



# international relations & cooperation

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## SOUTH AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS VISA REQUIREMENTS

**NB: Kindly note that all passports must be valid longer than six (6) months.**

COUNTRY	VISA	FORM	PHOTO	NOTE VERBALE	REMARKS
Afghanistan	X	-	-	-	- No Information
Albania	-	-	-	-	- No visa required up to 120 days
Algeria	- X	- X	- X	- X	- No visa required for 30 days - A visa is required for posting - 2 new colored photos - Copy of passport (first page) - Flight reservation - 15 days
Andorra	X	-	-	-	- No information
Angola	-	-	-	-	- No visa required up to 90 days - No visa required for posting as well
Antigua and Barbuda	-	-	-	-	- No visa required
Argentina	-	-	-	-	- No visa required up to 90 days - No visa required for officials going on posting
Armenia	X		-	-	- Visa is required but no representative in SA - Applications lodged via Armenian Embassy in Cairo, Egypt
Aruba	X	1	2	NV	- Via Royal Netherlands Embassy, Pretoria

COUNTRY	VISA	FORM	PHOTO	NOTE VERBALE	REMARKS
Australia	X	X	1	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applicant must complete Form 1415, Business visitor's stream online application form available on <a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/b">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/b</a></li> <li>- Create your own online account known as ImmiAccount <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upload and attach relevant supporting documents i.e. scanned copy of passport (bi data page and pages containing previous visas or travel)</li> <li>• scanned NV</li> <li>• Biometrics not required for Federal/National/Central Government employees travelling on Diplomatic/Official or Service Passports. It takes 5 days to process a visa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Officials on diplomatic posting no application form to be completed, only a Note Verbale stating all the appropriate information. See Annexure "A" below</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Transit Visa required for stopovers longer than eight (8) hours when travelling via Australia</li> </ul>
Austria	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required for up to 90 ninety days for holders of official and diplomatic passports</li> <li>- Officials on posting:</li> <li>- Diplomats must be announced via Note Verbale</li> </ul>
Azerbaijan	X	2	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 - 5 days</li> </ul>

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Bahamas	-	-	-	-	- No visa required - Note: No formal waiver agreement in place
Bahrain	X	-	-	NV	- Issued at Port of Entry in Bahrain or via Saudi Embassy, Pretoria
Barbados	-	-	-	-	- No visa required up to 28 days
Bangladesh	X	1	3	NV	- 3 days
Belarus	-	-	-	-	- The holders of South African Diplomatic, Official and Service passports may enter, exit, or transit without visas for a period not exceeding 90 days from the date of entry
Belgium	-	-	-	-	- Diplomatic and official/service passport holders do not require visas for official visits up to three (3) months – 90 days - Benelux Visa Waiver – no visa required when going on posting - Diplomats must be announced via Note Verbale
Belize	-	-	-	-	- No visa required
Benin	-	-	-	-	- No visa required up to 30 days - Transferred Officials - no visa required
Bhutan	X	1	2	NV	- No diplomatic relations
Bolivia	X	1	2	NV	- Bolivian Honorary Consulate, Saxonwold, JHB
Botswana	-	-	-	-	- No visa for first 14 days, even on a posting
Bosnia & Herzegovina	X	1	2	NV	- Contact the SA Embassy in Athens

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Brazil	-  X	-  1	-  2	-  NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up to 90 days for transit, tourism, and business purposes for diplomatic and official passports</li> <li>- The passport must be valid for at least six months prior to its expiration date and have at least 2 (two) blank visa pages. Please note that the amendment pages are not intended for visas (the Embassy reserves the right not to endorse soiled or defaced passports)</li> <li>- <b>Officials on transfer - visa required</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport must be valid for at least 6 months. Passport must have at least 2 blank visa pages. One application form completed and signed by the applicant. NV stating full names and nationality, type of travel documents, number of travel document, country of issue and expiry date, designation (work title/post) of the foreigner; purpose, duration of the mission and destination. NV must include the same details for each dependent of the applicant</li> <li>• For applicants under 18 years old: certified letter of consent from both parents (legalized before Notary Public or Affidavit provided by the Police Department) and copies of parents ID documents or Passports; the letter must also indicate the person responsible for the applicant</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Travellers are required to first register online to obtain protocol number at <a href="https://formulario-mre.serpro.gov.za">https://formulario-mre.serpro.gov.za</a>.</li> </ul>


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COUNTRY	VISA	FORM	PHOTO	NOTE VERBALE	REMARKS
Brunei	X			NV	- Issued at Port of Entry in Brunei
Burundi	X	2	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa Required on Diplomatic and Official passports</li> <li>- A valid passport (valid for a min of 6 months) Ensure there are at least 2 blank pages)</li> <li>- One application form (correctly filled)</li> <li>- 2 passport size photos (recent)</li> <li>- A valid international yellow fever certificate</li> <li>- A Note Verbale from DIRCO (In case of transfer on a diplomatic posting it must indicate names of spouse and children accompanying with marriage and birth certificates)</li> <li>- Online application via the link <a href="http://migration.gov.bi">migration.gov.bi</a>, registration done before boarding</li> <li>- 2 days</li> </ul>
Bulgaria	- X	-	-	- NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up to 90 days</li> <li>- A visa is required for a posting</li> </ul>
Burkina Faso	1	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Original yellow fever certificate required</li> <li>- Invitation letter from Burkina Faso</li> <li>- Hotel bookings; Flight tickets</li> <li>- 2 days</li> </ul>
Cambodia	X	1	1	NV	Issued at Port of Entry
Cameroon	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required</li> <li>- The passport should have a validity of at least 6 months with a minimum of 3 blank pages.</li> <li>- Confirmation or Invitation letter from Cameroon</li> <li>- 2 recent passport size photos from a white background with person's name written behind</li> </ul>

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COUNTRY	VISA	FORM	PHOTO	NOTE VERBALE	REMARKS
Canada	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applications are done on TRV online at least 14 days before travel date. The applicant will obtain file number for acknowledgement receipt. To: <a href="mailto:IRCC.RROCDIPLO-CORRDIPLO.IRCC@cic.gc.ca">IRCC.RROCDIPLO-CORRDIPLO.IRCC@cic.gc.ca</a> CC.:Xdc- <a href="mailto:ircc@international.gc.ca">ircc@international.gc.ca</a></li> <li>- A Note Verbale to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Position title, location, posting duration, and planned travel date of the principal representative</li> <li>• Predecessor's name and intended departure date, noting there are limits to the authorized overlap periods</li> <li>• Legal names, dates of birth, and passport numbers of accompanying members of the family forming part of the household</li> </ul> </li> <li>- A copy of every member's diplomatic passport or official or service passport biographical page</li> </ul>
Cape Verde	-	-	-	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa issued at Port of Entry. Passport must be valid for six months</li> </ul>
Chad	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required.</li> <li>- Copy of yellow fever certificate required</li> <li>- Apply through the Embassy – Chad</li> </ul>
Cayman Islands	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required with diplomatic passport</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">GOVKY - Cayman Islands Government - For Information and Service</a></p>
Central African Republic	X			NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A visa is required</li> </ul>

Chile	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up to 90 days, including on posting</li> <li>- Copies of the yellow fever certificate, copies of passport, all the pages, copies of the same letter that has details of the trip, rank of the applicant must be stated on the NV</li> <li>- 3 days</li> </ul>
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>VISA</b>	<b>FORM</b>	<b>PHOTO</b>	<b>NOTE VERBALE</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
China	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required for Diplomatic and Official Passport holders up to 90 days</li> <li>- Diplomatic passport holders going on posting/transfer do not require visas</li> <li>- Officials posted to Hong Kong, a visa is required and is applied online</li> <li>- Diplomatic or Official passport holders, if accredited as diplomatic or official personnel in China, are reminded to apply to the Chinese Foreign Ministry for a long-term diplomatic or official permit within 30 days in China</li> <li>- 5 days</li> </ul>
Colombia	X	X	2	NV	- Visa Required
Comoros	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up to 90 days.</li> <li>- No visa is required on transfer/posting</li> </ul>
Congo (DRC)	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required for Diplomatic and Official Passports for visits not exceeding 90 days</li> <li>- Includes officials going on posting</li> </ul>
Congo (Rep)	X	2	2	NV	- 3 days
Cook Islands	-	-	-	NV	- No information
Costa Rica	X	1	1	NV	- Honorary Consulate JHB Copy of ppt + itinerary
Cote d'Ivoire	- X	-	-	- NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No Visa required for visits of 30 days or less</li> <li>- Visa required on posting</li> <li>- Flight ticket, yellow fever certificates required</li> <li>- Two individual visa application forms filled</li> <li>- 1 day</li> </ul>
Croatia	-	-	-	-	- No visa required up to 90 days



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Cuba	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diplomatic, Official, and service passports may enter, exit, transit through and stay in the country for a period not exceeding 90 days</li> <li>- For posting, forward Note Verbale with passport details to the Embassy</li> </ul>
Cyprus	X	X	1	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 days</li> </ul>
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up to 90 days even on posting</li> </ul>
Denmark	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa Required for all passport types</li> <li>- Travellers MUST complete an Online Application at: <a href="https://applyvisa.um.dk">https://applyvisa.um.dk</a></li> <li>- Officials to submit themselves for BIOMETRICS.</li> <li>- Credit Card details are required, but the fee will not be charged when submitting documentation directly to the Embassy of Denmark</li> <li>- An appointment can be requested via email</li> <li>- The same requirements for officials on posting</li> <li>- Copy of ticket always required.</li> <li>- 15 days</li> </ul>
Djibouti	X	1	1	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Issued by the French Consulate, JHB</li> <li>- Itinerary is also required</li> </ul>
Dominica Republic	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Form 509-Ref to be completed.</li> <li>- 3 to 4 days</li> </ul>
Dubai	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required</li> <li>- No visa required if in transit for less than 16 hours</li> </ul>
Ecuador	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required</li> </ul>
Egypt	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required</li> </ul>
El Salvador					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa Exempt</li> </ul>
Equatorial Guinea	X	1	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required</li> <li>- Copy of yellow fever certificate required</li> <li>- +- 3 days</li> </ul>

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Eritrea	X	1	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required</li> <li>- Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15</li> </ul>
Estonia	X	1	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refer to requirements under Sweden</li> <li>- Passports are sent to VFS in Nairobi so a delay of about three weeks in getting the visa</li> </ul>
Ethiopia	X	1	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required on official and diplomatic Passports, Official Visits or Posting</li> </ul>
Finland	X	X	1	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required for diplomatic and official passports</li> <li>- Passport must be valid for at least 3 months</li> <li>- Passport must have at least 2 unused pages</li> <li>- One photo</li> <li>- If applying for the first time for Schengen Visa, official must appear in person to submit his/her fingerprints</li> <li>- 3 days</li> <li>- Same requirements for officials on posting</li> </ul>
Fiji	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A visa is not required for 60 days and on posting</li> </ul>
France	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required for a short stay for diplomatic and official passport holders</li> <li>- Officials going on posting a long stay visa form to be completed</li> </ul>  <p>cerfa_14571-05_LON G_SEJOUR_EN.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 photos in ISO/IEC format</li> <li>- <a href="https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en_US/web/france-visas/ai-je-besoin-d-un-visa">https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en_US/web/france-visas/ai-je-besoin-d-un-visa</a></li> <li>- NB: The Note Verbale for officials on posting must include the predecessor of the official to be posted</li> </ul>
Gabon	- X	-	-	- NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up to 30 days</li> <li>- A visa is required on posting</li> </ul>
Gambia (The)	X	1	1	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required</li> </ul>

Georgia	-	-	-	-	- No visa required up to 360 days
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Germany	X	X	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diplomatic Passports do not require Schengen-Visas for entering Germany for stays of a maximum of 90 days. This does not affect in any way applications for accreditation visas</li> <li>- All visa applications must be submitted through external service provider TLS, which operates visa application centers (VAC) in Centurion, Durban, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth &amp; Bloemfontein. Appointments at the VAC's have to be made online after registered on the TLS website.</li> <li>- South African official passport holders (blue passport) do require a visa for Germany, even if they only have a flight connection to another Schengen-country.</li> <li>- Holders of the Official passports may submit their applications after registration without an appointment (Walk-ins during regular business hours). All travellers on official visit should present Original Note Verbale from DIRCO. Reviewed on 07 June 2022</li> <li>- Travellers must produce a valid health insurance in accordance with Schengen requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 application forms</li> <li>• 2 §55 declaration forms</li> <li>• valid diplomatic passports</li> <li>• 2 biometric photos per applicant</li> <li>• Note Verbale</li> <li>• Unabridged birth certificate with Apostille for the minor (if the father appears on the birth certificate, he needs to sign the §</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 55 declaration form as well, with a copy of his passport and needs to appear in person when you apply)</li> </ul> <p>- Please note that there is a waiting period of 5 days from the day you have applied</p> <p>Should you be taking your domestic worker, she would need to make a long-term appointment via integrate visa link <a href="http://www.visa-germany.co.za">www.visa-germany.co.za</a></p> <p>The forms and requirements are on our homepage <a href="http://www.southafrica.diplo.de">www.southafrica.diplo.de</a></p> <p>- long term visa work permit. Application to be completed online <a href="https://videx.diplo.de">https://videx.diplo.de</a></p> <p>- To secure appointment and Biometrics use the following email: <a href="mailto:dvisum@pret.auswaertiges-amt.de">dvisum@pret.auswaertiges-amt.de</a></p>
COUNTRY	VISA	FORM	PHOTO	NOTE VERBALE	REMARKS
Ghana	-		-	-	- No visa required for a period not exceeding 90 days, even on posting
Gibraltar				NV	- Via Embassy of Spain/Political Desk
Greece	-	-	-	-	- No visa required, even on posting
Grenada	-	-	-	-	- No visa required
Guinea Bissau	-				- No visa required - The Mission must inform the MoFA about the arrival dates and purpose
Guinea Conakry	-	-	-	-	- Visa not required on official and diplomatic ppts even on posting
Guatemala	-	-	-	-	- No visa required
Guyana (French)	-	-	-	-	- No visa required for 30 days
Haiti	-	-	-	-	- No visa required; however, they need to have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the time of entry in the country

Honduras	-	-	-	-	- No visa required
Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	- No visa required but visa required for posting
Hungary	-	-	-	-	- No visa required for 120 days Schengen Visa - A visa is required for a posting
Iceland	-	-	-	-	- No visa required
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India	-	-	-	-	- No visa required up to 90 days for Diplomatic and Official passports even on posting
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	- No visa required for Diplomatic and Official passports for visits up to 30 days - For longer visits and accreditation the following is required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two application forms to be filled in</li> <li>• Two recent colour photos</li> <li>• Flight details/Itinerary</li> <li>• Invitation letter from counterpart in Indonesia</li> <li>• Original passport valid for more than 6 (six) months</li> <li>• The Visa Exemption facility is not valid for journalistic purpose</li> <li>• 1-3 days</li> </ul>
Iran	X	1	2	NV	- Visa required - E-visa is issued - Online Application to be completed using the link below <a href="https://evisa.mfa.ir/en/">https://evisa.mfa.ir/en/</a> - 5 days
Iraq	X	1	2	NV	- Visa required - VI. Online visa application form <a href="http://www.mofamission.gov.iq/uploadedforms/1000130095341978857920.pdf">http://www.mofamission.gov.iq/uploadedforms/1000130095341978857920.pdf</a> - Letter from DIRCO stating date of departure and return as well as the reason for travelling - 2 color ID photos with white background - Colour Copy of passport (the page with photos and names).

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flight itinerary</li> <li>- 10 - 14 days</li> </ul>
Ireland					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Official passport holders that are travelling for official business and are accompanying a minister do not need a visa. If they are not accompanying a minister then they do need a visa.</li> <li>- Diplomatic passport holders that are travelling to Ireland on official business do not need a visa.</li> <li>- Details on how to apply for an Irish visa can be found here: <a href="https://www.irishimmigration.ie/at-the-border/giving-your-details-on-avats-for-a-visa-preclearance-application/">https://www.irishimmigration.ie/at-the-border/giving-your-details-on-avats-for-a-visa-preclearance-application/</a></li> </ul>
Israel	X	2	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required</li> <li>- 2 recent color photos (50 x 50mm)</li> <li>- The passport which will be used must be valid for a further 6 months from the date of departure from Israel.</li> <li>- A minor under 18 years must present an authorized letter from both parents permitting him/her to travel to Israel</li> <li>- 2 weeks for processing</li> <li>- 2 passports are required for officials going on a posting. Officials going on Posting to Ramallah ppt not to be endorsed Ramallah but Israel</li> </ul>
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Italy	- X	- 2	- 2	- NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required on Diplomatic and Official passports for 90 days</li> <li>- Visa required on posting</li> <li>- 2 colour photos</li> </ul>
Jamaica	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up 90 days, except on transfer</li> <li>- Passport must be valid for 6 months</li> </ul>
Japan	X	X	1	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required</li> <li>- Photo 45mm x 45mm; 1 to 2 working days</li> </ul>
Jordan	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa issued at port of entry but</li> </ul>


	X	X	2	NV	<p>can be obtained prior to travel E-Visa is issued and processed freely via the website of Ministry of Interior indicated herewith: <a href="https://eservices.moi.gov.jo/MOI_EVISA/">https://eservices.moi.gov.jo/MOI_EVISA/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diplomatic passports will be processed as Gratis, via the Embassy within 24 hours</li> <li>- Visa required for posting</li> <li>- 2 to 3 days</li> </ul>
Kazakhstan	X	1	1	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required for diplomatic and official passports</li> <li>- Note Verbale, original diplomatic or official passport, one visa application form, two passport size color photos</li> <li>- 3 days</li> </ul>
Kenya	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up to 90 days</li> <li>- Officials on posting do not require visas</li> <li>- Officials to take up posting to be announced prior to arrival via Note Verbale</li> </ul>
Kiribati					- No info available
Korea – North	X	X	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Official passport holders pay visa fee</li> <li>- 2 to 3 days</li> </ul>
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>VISA</b>	<b>FORM</b>	<b>PHOTO</b>	<b>NOTE VERBALE</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Korea – South	-	-	-	-	- No visa required up to 30 days, except on transfer for posting
Kuwait	X	-	-	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required</li> <li>- NV required</li> <li>- Send the NV to the Mission in Kuwait for notification to the MoFA</li> </ul>
Kyrgyzstan	X	1	1	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visas are required</li> <li>- For this, a person needs to have 1 photo (3x4cm), passport and invitation letter</li> <li>- Visa application can be completed at the Consular Desk at Manas Airport and visa fee to be paid</li> <li>- Business Single visa for 1-month 70\$</li> <li>- Business double visa for 1-month 100\$</li> <li>- Transit visa 40\$</li> <li>- Transit double visa 50\$</li> </ul>
Laos	X				- Refer to SA Mission in Vietnam


					(Hanoi).
Latvia	X				- Honorary Consulate in JHB
Lebanon	X	X	1	NV	- 1 – 4 days
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	- No visa required for 30 days - No visa required for a posting
Libya	X	X	4	NV	- Visa required - NV clarifying purpose of the visit - Four (4) four ID photos - 3 days
Liberia	-	-	-	-	- No visa required for diplomatic and Official passports up to 90 days - Same applies to accreditation on condition that a substitution permit is applied for within 30 days of arrival at the Foreign Ministry
Liechtenstein	-	-	-	-	- No visa required
Lithuania	X	X	-	NV	- No visa required up to 30 days for a single or multiple entry within 12 months - Visas required for posting.
Luxembourg	-	-	-	-	- No visa required - Diplomats must be announced via Note Verbale
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Macau				NV	- Through Hong Kong
Madagascar	X	X	2	NV	- Visa required - Application form  MadagascarStandard Visa_Transf_DiplForm.  - Listed requirements received from Embassy:  Diplo_Courtesy visa - requirements.pdf
Madeira	-	-	-	-	- No visa required
Malawi	-	-	-	-	- No visa required even on a posting

Malaysia	- X	- X	- 2	- NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up to 90 days.</li> <li>- Single Entry Visa required on transfer effective from 26 August 2024.</li> <li>- Travellers are required to download and activate the MySejahtera application within one (1) week prior to travel to Malaysia as well as to complete a pre-departure form to produce their vaccination status and history in the MySejahtera application</li> <li>- This is applicable to all Diplomatic and Consular Posts</li> </ul>
Mali	-	-	-	-	- No Visa required
Malta					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required</li> <li>- Italy waiver letter is sufficient</li> </ul>
Mauritania	X	X	1	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mauritania will not issue entry visas pending the opening of a biometric enrolment centre</li> <li>Travellers may get the necessary visas at the capital city Nouakchott International Airport</li> <li>- Visa is obtained upon arrival</li> </ul>
Mauritius	-	-	-	-	- No visa required up to 90 days
Mayotte	X	X	2	NV	- Via French Embassy

COUNTRY	VISA	FORM	PHOTO	NOTE VERBALE	REMARKS
Mexico	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fill out the application form</li> <li>- Please fill out and sign the application form in full, it is available for download: Click here <a href="https://embamex.sre.gob.mx/su/dafrica/images/consulares/formatos/visaappformmexza2012.pdf">https://embamex.sre.gob.mx/su/dafrica/images/consulares/formatos/visaappformmexza2012.pdf</a>)</li> <li>- Valid diplomatic or official passport in original and one colour photocopy of the pages containing personal information, photograph of bearer and expiration date/extensions.</li> <li>- One passport size (1.5 x 1.3/4 inches) photograph, in colour, no glasses and white background, attached to the application form</li> <li>- If applying to attend an official event in Mexico or private visit:</li> <li>- Original Note Verbale requesting a visa, specifying purpose, place and dates and duration of the event or visit (conference, meeting, etc.) to attend in Mexico</li> <li>- If applying for a diplomatic posting in Mexico:</li> <li>- Original Note Verbale requesting a visa, specifying diplomatic position that the applicant will be having in Mexico</li> <li>- In this case, the complete application needs to be submitted at least 30 days before departing for Mexico</li> <li>- Visa applications will be received only Monday to Friday, from 9:00 to 12:30</li> <li>- Please submit the above-mentioned requirements to <a href="mailto:consularsud@sre.gob.mx">consularsud@sre.gob.mx</a> for pre-assessment prior to delivering them at the Embassy.</li> <li>- <b>Please note as well:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants of this kind of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

					<p>visas do not need to apply in person at the Consular Section and there is no Consular fee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NB: Travellers who wish to visit Mexico (regardless of their nationality or itinerary), holding either a valid, multiple entry visa OR who are permanent residents in the United States of America, Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom, or the Schengen Space countries, DO NOT require a Mexican tourist visa. Dependent upon the immigration officer, the maximum period of stay is less than six months at a time</li> </ul>
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>VISA</b>	<b>FORM</b>	<b>PHOTO</b>	<b>NOTE VERBALE</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Moldova	X				- Moldovan Embassy in Frankfurt (contact person: Victor Onufrei victor.onufrei@mfa.md)
Monaco	X			NV	- French Embassy
Mongolia	X				- Political desk
Montenegro	X			NV	- A visa is required – applied via Embassy of Serbia. - NV - Application Form (SERBIA). - 1 x ppt size photo
Morocco	X	X	2	NV	- 3 days
Mozambique	-	-	-	-	- No visa required for short visits (90 days) - For a posting the official must be announced to the Mission in Pretoria via Note Verbale indicating the official to be replaced
Myanmar (Burma)	X	X	2	NV	- 2 days - Visa on arrival and for business purposes and e-Visa to be applied for
Namibia	-	-	-	-	- No visa required, even on a posting
Nepal	X	X	1	NV	- 2 days - Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is issued in place of the existing hand-written visa

Netherlands	-	-	-	-	- No visa required - Diplomats must be announced via Note Verbale
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>VISA</b>	<b>FORM</b>	<b>PHOTO</b>	<b>NOTE VERBALE</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
New Zealand	X	X	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visas are required</li> <li>- A visa is required on a posting.</li> <li>- For a posting a Note Verbale and passport should be sent to the Foreign Ministry in New Zealand by the SA High Commission, (protocol@mfat.govt.nz) including the information below and bio page for the officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full name, date, and place of birth</li> <li>• Diplomatic designation</li> <li>• Country/countries of citizenship</li> <li>• Name of person being replaced</li> <li>• Approximate duration of the assignment in New Zealand</li> <li>• For each officially recognised family member of the officer who will form part of the household in New Zealand, please advise the family member's name, date and place of birth, and relationship to the officer, as well as a scanned copy of the passport biodata page.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.immigration.govt.nz">www.immigration.govt.nz</a></p> <div style="text-align: center;">   INZ 1017 Visitor Visa Application.pdf </div>
Niger	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No Visa required up to 90 days, also for posting</li> <li>- Copy of yellow fever certificate required at port of entry</li> </ul>
Nigeria	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required</li> <li>- On posting, inform the Nigerian High Commission (and copy the Mission in Abuja) of the transfer of a new Official.</li> </ul>
Nicaragua	-	-	-	-	- Embassy opened May 2024
Norway	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required</li> <li>- No visa required on posting</li> </ul>

COUNTRY	VISA	FORM	PHOTO	NOTE VERBALE	REMARKS
Oman	X	X	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required on diplomatic and official passports</li> </ul>  <p>SKM_C300i25021211320.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Official passport holders they have to pay around US\$ 25-00</li> </ul>
Pakistan	X	2	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required (online application)</li> <li>- Copies of Passports and IDs</li> <li>- On transfer to Pakistan:</li> <li>- Confirmation letter from SA H/C, Birth certificate for children; Marriage certificate.</li> <li>- Yellow fever certificate</li> <li>- 3 days</li> </ul>
Palau	X				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No information available</li> </ul>
Palestine	X	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Officials posted to Palestine should have 2 Diplomatic Passports</li> <li>- Apply for Israeli visa.</li> <li>- Do not endorse Ramallah, instead endorse Israel and one as an official</li> </ul>
Panama	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required</li> </ul>
Papua New Guinea	X	-	-	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All PNG visa applications must be lodged by the applicant directly to the PNG ICESA either by fax (+675 325 5206) or to the following email addresses: <a href="mailto:visa@immigration.gov.pg">visa@immigration.gov.pg</a> and <a href="mailto:clientservice@immigration.gov.pg">clientservice@immigration.gov.pg</a></li> <li>- It is important that the applicant includes both email addresses</li> <li>- PNG ICESA can also be contacted by telephone on +675 323 1500 ext. 1471</li> </ul>
Paraguay	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required for 120 days</li> </ul>
Peru	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required for 90 days even on posting</li> </ul>
Philippines	-	-	-	NV – (posting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa is not required for Diplomatic and Official passport holders for a period of 30 days</li> <li>- 2 photos</li> </ul>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 days</li> <li>- A visa is required on posting</li> </ul>
Poland	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up to 90 days</li> <li>- No visa required even on posting</li> </ul>
Portugal	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up to 90 days.</li> <li>- No visa required for posting.</li> </ul>
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>VISA</b>	<b>FORM</b>	<b>PHOTO</b>	<b>NOTE VERBALE</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Qatar	X	X	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required</li> <li>- Completed visa application form</li> <li>- 2 Colour photos</li> <li>- Diplomatic or Official passports must be valid for six months and must have at least two clear pages in the passport for visa; No visa is required if in transit for less than 8 hours</li> <li>- The processing of a visa for diplomatic or official passport holders will depend on the urgency of the application</li> </ul>
Reunion Island	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required</li> </ul>
Romania	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up to 90 days, even for a posting</li> </ul>
Russia	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required for 90 days.</li> <li>- Visa not required for a posting</li> </ul>
Rwanda	- X	-	-	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required</li> <li>- Visa required for a posting</li> </ul>
Saharawi	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required</li> </ul>
Samoa	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apply through New Zealand High Commission</li> </ul>
San Marino	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Via Italian Embassy</li> </ul>
Sao Tome and Principe	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa up to 90 days</li> <li>- Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15.</li> <li>- Officials on posting to apply online and attach Note Verbale</li> </ul>
Saudi Arabia	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flight Itinerary</li> <li>- 1 day</li> </ul>
Serbia	X	1	1	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 day</li> </ul>
Senegal	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up to 90 days</li> </ul>
Seychelles	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up to 90 days</li> </ul>
Sierra Leone	X			NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dept of Home Affairs: Contact person Leonne vd Merwe at 012 4064435</li> </ul>

Singapore	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required up to 30 days</li> <li>- In the event that the official takes a foreign domestic worker (FDW), she/he (domestic worker) must arrive in Singapore with the Ministry of Manpower's in Principle Approval (IPA) letter</li> </ul>
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>VISA</b>	<b>FORM</b>	<b>PHOTO</b>	<b>NOTE VERBALE</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Slovak Republic	-	-	-	-	- No visa required
Slovenia	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required</li> <li>- Apply via German Embassy</li> </ul>
Solomon Island	X			NV	- Political desk
Somalia	X			NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Political desk</li> <li>- Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15</li> </ul>
South Sudan	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required</li> <li>- +- 3 days</li> <li>- A completed form 5 (A) application for visa in the applicant's country of residence</li> <li>- Yellow fever certificate</li> <li>- A diplomatic or official passport valid for the duration of the trip and copy of the passport attached to the application form</li> <li>- Two recent original passport sized photographs</li> </ul>
Spain	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required only for official passport holders and officials on posting</li> <li>- No visa required on Diplomatic Passports</li> <li>- Note Verbale must be emailed to the Embassy by DIAP</li> <li>- 2 days</li> </ul>
Sri Lanka	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required</li> <li>- Passport should be valid for more than 6 months</li> <li>- A certified copy of the letter confirming the purpose of the visit</li> <li>- 5 days</li> </ul>
St Lucia	-	-	-	-	- No visa required
St Kitts Nevis	-	-	-	-	- No visa required
St Vincent and	-	-	-	-	- No visa required

Grenadines					
Sudan	X	1	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yellow fever certificate required</li> <li>- Same requirements for officials going on posting</li> </ul>
Suriname	X	X	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required</li> <li>- 2 to 3 days</li> </ul>
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>VISA</b>	<b>FORM</b>	<b>PHOTO</b>	<b>NOTE VERBALE</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Swaziland (Eswatini)	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required even on posting</li> </ul>
Sweden & Estonia	X	X	1	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diplomatic/official passport holders do not need to apply in person</li> <li>- Passport and copy of bio page and 1 x colour photo without head wrapper or glasses required. Do not staple the photo. Unabridged birth certificate for children under 18 years of age and consent of other parent if one parent travelling, and marriage certificate required. Book an appointment at the Embassy- <a href="mailto:ambassaden.pretoria-migrtion@gov.se">ambassaden.pretoria-migrtion@gov.se</a></li> <li>- Official travelers are required to submit their visa applications at one of VFS's Global Centers in Pretoria, Cape Town, or Durban not at the Embassy in Pretoria.</li> <li>- For Official passport holders, to obtain a Schengen visa, travel medical insurance is a mandatory requirement. The insurance must cover costs related to emergency medical aid, urgent hospital treatment, or transport to the country of origin for medical reasons or in case of death. The insurance needs to cover at least €30,000 and be valid for the entire Schengen area and the duration of your stay.</li> <li>- NB: VFS Global will charge for service. New Visa requirement implemented with</li> </ul>

					effect from 12 July 2021 - 15 days
Switzerland	-	-	-	-	- Diplomatic and official/service passport holders do not need a visa when reporting for assignments to their missions in South Africa - The same position applies to South African Diplomatic and official passport holders taking up assignments in the country. The Sending state must inform the Receiving State by Note Verbale of the assignments before the assignments actually realise
Syria	X	1	2	NV	- Visa required - 2 colour photos - 5 days
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>VISA</b>	<b>FORM</b>	<b>PHOTO</b>	<b>NOTE VERBALE</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Taipei (Taiwan)	X	X	2	NV	- 2 to 3 days - Application should be completed online through this link: <a href="http://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw">http://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw</a> - Use Google Chrome to access the application form <a href="https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw/BOCA_EVISA/">https://visawebapp.boca.gov.t w/BOCA_EVISA/</a>
Tajikistan	-	-	-	-	- No visa required
Tanzania	-	-	-	-	- No visa required - Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15
Thailand (Bangkok)	-	-	-	-	- No visa required up to 90 days - In the case of posting, entry is allowed up to 90 days and an extension for the tour of duty can be applied for after arrival in Thailand
Timor Leste – East Timor					- No info available
Togo	-	-	-	-	- No visa required for diplomatic and official/ service passport holders for a maximum period of ninety (90) days
Tonga					- Refer to Canberra or London
Trinidad and Tobago	X	X	2	NV	- Visa required - Passport must have 3 blank

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pages, 2 photos</li> <li>- 2 completed application forms.</li> <li>- 2 copies of bio data pages of passport., 2 copies of travel itinerary, 2 copies of NV</li> <li>- 2 copies of confirmed accommodation</li> <li>- 2 copies of proper local Trinidad and Tobago address.</li> <li>- 2 copies of reasons for visit</li> <li>- Incomplete applications will not be accepted</li> <li>- 7- 9 days</li> </ul>
COUNTRY	VISA	FORM	PHOTO	NOTE VERBALE	REMARKS
Tunisia	-	-	-	-	- No visa required, even on a posting
Türkiye	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required for up to 30 days</li> <li>- Visa required for posting</li> <li>- 3 days</li> <li>- Apply online at <a href="http://www.visa.gov.tr/">http://www.visa.gov.tr/</a></li> </ul>
Turkmenistan	X				- Political Desk / Moscow
Tuvalu	X				- Political Desk / Canberra
Uganda	-	-	-	-	- No visa required for official visits and accreditation for a maximum period of ninety (90) days
Ukraine	X	X	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visa required on diplomatic and official passports.</li> <li>- Online application required <a href="http://visa.mfa.gov.ua">http://visa.mfa.gov.ua</a></li> <li>- 2 colour photos 3x4 cm</li> <li>- Passport must be valid for at least 3 months after the declared exit date from Ukraine. Must have at least 2 spare pages; 3 working days for processing</li> <li>- Same requirements for posting</li> </ul>
United Arab Emirates	X	X	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa is required if in transit for less than 16 hours</li> <li>- Visa application form to be typed in</li> <li>- One photo must be glued to the form and the other must accompany the passport</li> <li>- The photos must be on a white background and not cream white</li> </ul>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For officials going on posting, only a Note Verbale must be sent announcing the appointment of the official and the official being replaced. The application is submitted AFTER approval has been obtained</li> <li>- 5 days</li> <li>- Flight itinerary; Hotel accommodation</li> </ul>
COUNTRY	VISA	FORM	PHOTO	NOTE VERBALE	REMARKS
United Kingdom  (and British Overseas Territories)	X	X	2	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Visa required for diplomatic and official passport holders</b></li> <li>- First Entry required on posting</li> <li>- Online visa application form to be completed on webpage <a href="https://visa.vfsglobal.com/zaf/en/gbr/apply-visa">https://visa.vfsglobal.com/zaf/en/gbr/apply-visa</a></li> <li>- Officials on posting must select the "EXEMPT VIGNETTE" option as the visa category</li> <li>- 10 working days for diplomatic passports (DVA application)</li> <li>- 15 days for official passports, visa fees to be paid (standard visitor's visa)</li> </ul>
United States of America	X	X	2 (50x 50)	NV	<p>5 days <a href="https://ceac.state.gov/GenNIV/Common/ConfirmApplicationID.aspx?node=SecureQuestion">https://ceac.state.gov/GenNIV/Common/ConfirmApplicationID.aspx?node=SecureQuestion</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diplomatic and Official holders need to apply for G1 when visiting Permanent Mission even on Posting.</li> <li>- The A1 visa is for official's posted to the SA Consulate General</li> </ul>
Uruguay	-	-	-	-	- No visa required, even for posting
Uzbekistan	-	-	-	-	- Political Desk / Moscow
Vanuatu	-	-	-	-	- Refer to Canberra
Vatican (Holy See)	-	-	-	-	- Requirements for Italy have to be observed as Italy is the entry country to the Vatican
Venezuela					- No visa required up to 90 days.
Vietnam	-	-	-	-	- No visa required up to 90 days.

					- No visa required if going on posting
Virgin Islands (British)	X	X	2	NV	- Via British High Commission
Virgin Islands (USA)	X	X	2	NV	- Via USA Embassy
Yemen	X	X	2	NV	- 1 to 2 days
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>VISA</b>	<b>FORM</b>	<b>PHOTO</b>	<b>NOTE VERBALE</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Zambia	-	-	-	-	- No visa required even on a posting
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	- No visa required

NOTE:

1. Please send a letter requesting a note verbale or visa waiver letter to [dipnotes@dirco.gov.za](mailto:dipnotes@dirco.gov.za)