

VISA process for South Africa



Many countries still require a visa before travelling to South Africa. Check official updated information here:

- [South African Department of Home Affairs](#)
- [Types of Visa](#)
- [Official South Africa eVisa Portal](#)

Visiting South Africa, a valid visa must be produced before entering into the country. A visa will be issued for a visit for tourism or business purposes and is valid for **a period of 90 days**.

Some countries are exempted from visa control, which means that citizens from those countries do not need a visa to visit South Africa.

Check **here** if your Country is exempted from South African Visa. If your country is NOT visa-exempt, you must apply before travelling.

Visas are not issued at South African ports of entry and airline officials are obliged to insist on visas before allowing passengers to board. If you arrive without a visa, immigration officials are obliged to put you on a flight back to your home country.

Depending on your intended visit, you can apply for a Visitor's Visa or a Transit Visa.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR A VISA:

- A passport or travel document valid for no less than 30 days after the expiry of your intended visit
- Your passport must have at least one unused page for entry/departure endorsements
- A completed Form BI-84 (can be downloaded by clicking here: **[application for a visa](#)**)
- Payment of the prescribed fee
- A yellow-fever vaccination certificate (if required)
- Statement and/or documentation confirming the purpose and duration of your visit
- Two colour passport photographs, return or onward ticket if you are travelling by air
- If you have children (minors) travelling with you or joining you in South Africa, you will need to provide the following additional documents:
 - Unabridged birth certificates, proof of guardianship or custody or
 - Consent from the guardian in the case of an unaccompanied minor
- Proof of financial means to pay for your living expenses while in South Africa in the form of:
 - Bank statements, salary advances, undertakings by the host(s) in South Africa Bursary, medical cover or
 - Cash available (including credit cards and travellers' cheques)

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING SOUTH AFRICA

You will need the following if you wish to visit South Africa:

- A valid and acceptable passport or travel document for your intended stay
- At least one blank page in your passport for endorsements
- A valid visa, if required, and sufficient funds to pay for your day-to-day expenses during your stay
- A return or onward ticket
- Yellow fever certificates if your journey starts or entails passing through the yellow fever belt of Africa or South America. (*)

Don't forget that there are certain goods that you cannot bring into South Africa and other goods on which duties need to be paid.

- Customs requirements
- Agricultural requirements

(*) YELLOW FEVER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

South Africa requires all travellers journeying from yellow fever risk countries to show proof of yellow fever vaccination by means of a valid yellow fever certificate.

This also applies to those who have transited through a yellow fever risk country.

The certificates, which are valid for 10 years, must be approved by the World Health Organization, and should be administered at a yellow fever approved vaccination centre at least 10 days before departure to South Africa, as the vaccine only offers protection 10 days after administration.

Failure to produce a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate at a South African port of entry could lead to refusal of entry, or quarantine until your certificate becomes valid. Quarantine will not be longer than six days.

If you have exemption certificate due to medical reasons, you will be allowed entry, but you will be required to report any fever or other symptoms to the health authorities, and you will be placed under surveillance.

Check at the following link the countries for which a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for entry into South Africa:

- <https://www.southafrica.net/gl/en/travel/article/yellow-fever-entry-requirements>

Apply for your VISA
following the steps on
the official eVisa
website [here](#)

Welcome to eVisa South Africa



Create your profile

Step 1

A unique profile will be created associated to your passport details that will be available for 14 days to allow the processing of your application for a South African eVisa. Click on this card to get started.



Submit your online form

Step 2

By completing and submitting the necessary information required on the eVisa application form your application can be processed.



Upload documentation

Step 3

The required supporting documents to support your eVisa submission will need to be uploaded to complete your application submission.



Confirm secure payment

Step 4

Your eVisa application will be completed by uploading the proof of payment you received from the bank, once you have made an Electronic Funds Transfer to the designated account.

