING THROUGH YELLOW FEVER BELT AREAS EN ROUTE TO SOUTH AFRICA.
- MEDICAL REPORT ON PRESCRIBED FORM (PHYSICAL) – **DHA 811**. THE CERTIFICATE MUST NOT BE OLDER THAN SIX (6) MONTHS AT THE TIME THE APPLICANT SUBMITS AN APPLICATION.
- **ORIGINAL FBI CERTIFICATE** (FULL CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK REPORT) AND ORIGINAL POLICE CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FROM EACH COUNTRY WHERE THE RELEVANT APPLICANT RESIDED FOR 12 MONTHS OR LONGER AFTER ATTAINING THE AGE OF 18 YEARS (FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS) IN RESPECT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS OR THE CHARACTER REFERENCE OF THE APPLICANT, THE CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE OLDER THAN SIX MONTHS AT THE TIME OF ITS SUBMISSION. SA POLICE CLEARANCE IF RESIDED IN SA FOR 12 MONTHS.
- MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OR IN THE CASE OF A FOREIGN SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIP, PROOF OF OFFICIAL RECOGNITION THEREOF ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITIES OF THE FOREIGN COUNTRY OF THE APPLICANT, WHERE APPLICABLE.
- THE AFFIDAVIT WHERE A SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIP TO A SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT IS APPLICABLE, AS WELL AS DOCUMENTATION PROVING COHABITATION AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE RELATED FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ARE SHARED BY THE PARTIES AND SETTING OUT THE PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN IN THE SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIP.
- DIVORCE DECREE, WHERE APPLICABLE.
- COURT ORDER GRANTING FULL OR SPECIFIC PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS, WHERE APPLICABLE.
- DEATH CERTIFICATE, IN RESPECT OF LATE SPOUSE, WHERE APPLICABLE.

- WRITTEN CONSENT FROM BOTH PARENTS AND FULL PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES, WHERE APPLICABLE
- PROOF OF ADOPTION, WHERE APPLICABLE
- LEGAL SEPARATION ORDER, WHERE APPLICABLE
- PROOF OF KINSHIP, WITHIN THE SECOND STEP, BETWEEN THE APPLICANT AND THE CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT IN THE FORM OF
 - AN UNABRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATE; AND
 - WHERE NECESSARY, PATERNITY TEST RESULTS
- PROOF OF SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENSHIP/PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF RELATIVE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THE FORM OF AN IDENTITY DOCUMENT AND PASSPORT
- THE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE CONTEMPLATED IN SECTION 18(1) OF THE ACT SHALL BE AN AMOUNT, PER PERSON PER MONTH, AS DETERMINED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE MINISTER BY NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE, TO BE PROVEN BY MEANS OF A CURRENT SALARY ADVICE OR A CERTIFIED BANK STATEMENT NOT OLDER THAN THREE MONTHS AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION. PROVIDED THAT THE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED WHERE THE SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT IS A DEPENDENT CHILD. CURRENTLY, IT IS R8,500 PER PERSON PER MONTH.
- **PROCESSING TIME** FOR LONG VISAS EXCEEDING 90 DAYS MAY TAKE UP TO 3 TO 4 WEEKS.
- **WHERE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:**
For residents of Alabama, Arkansas, District of Colombia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Wisconsin:

The South African Embassy in Washington, DC
3051 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20008
Tel: (240) 937 5760
Emergency: (202) 413-1953
Email: consular.wa@dirco.gov.za
Website: <https://www.saembassy.org>

