



REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY VISA

(This is a kind of a visa issued to foreigners intending to take up studies 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.

Please Note: In order to comply with Regulation 2(1) (a) of the immigration act of 2014, only machine-readable travel documents (mrtDs) will be accepted on submission of visa applications and at port of entry. Therefore, no extended passports will be accepted.

- **NON-REFUNDABLE** APPLICATION FEE (IF APPLICABLE) IN THE FORM OF MONEY ORDER / CASHIERS CHECK: **\$36.00**
- **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, AND NOTARIZED LETTER FROM THE PARENTS (STAMPED) STATING THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

- 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.
- PROOF OF SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL MEANS AVAILABLE TO THE LEARNER WHILE IN SOUTH AFRICA.
- CERTIFIED COPY OF ID OF PERSON TAKING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, WITH THREE MONTHS STATEMENT AND STAMPED LETTER FROM THE BANK.
- CERTIFIED/NOTARIZED COPY OF PROOF OF U.S. LEGAL STATUS (I-20 FOR F1 VISA HOLDERS, COPY OF GREEN CARD ETC).
- PROOF OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (CONFIRMED HOTEL RESERVATION) OR A LETTER OF INVITATION FROM THE HOST WITH PROOF OF ADDRESS (UTILITY BILL OF RELATIVE OR FRIEND) IN SOUTH AFRICA
- PROOF OF HOST'S LEGAL STATUS IN SOUTH AFRICA (COPY OF I.D. BOOK/ PASSPORT IF SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN) OR COPY OF PASSPORT AND A COPY OF VISA OR RESIDENCE STATUS IN SOUTH AFRICA, CERTIFIED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE.
- PROOF OF PHYSICAL ADDRESS AND CONTACT NUMBER OF THE ADULT PERSON RESIDING IN SOUTH AFRICA, WHO IS ACTING OR HAS ACCEPTED TO ACT AS THE LEARNER'S GUARDIAN, INCLUDING A CONFIRMATORY LETTER FROM THAT GUARDIAN
- A YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION CERTIFICATE IF THAT PERSON TRAVELLED OR INTENDS TRAVELING FROM OR TRANSITING THROUGH A [YELLOW FEVER ENDEMIC AREA](#).
- [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 THAT APPLICANT, THE CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE OLDER THAN SIX MONTHS AT THE TIME OF ITS SUBMISSION.

- NOTARIZED COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE.
- PROOF OF MEDICAL COVER RENEWED ANNUALLY FOR THE PERIOD OF STUDY WITH A MEDICAL SCHEME REGISTERED IN TERMS OF THE MEDICAL SCHEMES ACT.
- AN OFFICIAL LETTER FROM THE INSTITUTION IN SOUTH AFRICA CONFIRMING ACCEPTANCE AND DURATION OF THE COURSE **WITH A SCHOOL/VARSITY SEAL OR COLLEGE OFFICIAL STAMP**
- A STAMPED OFFICIAL LETTER OF ENROLMENT FROM THE INSTITUTION OF LEARNING CONCERNED IN THE U.S. IF APPLICABLE.
- IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, IN THE CASE OF A FOREIGN STATE ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE APPLICANT IN TERMS OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT:
 - A STAMPED, WRITTEN UNDERTAKING FROM SUCH FOREIGN STATE TO PAY FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE APPLICANT.
- IN ADDITION, AN UNDERTAKING BY THE REGISTRAR OR PRINCIPAL OF THE LEARNING INSTITUTION TO:
 - PROVIDE PROOF OF REGISTRATION AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE RELEVANT LEGISLATION WITHIN 60 DAYS OF REGISTRATION.

OR

- IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE TO REGISTER BY THE CLOSING DATE, PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL WITH; A NOTIFICATION OF FAILURE TO REGISTER WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE CLOSING DATE OF REGISTRATION.
- WITHIN 30 DAYS, NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL THAT THE APPLICANT IS NO LONGER REGISTERED WITH SUCH INSTITUTION; AND
- WITHIN 30 DAYS, NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL WHEN THE APPLICANT HAS COMPLETED HIS OR HER STUDIES OR REQUIRES TO EXTEND SUCH PERIOD OF STUDY.
- IN CASE OF A MINOR, A NOTARIZED LETTER OF CONSENT FROM THE PARENT IS REQUIRED.
- CERTIFIED COPIES OF PROOF OF ADOPTION/LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP/BIRTH CERTIFICATE WHERE APPLICABLE.

IN CASE OF A LEARNER UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS

CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED:

- AN UNABRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATE.
- PARENTAL CONSENT IS REQUIRED.
- PROOF OF ITINERARY/RESERVATION OF ROUND-TRIP AIR TICKETS. PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE AIR TICKETS UNTIL YOU OBTAIN A SOUTH AFRICAN VISA.
- PROOF OF PHYSICAL ADDRESS AND CONTACT NUMBER OF THE ADULT PERSON RESIDING IN SOUTH AFRICA, WHO IS ACTING OR HAS ACCEPTED TO ACT AS THE LEARNER'S GUARDIAN, INCLUDING A CONFIRMATORY LETTER FROM THAT GUARDIAN.
- **STAMPED** PROOF OF SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL MEANS AVAILABLE TO THE LEARNER WHILE IN SOUTH AFRICA.
- AN OFFICIAL LETTER FROM THE INSTITUTION IN SOUTH AFRICA CONFIRMING ACCEPTANCE AND DURATION OF THE COURSE **WITH A SCHOOL/VARSITY SEAL OR COLLEGE OFFICIAL STAMP**
- CERTIFIED COPY OF ID OF PERSON TAKING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, WITH THREE MONTHS STATEMENT AND **STAMPED** FROM THE BANK.
- **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 Columbia, 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