

# South African Online Traveller Declaration



# What is the South Africa Traveller Declaration?

The **South Africa Traveller Declaration** is an online customs declaration introduced by the South African Revenue Service (SARS).

It allows travellers to declare:

- Personal and travel information
- Goods, cash or other items that must be declared to Customs (if applicable)

The declaration helps speed up customs clearance upon arrival in or departure from South Africa.

## When should it be completed?

The Traveller Declaration must be completed **within 24 hours before your journey**:

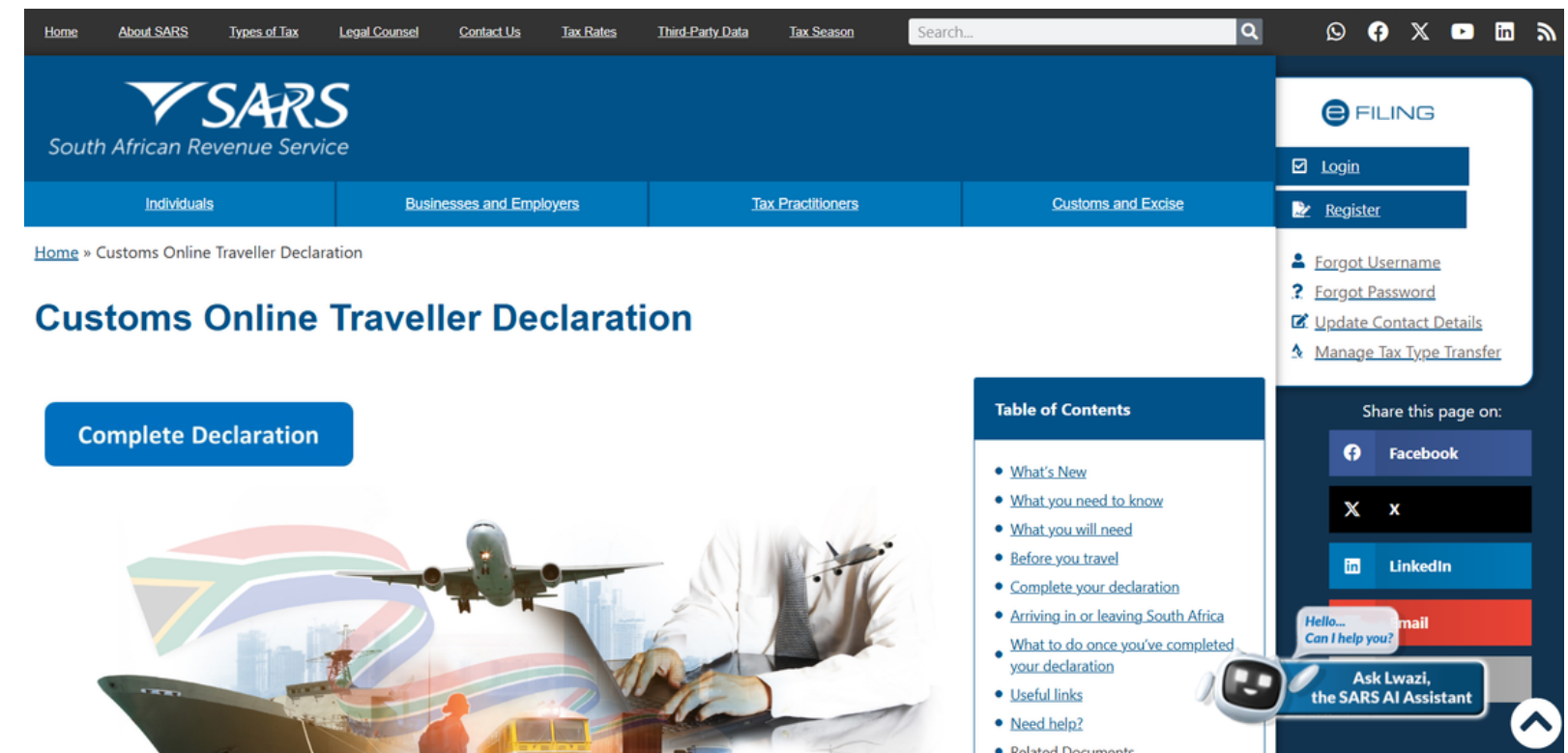
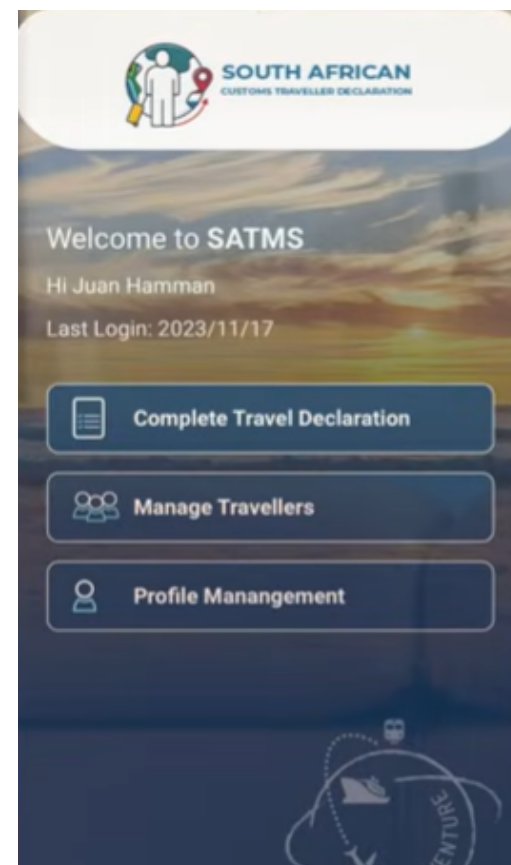
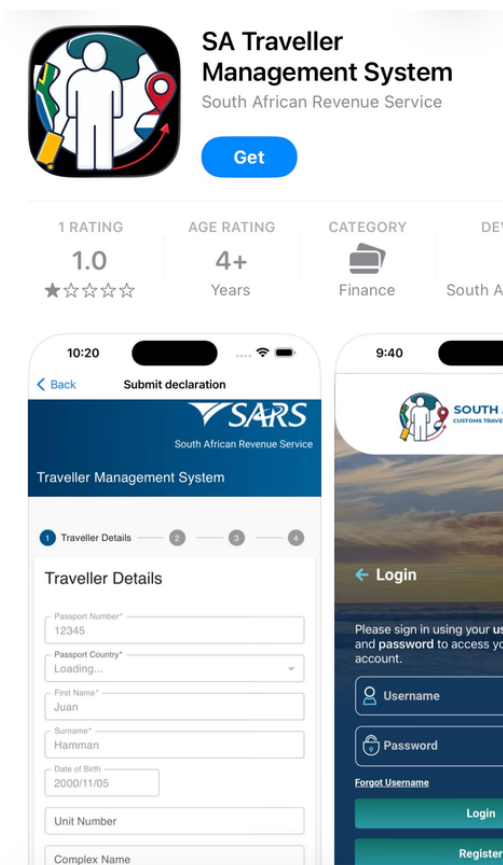
- **Entering South Africa:** within 24 hours before the departure of your last flight to South Africa.
- **Leaving South Africa:** within 24 hours before departing from South Africa.

Once submitted, you will receive a confirmation by email. Keep this confirmation available on your mobile device (or as a printed copy) in case it is requested by Customs.

# Step 1

Download the **SATMS App** from your Google, Huawei or Apple store on your mobile device.

Go to the [SARS Website](#).

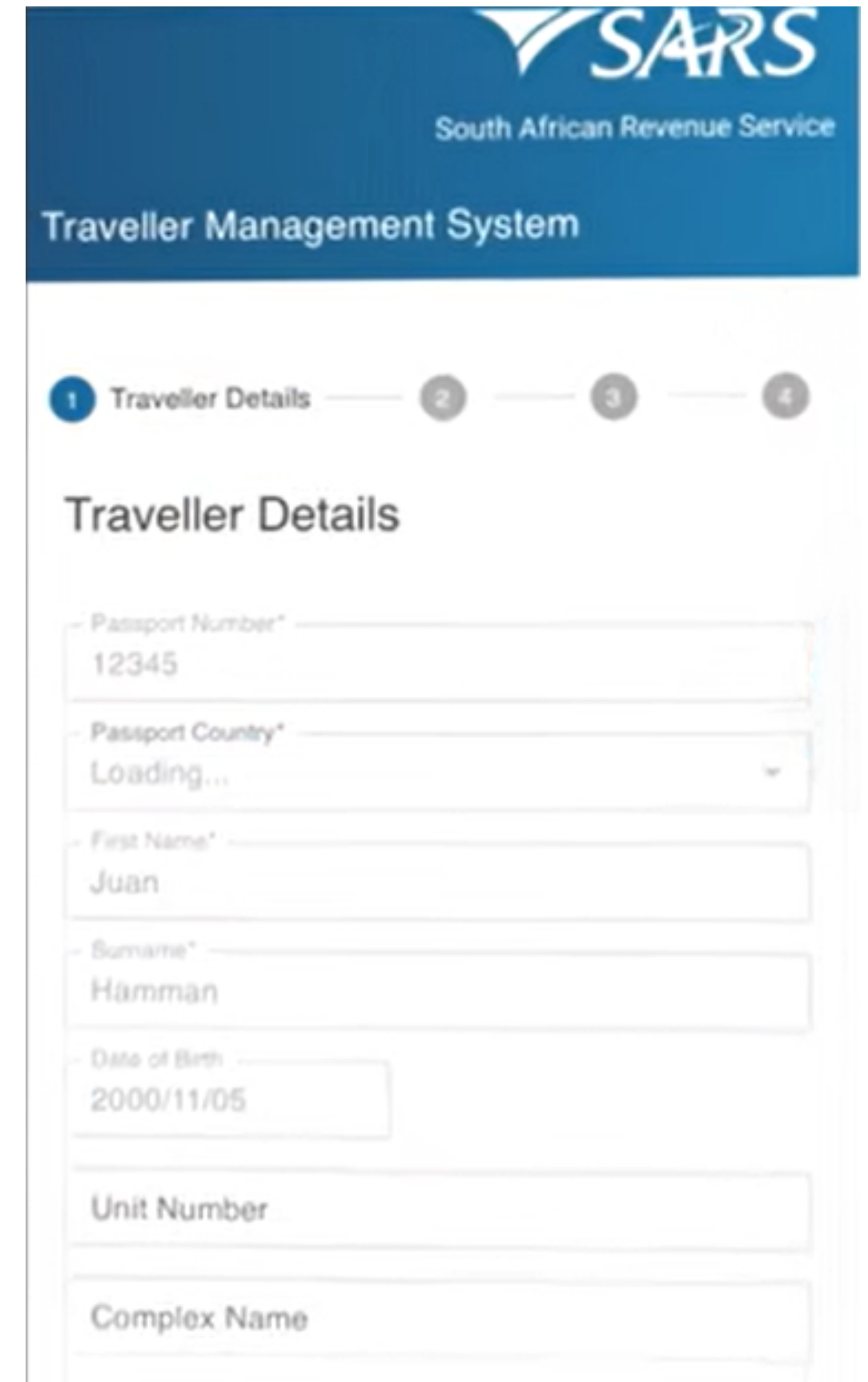


Click on **Complete Travel Declaration**

## Step 2

After completing **your personal details**,  
choose **Next**.

Choose your traveller type, personal or  
business, and fill in your details.



The screenshot displays the SARS (South African Revenue Service) Traveller Management System interface. At the top, the SARS logo and 'South African Revenue Service' are visible. Below this, the title 'Traveller Management System' is shown. A progress bar at the top indicates four steps: 1. Traveller Details (active), 2, 3, and 4. The main section is titled 'Traveller Details' and contains several input fields:

- Passport Number\***: A text box containing '12345'.
- Passport Country\***: A dropdown menu showing 'Loading...'.
- First Name\***: A text box containing 'Juan'.
- Surname\***: A text box containing 'Hamman'.
- Date of Birth**: A date picker showing '2000/11/05'.
- Unit Number**: An empty text box.
- Complex Name**: An empty text box.

## Step 3

Declare **goods**, including **currency**, in your possession and pay any duties and VAT if applicable.

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## Step 4

Submit your declaration. You will receive confirmation via email or SMS.

Then proceed to the Custom processing area to access your submitted declaration at the relant port or border crossing.

Your declaration is accessible at the Customs area, if needed.

Click [here](#) to watch the tutorial.

## **When must I submit the online declaration?**

You must submit the online declaration no more than 24 hours before departure from the country from which you are travelling. If you are travelling to South Africa on a journey with stops, the declaration must be submitted no more than 24 hours before departure on the last leg of your journey directly to South Africa.

## **What information do I need to complete the declaration?**

You will generally need your passport or travel document details, your travel details, contact details, and details of any travelling companions, if applicable. You must also indicate whether you have goods, currency or bearer negotiable instruments that need to be declared, and if prompted by the system, provide further details about those items.

## **Do I need to declare personal effects?**

No. You do not need to declare ordinary personal effects for your own use. However, you must declare goods, currency or other items that exceed your traveller allowance or require Customs attention.

## **What must I do if my details change after I have submitted the declaration?**

If any of the information you submitted changes before you proceed through the Customs processing channel, you must update your declaration so that the information on the system remains correct.

## **What happens if I do not submit a declaration or if I make a false declaration?**

Travellers are legally required to make a proper and true declaration. Failure to declare goods, currency or other relevant items, or making a false declaration, may lead to delays, the detention or forfeiture of goods, penalties, or other enforcement actions under Customs legislation.

For the complete list of FAQs, click [here](#).