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SOUTH AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS VISA REQUIREMENTS BASED ON VISA AGREEMENTS

NB:

Please send a letter with full details requesting a Note Verbale (if a visa is required) or a To Whom It May Concern letter (if there is a visa waiver) to dipnotes_officialtravel@dirco.gov.za

Kindly note that passports must be valid for longer than six (6) months

Queries to the Directorate: Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges (DIAP)

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Afghanistan	X	-	-	-	- No Information
Albania	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required up to 120 days
Algeria	- X	- X	- X	- X	- No visa is 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 is required up to 90 days - No visa is required for posting as well
Antigua and Barbuda	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
Argentina	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required up to 90 days - No visa is required for officials going on posting
Armenia	X	-	-	-	- Visa is required but no representative in SA - Applications lodged via Armenian Embassy in Cairo, Egypt. - Valid passport for at least 6 months
Aruba	X	1	2	NV	- Apply to Royal Netherlands Embassy

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Australia	X	X	1	NV	- Applicant must complete Form 1415, Business visitor's stream online application form available onhttps://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/b - Create your own online account known as ImmiAccount • Upload and attach relevant supporting documents i.e. scanned copy of passport (bidata page and pages containing previous visas or travel • scanned NV • Biometrics not required for Federal/National/Central Government employees travelling on Diplomatic/Official or Service Passports. It takes 5 days to process a visa • Officials on diplomatic posting no application form to be completed, only a Note Verbale stating all the appropriate information. See Annexure "A" below - Transit Visa required for stopovers longer than eight (8) hours when travelling via Australia - Officials posted need to submit a note verbale with passport information and e-mail address to the High Commission.
Austria	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for up to 90 ninety days - Officials on posting: - Diplomats must be announced via Note Verbale

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Azerbaijan	X	2	2	NV	- 3 - 5 days to process
Bahamas	-	-	-	-	- No visa is 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 is required up to 28 days
Bangladesh	X	1	3	NV	- 3 days to process
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 Since 01 August 2014, Holders of South African diplomatic and official passport do NOT need a visa to travel to BENELUX countries (Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxemburg) anymore (applicable both for short and long stay).
Belize	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
Benin	-	-	-	-	- No visa is 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

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Botswana	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required up to 90 days - Officials on posting do not require visas - Residence permits to cover the period of the posting gets issued by the Botswana Government. - Passport size photos are required to go with the application for a residence permit.
Bosnia & Herzegovina	X	1	2	NV	- Contact the SA Embassy in Athens

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Brazil	- X	- 1	- 2	- NV	- No visa is required up to 90 days for transit, tourism, and business purposes for diplomatic and official passports - 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) - **Officials on transfer – visa is required** • 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 • 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 - Travellers are required to first register online to obtain protocol number at

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					https://formulario-mre.serpro.gov.za. - Travellers should request appointment through the e-consular system at https://ec-pretoria.itamaraty.gov.br NB: No one is allowed to send original documents before making appointment. Visa Status can be followed up on https://formulario-serpro.gov.za
Brunei	X	-	-	NV	- Issued at Port of Entry in Brunei
Burundi	X	2	2	NV	- Visa is required - A valid passport (valid for a min of 6 months) Ensure there are at least 2 blank pages) - One application form (correctly filled) - 2 passport size photos (recent) - A valid international yellow fever certificate - 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) - 2 – 5 days to process
Bulgaria	- X	-	-	- NV	- No visa is required up to 90 days - A visa is required for a posting
Burkina Faso	1	1	2	NV	- Original yellow fever certificate required - Invitation letter from Burkina Faso - Hotel bookings; Flight tickets - 2 days to process
Cambodia	X	1	1	NV	- Visa is required - Apply e-visa through this link: https://www.evisagov.co/offcial.en and apply for visa on arrival (VOA) at major entry points.
Cameroon	X	1	2	NV	- Visa is required - The passport should have a validity of at least 6 months with a minimum of 3 blank

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					pages. - Confirmation or Invitation letter from Cameroon - 2 recent passport size photos from a white background with person's name written behind - 2 fully completed application forms. Copy of Yellow fever vaccination card - Flight reservation or air ticket - Proof of accommodation - 2 days to process
Canada	X	1	2	NV	- Applications are made on TRV online at least 14 days before travel date. The applicant will obtain file number for acknowledgement receipt. To: IRCC.RROCDIPLO-CORRDIPLO.IRCC@cic.gc.ca CC.:Xdc-ircc@international.gc.ca - A Note Verbale to include: • Position title, location, posting duration, and planned travel date of the principal representative • Predecessor's name and intended departure date, noting there are limits to the authorized overlap periods • Legal names, dates of birth, and passport numbers of accompanying members of the family forming part of the household - A copy of every member's diplomatic passport or official or service passport biographical page
Cape Verde	-	-	-	NV	- Visa issued at Port of Entry. Passport must be valid for six months
Chad	X	1	2	NV	- Visa is required - Copy of yellow fever certificate required - Apply through the Embassy – Chad

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Cayman Islands	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required with diplomatic passport GOVKY - Cayman Islands Government - For Information and Service
Central African Republic	X	-	-	NV	- Visa is required
Chile	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for up to 90 days, including posting
China	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for Diplomatic and Official Passport holders up to 30 days - Diplomatic passport holders going on posting/transfer do not require visas - Officials posted to Hong Kong, a visa is required and is applied online - For Hong Kong SAR PRC visa is required for posting and applications must be done online at : http://cova.mfa.gov.cn/qzCoComonController.do?show&pageId=index&locale=en_US. Please ensure that when applying online make sure that the photo is Hong Kong specification. - 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 - 5 days to process
Colombia	X	X	2	NV	- Visa is required
Comoros	-	-	-	NV-	- No visa is required for up to 30 days for Official and Diplomatic passports - No visa is required for transfer/posting

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Congo (DRC)	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for Diplomatic and Official Passports for visits not exceeding 90 days - Includes officials going on posting
Congo (Rep)	X	2	2	NV	- 3 days to process - Yello fever vaccination certificate
Cook Islands	-	-	-	NV	- No information
Costa Rica	X	1	1	NV	- Honorary Consulate JHB Copy of ppt + itinerary
Cote d'Ivoire	- X	- -	- -	- NV	- No visa is required for visits of 30 days or less - Visa required for posting - Flight ticket, yellow fever certificates required - Two individual visa application forms filled - 1 day to process
Croatia	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for up to 90 days
Cuba	-	-	-	-	- Diplomatic, Official, and service passports may enter, exit, transit through and stay in the country for a period not exceeding 90 days - For posting, forward Note Verbale with passport details to the Embassy
Cyprus	X	X	2	NV	- Diplomatic Passport holders- takes up to 5 working days - Official Passport holders- takes up to 5 working days
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for up to 90 days even on posting
Denmark	X	1	2	NV	- Visa is required for all passport types - Travellers must complete an Online Application at: https://applyvisa.um.dk - Officials submit themselves for BIOMETRICS. - Credit Card details are required, but the fee will not be charged when submitting documentation directly to the Embassy of Denmark - An appointment can be requested via email

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					- Copy of ticket is always required. - 15 days to process - As a diplomat on official posting to Denmark, you are required to apply for a residence permit (D-visa) through your diplomatic mission, the Embassy of South Africa in Copenhagen. - The application should be submitted through the Protocol Department of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which facilitates residence permit applications for accredited diplomats and their accompanying family members.
Djibouti	X	1	1	NV	- Issued by the French Consulate, JHB - Itinerary is also required
Dominica Republic	X	1	2	NV	- Form 509-Ref to be completed. - 3 to 4 days to process
Dubai	X	1	2	NV	- Visa is required - No visa is required if in transit for less than 16 hours
Ecuador	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
Egypt	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
El Salvador	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
Equatorial Guinea	X	1	2	1	- Visa is required - Copy of yellow fever certificate required - +- 3 days to process
Eritrea	X	1	2	1	- Visa is required - Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15
Estonia	X	1	2	1	- Refer to requirements under Sweden - Passports are sent to VFS in Nairobi so a delay of about three weeks in getting the visa

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Ethiopia	X	1	1	1	- No visa is required on official and diplomatic Passports, Official Visits or Posting
Finland	X	X	1	NV	- Visa is required - Passport must be valid for at least 3 months - Passport must have at least 2 unused pages - One photo - If applying for the first time for Schengen Visa, official must appear in person to submit his/her fingerprints - 3 days to process - Same requirements for officials on posting
Fiji	-	-	-	-	- A visa is not required for 60 days and on posting
France	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for a short stay for diplomatic and official passport holders - Officials going on posting a long stay visa form to be completed cerfa_14571-05_LONG_SEJOUR_EN.pdf - 2 photos in ISO/IEC format https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en_US/web/france-visas/ai-je-besoin-d-un-visa - NB: The Note Verbale for officials on posting must include the predecessor of the official to be posted
Gabon	- X	-	-	- NV	- No visa is required for up to 30 days - A visa is required on posting
Gambia (The)	X	1	1	NV	- Visa is required
Georgia	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for up to 360 days
Germany					- 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

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	X	X	2	NV	- All visa applications must be submitted through external service provider TLS, which operates visa application centers (VAC) in Centurion, Durban, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth & Bloemfontein. Appointments at the VAC's have to be made online after registered on the TLS website. - 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. - 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 - Travellers must produce a valid health insurance in accordance with Schengen requirements. • 2 application forms • 2 §55 declaration forms • valid diplomatic passports • 2 biometric photos per applicant • Note Verbale • Unabridged birth certificate with Apostille for the minor (if the father appears on the birth certificate, he needs to sign the § • 55 declaration form as well, with a copy of his passport and needs to appear in person when you apply) - Please note that there is a

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					waiting period of 5 days from the day you have applied Should you be taking your domestic worker, she would need to make a long-term appointment via integrate visa link www.visa-germany.co.za The forms and requirements are on our homepage www.southafrica.diplo.de - long term visa work permit. Application to be completed online https://videx.diplo.de - To secure appointments and Biometrics use the following email: dvisum@pret.auswaertiges-amt.de
Ghana	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for a period not exceeding 90 days, even on posting
Gibraltar	-	-	-	NV	- Via Embassy of Spain/Political Desk
Greece	-	-	-	-	- The holder of an official SA passport does not require a visa. However, the Mission in Athens advises the delegations obtain letters from DIRCO's Unit: Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges (DIAP) confirming that they do not require visas to be presented at the airport.
Grenada	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
Guinea Bissau	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required - The Mission must inform the MoFA about the arrival dates and purpose
Guinea Conakry	-	-	-	-	- Visa is not required on official even on posting
Guatemala	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
Guyana (French)	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for 30 days
Haiti	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required, passport must be valid for more than six months

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Honduras	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required but visa required for posting
Hungary	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for 120 days Schengen Visa - A visa is required for a posting
Iceland	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
India	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required up to 90 days even on posting
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for visits up to 30 days - For longer visits and accreditation the following are required: • Two application forms to be filled in • Two recent colour photos • Flight details/Itinerary • Invitation letter from counterpart in Indonesia • Original passport valid for more than 6 (six) months • The Visa Exemption facility is not valid for journalistic purposes • 1-3 days to process
Iran	X	1	2	NV	- All Diplomatic and Official Passport holders must complete an application on the following website: https://evisa.mfa.ir/en The applicant shall then receive a tracking code Following documents need to be submitted: -Passport -Copy of tracking code -A NV stating the length of mission as well as purpose of travelling as well as mentioning the name of the predecessor. - 5 days to process
Iraq	X	1	2	NV	- Visa is required - VI. Online visa application form http://www.mofamission.gov.iq

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					/uploadedforms/10001300953 41978857920.pdf - 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). - Flight itinerary - 10 - 14 days to process
Ireland	-	-	-	-	- 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. - Diplomatic passport holders that are travelling to Ireland on official business do not need a visa. - Ordinary passport: visa is required. - Details on how to apply for an Irish visa can be found here: https://www.irishimmigration.ie/at-the-border/giving-your-details-on-avats-for-a-visa-preclearance-application/ - No visa is required on posting
Israel	X	2	2	NV	- Visa is required - 2 recent color photos (50 x 50mm) - The passport which will be used must be valid for a further 6 months from the date of departure from Israel. - A minor under 18 years must present an authorised letter from both parents permitting him/her to travel to Israel - 2 weeks to process - Refer to DIAP
Italy	- X	- 2	- 2	- NV	- No visa is required for 90 days - Visa is required for posting - 2 colour photos
Jamaica	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for up to 90 days, except on transfer

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					- Passport must be valid for 6 months
Japan	X	X	1	NV	- Visa is required - Photo 45mm x 45mm; 1 to 2 working days
Jordan	- X	- X	- 2	- NV	- Visa is issued at port of entry but can be obtained prior to travel E-Visa is issued and processed freely via the website of Ministry of Interior indicated herewith: https://eservices.moi.gov.jo/MOI_EVISA/ - Diplomatic passports will be processed as Gratis, via the Embassy within 24 hours - Visa required for posting - 2 to 3 days to process
Kazakhstan	X	1	1	NV	- Visa is required - Note Verbale, original diplomatic or official passport, one visa application form, two passport size color photos - 3 days to process
Kenya	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required up to 90 days - Officials on posting do not require visas - Officials to take up posting to be announced prior to arrival via Note Verbale
Kiribati	-	-	-	-	- No info available
Korea – North	X	X	2	NV	- Official passport holders pay visa fee - 2 to 3 days to process
Korea – South	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required up to 30 days, except on transfer for posting
Kuwait	X	-	-	NV	- Visa is required - NV required - Send the NV to the Mission in Kuwait for notification to the MoFA
Kyrgyzstan	X	1	1	NV	- Visa is required - For this, a person needs to have 1 photo (3x4cm), passport and invitation letter - Visa application can be completed at the Consular

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					Desk at Manas Airport and visa fee to be paid - Business Single visa for 1-month 70$ - Business double visa for 1-month 100$ - Transit visa 40$ - Transit double visa 50$
Laos	X	1	1	NV	- Visa is required - Apply for evisa through this link https://lao-evisa.com or visa on arrival (VOA) at the port of entry.
Latvia	X	-	-	-	- Honorary Consulate in JHB
Lebanon	X	X	1	NV	- 1 – 4 days to process
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for 30 days - No visa is required for a posting
Libya	X	X	4	NV	- Visa is required - NV clarifying purpose of the visit (Visas for official delegations visiting Libya, are limited to prior approval from the relevant authorities, through the Direcorate of State protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the State of Libya) - Four (4) four ID photos - 3 days to process - WAFED and E-VISA LIBYA
Liberia	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for 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 is required
Lithuania	X	X	-	NV	- No visa is required for up to 30 days for a single or multiple entry within 12 months - Visas are required for posting
Luxembourg	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required - Diplomats must be announced via Note Verbale
Macau	-	-	-	NV	- Through Hong Kong

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Madagascar	X	X	2	NV	- Visa is required - Application form MadagascarStandard Visa_Transf_DiplForm. - Listed requirements received from Embassy: Diplo_Courtesy visa - requirements.pdf
Madeira	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
Malawi	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required even on a posting
Malaysia	- X	- X	- 2	- NV	- No visa is required for up to 90 days (ordinary, official and diplomatic passport holders) - Officials on posting require a single-entry visa - Officials to take up posting to be announced prior to arrival via Note Verbale to the Malaysian High Commission in Pretoria.
Mali	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
Malta	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required - Italy waiver letter is sufficient
Mauritania	X	X	1	NV	Diplomatic/Official/Personal Passports - as of 05 January 2025, any passenger subject to Visa requirements must obtain their electronic visa before boarding to travel to Mauritania. - The procedures must be carried out exclusively through the official website www.anrpts.gov.mr
Mauritius	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required up to 90 days
Mayotte	X	X	2	NV	- Via French Embassy
Mexico	X	1	2	NV	- Please note that holders of South African diplomatic

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					passports do not require a visa for a stay up to 90 days - No visa is required for a posting - Please also note that South African official passport holders are required to have a visa for Mexico. However, they are exempted from applying in person. - Please fill out and sign the application form in full, it is available for download: Click here https://embamex.sre.gob.mx/sudafrica/images/consulares/formatos/visaappformmexza2012.pdf) - Valid official passport in original and one colour photocopy of the pages containing personal information, photograph of bearer and expiration date/extensions. - One passport size (1.5 x 1.3/4 inches) photograph, in colour, no glasses and white background, attached to the application form - If applying to attend an official event in Mexico or private visit: - 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.
Moldova	X	-	-	-	- Holders of diplomatic or official passports of the Republic of South Africa may submit their visa applications online through the e-Visa system. - The detailed requirements, depending on the type of visa requested, are available at the following link:

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					- https://mfa.gov.md/en/content/types-visas-requirements - Moldovan Embassy in Frankfurt (contact person: Victor Onufrei victor.onufrei@mfa.md)
Monaco	X	-	-	NV	- Apply to French Embassy
Mongolia	X	-	-		- Refer to political desk
Montenegro	X	-	-	NV	- Visa is required – applied via Embassy of Serbia. - NV - Application Form (SERBIA). - 1 x ppt size photo
Morocco	X	X	2	NV	- 3 days to process
Mozambique	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for short visits (30 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	1	1	NV	- Visa is required. - Apply e-visa through this link www.myanmarimmigration.org
Namibia	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required, even on a posting
Nepal	X	X	1	NV	- 2 days to process - Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is issued in place of the existing hand-written visa
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	- Diplomatic and official/service passport holders do not require visas for official visits up to three (3) months – 90 days
New Zealand	X	X	2	NV	- Visa is required - A visa is required on a posting. - 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

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					officer: • Full name, date, and place of birth • Diplomatic designation • Country/countries of citizenship • Name of person being replaced • Approximate duration of the assignment in New Zealand • 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. Website:www.immigration.govt.nz  inz1017.pdf
Niger	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required up to 90 days, also for posting - Copy of yellow fever certificate required at port of entry
Nigeria	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required - On posting, inform the Nigerian High Commission (and copy the Mission in Abuja) of the transfer of a new Official
Nicaragua	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required up to 30 days
Norway	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required - No visa is required on posting
Oman	X	X	2	NV	 SKM_C300i25021211320.pdf - Visa required - Submit NV with original passports - Submit Copy of passport

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					- Two I.D photos - Original signed application to be submitted for processing.
Pakistan	X	2	2	NV	- Visa is required (online application) - Copies of Passports and IDs - On transfer to Pakistan: - Confirmation letter from SA H/C, Birth certificate for children; Marriage certificate. - Yellow fever certificate - 3 days to process
Palau	X	-	-	-	- No information available
Palestine	X	-	-	-	- Apply for Israeli visa - Refer to DIAP
Panama	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
Papua New Guinea	X	-	-	NV	- All PNG visa applications must be lodged by the applicant directly to the PNG ICSA either by fax (+675 325 5206) or to the following email addresses: visa@immigration.gov.pg and clientservice@immigration.gov.pg - It is important that the applicant includes both email addresses - PNG ICSA can also be contacted by telephone on +675 323 1500 ext. 1471
Paraguay	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for 120 days
Peru	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for 30 days even on posting
Philippines	-	-	-	NV	- Visa is not required for a period of 30 days - 2 photos - 3 days to process - A visa is required on posting
Poland	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for up to 90 days - No visa is required even on posting
Portugal	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for up to 90 days - No visa is required for posting

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Qatar	X	X	2	NV	- Visa is required - Completed visa application form - 2 Colour photos - 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 - The processing of a visa for diplomatic or official passport holders will depend on the urgency of the application
Reunion Island	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
Romania	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for up to 90 days, even for a posting
Russia	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for 90 days. - Visa is not required for a posting
Rwanda	- X	-	-	NV	- No visa is required - Visa required for a posting
Saharawi	-	-	-	-	- Visa is required
Samoa	X	1	2	NV	- Apply through New Zealand High Commission
San Marino	X	1	2	NV	- Apply via the Italian Embassy
Sao Tome and Principe	X	-	-	NV	- No visa up to 90 days for ordinary passport holders. - Yellow Fever Certificate is still required. - Officials on posting/Diplomats and Official passport holders need visa. - Visa required for posting. https://www.smf.st/evisa/#EN-lang
Saudi Arabia	X	1	2	NV	- Flight Itinerary - 1 day to process
Serbia	X	1	1	NV	- 1 day to process
Senegal	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required up to 90 days
Seychelles	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required up to 90 days
Sierra Leone	X	-	-	NV	- Dept of Home Affairs:

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					Contact person Leonne vd Merwe at 012 4064435
Singapore	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required up to 30 days - If 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
Slovak Republic	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
Slovenia	X	1	2	NV	- Visa is required - Apply via German Embassy
Solomon Island	X	-	-	NV	- Refer to Political desk
Somalia	X	-	-	NV	- Refer to Political desk - Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15
South Sudan	X	1	2	NV	- Visa is required - +- 3 days to process - A completed from 5 (A) application for visa in the applicant's country of residence - Yellow fever certificate - A diplomatic or official passport valid for the duration of the trip and copy of the passport attached to the application form - Two recent original passport sized photographs
Spain	X	1	2	NV	- Diplomatic Passport: No visa required for 90 days - However, SA diplomats posted to the SA Embassy in Spain, needs visas before departure. - Requirements: - 1 application form, filled in and signed by the applicant - Passport (original) - Photograph - Note verbale; explaining position at the Embassy - Regarding Accreditation visas, make sure to include in the NV if the position is new, or, failing

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					that, who is the person being replaced. - Official Passport: visa required. - The requirements are: - 1 application form, filled in and signed by the applicant (attached) - 2 recent photos (color, passport size white background). One of them glued to the original application form, and the other one fixed to the same application form, facing the paper, with a clip. - Passport (must be valid at least for 3 months after the validity of the visa. The visa is valid 90 days in a 6-month period). - Copy of the information page of the passport - Original and copy of the Note Verbale from DIRCO. - The Note Verbal must be also sent by email from the institutional email address from the Ministry and/or protocol (not from the applicant's work email addresses). - Ordinary Passport – Visa required
Sri Lanka	X	1	2	NV	- Visa is required - Passport should be valid for more than 6 months - A certified copy of the letter confirming the purpose of the visit - 5 days to process
St Lucia	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
St Kits Nevis	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
St Vincent and Grenadines	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
Sudan	X	1	2	NV	- Yellow fever certificate required - Same requirements for officials going on posting

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Suriname	X	X	2	NV	- Visa is required - 2 to 3 days to process
Swaziland (Eswatini)	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required even on posting
Sweden & Estonia	X	X	1	NV	- Diplomatic/official passport holders do not need to apply in person - 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 travels, and marriage certificate required. Book an appointment at the Embassy- ambassaden.pretoria-migrtion@gov.se - 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. - 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. - NB: VFS Global will charge for service. New Visa requirement implemented with effect from 12 July 2021 - 15 days to process

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Switzerland	-	-	-	-	- No visa required - Diplomatic and official/service passport holders do not need a visa when reporting for assignments to their missions
Syria	X	1	2	NV	- Visa is required - 2 colour photos - 5 days to process
Taipei (Taiwan)	X	X	2	NV	- * Complete online and print out the form through the link: https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw/BOCA_EVISA/home.do Choose general visa - * 3-5 working days - After printing the form, the official must submit the passport along with the Note Verbale to the Taipei Commercial Office for visa processing.
Tajikistan	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required
Tanzania	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required - Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15
Thailand (Bangkok)	X	1	1	NV	- Visa exempted for 90 days for official purposes. - Visa required for posting assignments to the mission in Bangkok. Apply for online visa through this link: https://www.thaievisa.go.th Required document: • Biodata page of Passport. • Photograph taken within the last six months. • Document indicating current location. • Note verbale from sending stating/internation organization specifying posting details.
Timor Leste – East Timor	-	-	-	-	- No info available

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Togo	-	-	-	-	- No visa is 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 is required - Passport must have 3 blank pages, 2 photos - 2 completed application forms - 2 copies of bio data pages of passport., 2 copies of travel itinerary, 2 copies of NV - 2 copies of confirmed accommodation - 2 copies of proper local Trinidad and Tobago address. - 2 copies of reasons for visit - Incomplete applications will not be accepted - 7- 9 days to process
Tunisia	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required, even on a posting
Türkiye	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for up to 30 days - Visa required for posting - 3 days to process - Apply online at http://www.visa.gov.tr/
Turkmenistan	X	-	-	-	- Refer to Political Desk / Moscow
Tuvalu	X	-	-	-	- Refer to Political Desk / Canberra
Uganda	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for official visits and accreditation for a maximum period of ninety (90) days
Ukraine	-	-	-	-	- Visa is not required. A visa Waiver Agreement is effective since October 2025.
United Arab Emirates	X	X	2	NV	- Completed application form - Scanned colour copy of passport (which has to be valid for 6 months after intended period of travel) - One passport photo glued to the application form (Photos must be on a white

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					background and not cream white) - All visas issued are only valid for a single entry and is valid for 60 days from date of entry - Duration of stay is limited to 30 days from first entry - Email scanned colour copy of all documents to pretoriaemb.visa@mofaic.gov.ae to process applications UAE New Visa Application Form_25 -
United Kingdom (and British Overseas Territories)	X	X	2	NV	**Visa required for diplomatic and official passport holders** **Diplomats posted to the UK and accredited to the their Country's High Commission or Embassy, and eligible dependants, continue to apply in the exempt category and will receive an exempt vignette for the duration of their posting**. - First Entry required on posting - Online visa application form to be completed on webpage https://visa.vfsglobal.com/zaf/en/gbr/apply-visa - Officials on posting must select the "EXEMPT VIGNETTE" option as the visa category - 10 working days for diplomatic passports (DVA application) - 15 days for official passports, visa fees to be paid (standard visitor's visa)
United States of America	X	X	2 (50x 50)	NV	5 days to process https://ceac.state.gov/GenNIV/Common/ConfirmApplicationID.aspx?node=SecureQuestion - Diplomatic and Official holders need to apply for G1 when visiting Permanent Mission even on Posting.

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					- The A1 visa is for official's posted to the SA Consulate General.
Uruguay	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required, even for posting
Uzbekistan	-	-	-	-	- Refer to Political Desk / Moscow
Vanuatu	-	-	-	-	- Refer to Canberra
Vatican (Holy See)	-	-	-	-	- Requirements for Italy must be observed as Italy is the entry country to the Vatican
Venezuela					- No visa is required for up to 90 days.
Vietnam	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required for up to 90 days. - No visa is required if going on posting
Virgin Islands (British)	X	X	2	NV	- Apply to British High Commission
Virgin Islands (USA)	X	X	2	NV	- Apply to USA Embassy
Yemen	X	X	2	NV	- 1 to 2 days to process
Zambia	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required even on a posting
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	- No visa is required, exception for 90 days

NOTE:

1. Please send a letter requesting a note verbale or visa waiver letter to dipnotes@dirco.gov.za