



DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES (DIAP) CIRCULAR NOTE NO 19 OF 2026

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) of the Republic of South Africa presents its compliments to Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to the Republic of South Africa and as the honour to inform Foreign Missions that the South African Revenue Service (SARS) has implemented a SARS Online Traveller Declaration Form which was compulsory from 1 July 2026.

Attached is a summary as to who must complete the form, when it must be completed, what documents are required and how to submit. This applies to all travellers.

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa avails itself of the opportunity to renew to Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to the Republic of South Africa the assurances of its highest consideration.



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20 July 2026

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SARS DECLARATION FORM NOW COMPULSORY FOR ALL TRAVELLERS

A quick and easy online step to help ensure a smooth journey to and from South Africa.

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STARTS
1 JULY
2026



SARS ONLINE TRAVELLER DECLARATION

COMPULSORY FROM 1 JULY 2026

WHO MUST COMPLETE IT?

- South African citizens
- Permanent residents
- Foreign visitors

Anyone entering or leaving South Africa by:

AIR
 ROAD
 SEA
 RAIL

WHEN MUST IT BE COMPLETED?

24 HOURS

Within 24 hours before your departure. Complete your declaration before travelling to avoid delays at Customs.

YOU WILL NEED

- Passport or travel document
- Travel itinerary
- Contact details
- Details of travelling companions
- Information about currency or goods requiring declaration

HOW TO SUBMIT

- SARS Traveller Management System (Online)
- SATMS Mobile App
- SARS MobiApp

Keep your confirmation available on your phone or print a copy for Customs.

IMPORTANT

Failure to complete the declaration may result in penalties.

Delays at Customs

Additional inspections

Possible enforcement actions

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At-Home and PD&A HEAD: DECLARE ON TIME. TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE.