



PASSPORT HOLDERS WHO ARE EXEMPT FROM VISAS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

The citizen who is a holder of a national passport (diplomatic, official and ordinary) of the foreign countries / territories / international organisations listed below are not required to hold a visa when reporting to an immigration officer for an examination at a South African port of entry, subject to the terms and conditions set out in this list, including *inter alia* the intended period of stay in the Republic.

1. The holder of a national South African passport, travel document and document for travel purposes.
2. The citizen who is a holder of a national passport (**diplomatic, official or ordinary**) of the following countries / territories / international organisations is not required to hold a visa in respect of purposes for which a port of entry visa may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [accredited in SA] for an intended stay of **90 days** or less and when in transit:

African Union Laissez Passer

Andorra

Angola (**ordinary passports 90 days per annum visits not to exceed 30 days**)

Argentina

Australia

Austria

Belgium

Botswana

Brazil

Canada

Chile (**only ordinary passport holders**)

Czech Republic

Denmark

Ecuador

Finland

France

Germany (**except in diplomatic staff due to assume duty at the Embassy and Consulates of Germany in SA**)

Greece

Iceland

Ireland

Israel

Italy

Jamaica

Japan

Liechtenstein
 Luxemburg
 Malta
 Monaco
 Namibia (**only ordinary passport holders 90 days per annum**)
 Netherlands
 Norway
 Panama
 Paraguay
 Portugal
 Russian Federation
 San Marino
 Singapore
 Spain
 St Vincent & the Grenadines
 Sweden
 Switzerland
 Tanzania (**90 days per annum**)
 Trinidad & Tobago (**only ordinary passport holders**)
 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (**only ordinary passport holders**)
 British Islands Bailiwick of Guernsey and Jersey, Isle of Man. British Overseas Territories namely: Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, St Helena and Dependencies (Ascension Island, Gough Island and Tristan da Cunha), Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands, the Sovereign Base Areas of Cyprus South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the Turks and Caicos Island.
 United States of America (**only diplomatic and ordinary passport holders. However, diplomatic passport holders who are due to assume duty at the Embassy and Consulates of the USA in South Africa, require visas for accreditation purposes**)
 Uruguay
 Venezuela
 Zambia (**90 days per annum**)
 Zimbabwe

3. The citizen who is a holder of a national passport (**diplomatic, official and ordinary**) of the following countries / territories / international organisations is not required to hold a visa in respect of purposes for which a port of entry visa may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [accredited in SA] for an intended stay of **30 days** or less and when in transit:

Antigua and Barbuda
 Bahamas (**only ordinary passport holders**)
 Barbados
 Belize
 Benin
 Bolivia
 Cape Verde
 Costa Rica
 Cyprus (**only ordinary passport holders**)
 Gabon

Guyana	
Hong Kong	[only with regard to holders of Hong Kong British National Overseas passports and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passports]
Hungary	(only ordinary passport holders)
Jordan	
Lesotho	
Macau	[only with regard to holders of Macau Special Administrative Region passports (MSAR)]
Malaysia	
Malawi	
Maldives	
Mauritius	
Mozambique	(only ordinary passport holders)
Peru	
Poland	(only ordinary passport holders)
Seychelles	
South Korea	
Swaziland	
Thailand	(only ordinary passport holders)
Turkey	

4. Agreements have also been concluded with the following countries for holders of diplomatic and official passport holders.

Citizens who are holders of **diplomatic, official and service passports** of the following countries do not require visas in respect of purposes for which a port of entry visa may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [accredited in SA] for the **period indicated** and transit:

Albania	(120 days)
Algeria	(30 days)
Angola	(90 days)
Belarus	(90 days)
Benelux states	(90 days)
Bulgaria	(90 days)
China (PROC)	(30 days)
Cyprus	(90 days)
Comoros	(90 days)
Croatia	(90 days)
Cuba	(90 days)
Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)	(90 days) (official visits only)
Egypt	(30 days)
Ghana	(90 days)
Guinea	(90 days)
Hungary	(120 days)
India	(90 days)
Indonesia	(30 days)
Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire)	(30 days)
Kenya	(30 days)
Liberia	(90 days)
Mexico	(90 days)
Madagascar	(30 days)

Morocco	(30 days)
Mozambique	(90 days)
Namibia	(30 days)
Nigeria	(90 days)
Paraguay	(120 days)
Poland	(90 days)
Romania	(90 days)
Rwanda	(30 days)
Senegal	(90 days)
Slovak Republic	(90 days)
Thailand	(90 days)
Tunisia	(90 days) (also special passports)
Uganda	(90 days)
Vietnam	(90 days)

5. Notwithstanding this Schedule, a foreigner whose visa exemption has been withdrawn shall comply with the visa requirements until notified by the Department that his or her visa exemption has been re-instated by the Department on petition or of its own accord.
6. General Work Visas are not required by commercial heavy duty vehicle drivers who are employed by South African companies and originate from countries which enjoy visa free movement into South Africa, on condition that they can produce a letter confirming their employment on entry. In accordance with a High Court ruling by the North Gauteng High Court on 31 March 2011, foreign commercial heavy duty vehicle drivers may be issued with visitor's visas in terms of section 11(1)(a) of the Immigration Act, with authorisation to conduct work in terms of section 11(2) of the said Act for the period of their visa exemption, which period may not exceed 90 days at a time.
7. Port of entry visas are not required by foreign employed commercial heavy-duty vehicle drivers from Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi who are entering the Republic, provided their visits do not exceed the period of their visa exemption and on condition that they can produce a letter confirming their employment with a transport company abroad on entry. Visitor's visas in terms of section 11(1)(a) of the Immigration Act, with authorisation to conduct work in terms of section 11(2) of the said Act for the period of their visa exemption, which period may not exceed 90 days at a time
8. Staff members of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) who travel on SADC laissez-passers are exempt from visa requirements for bona fide official business visits up to 90 days and transit.
9. The following categories of the UN as well as their spouses, dependent relatives and other members of the households are exempt from visa requirements when visiting the Republic for periods not exceeding 90 days for purposes for which a port of entry visa may be issued, and for official business purposes and transits and when accredited for placement at a UN mission in the Republic for the duration of their accreditation, provided they are in possession of the relevant letters or identification documents to identify themselves at ports of entry as personnel of an UN agency.

- Holders of United Nations Laissez-passers
 - Volunteers attached to the UN
 - Persons involved in any United Nations agency
 - Persons performing services on behalf of the UN
10. Members of military forces attending any military related matters with the South African National Defence Force are exempt from visa and study visa requirements; irrespective of their duration of stay provided they are in possession of letters of invitation from the SANDF as well as letters of consent from the military force of which they are members.
11. With effect from 18 December 2015 travellers, with the exception of deportees, who transit through O R Tambo International Airport; Cape Town International Airport; King Shaka International Airport and Lanseria International Airport do not require transit visas as contemplated in section 10B(4)(a) of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No 13 of 2002). However, transiting passengers will be subjected to biometric capturing. Deportees transiting at any port of entry are required to be in possession of a transit visa at all times and must be escorted.

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IMMIGRATION SERVICES: COUNTRIES WITH NO SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATION

COUNTRIES WITH SOUTH AFRICAN MISSIONS/EMBASSIES	COUNTRIES WITH NO SOUTH AFRICAN MISSIONS OR EMBASSIES
ALGERIA	Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic
ANGOLA	
ARGENTINA	Paraguay
AUSTRALIA	Papua New Guinea Solomon Islands Nauru Norfolk Island
AUSTRIA	Slovenia Slovakia
BELGIUM	Luxembourg
BENIN	Togo
BOTSWANA	
BRAZIL	
BULGARIA	Serbia (Consular only)
BURKINA FASO	
BURUNDI	
CAMEROON	Central African Republic
CANADA	
CHAD	
CHILE	
CHINA	Mongolia Democratic People's Republic of Korea
COMOROS	
CONGO	
CUBA	Dominican Republic
CZECH REPUBLIC	
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	
DENMARK	
EGYPT	
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	
ERITREA	
ETHIOPIA	Djibouti Somalia
FIJI	Micronesia Kiribati Marshall Islands Tuvalu
FINLAND	Estonia
FRANCE	Monaco
GABON	
GERMANY	
GHANA	Sierra Leone
GREECE	Bosnia-Herzegovina Cyprus FYROM (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) Montenegro

GUINEA (CONAKRY)	
GUINEA-BISSAU	
HONG KONG	Macau
HUNGARY	Croatia
INDIA (New Delhi)	Bhutan
INDONESIA	Timor Leste
IRAN	
IRELAND	
ISRAEL	
ITALY	Albania Malta San Marino
IVORY COAST	
JAMAICA	Antigua and Barbuda Bahamas Belize Dominica (Commonwealth of) Haiti St Kitts and Nevis
JAPAN	
JORDAN	Iraq
KAZAKHSTAN	Kyrgyzstan Tajikistan Turkmenistan
KENYA	
KOREA (SOUTH)	
KUWAIT	
LESOTHO	
LIBERIA	
MADAGASCAR	
MALAWI	
MALAYSIA	Brunel Darussalam
MALI	
MAURITANIA	
MAURITIUS	Seychelles
MEXICO	Costa Rica El Salvador Guatemala Honduras Nicaragua Panama
MOROCCO	
MOZAMBIQUE	
NAMIBIA	
NETHERLANDS	
NEW ZEALAND	Cook Islands Niue

	Tonga Vanuatu Samoa Tokelau
NIGER	
NIGERIA	
NORWAY	Iceland
OMAN	
PAKISTAN	Afghanistan
PALESTINE	
PERU	Bolivia Ecuador
PHILIPPINES	Palau
POLAND	
PORTUGAL	
QATAR	
ROMANIA	
RUSSIA	Belarus
RWANDA	
SÃO TOMÉ & PRÍNCIPE	
SAUDI ARABIA	Yemen Kingdom of Bahrain
SENEGAL	Cape Verde The Gambia
SINGAPORE	
SOUTH SUDAN	
SPAIN	Andorra
SRI LANKA	Bangladesh Maldives Nepal
SUDAN	
SWAZILAND	
SWEDEN	Latvia Lithuania
SWITZERLAND	Holy See (The Vatican) Liechtenstein (Principality of)
SYRIA	Lebanon
TAIWAN	
TANZANIA	
THAILAND	Cambodia Lao People's Democratic Myanmar
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	Barbados Grenada Guyana St Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Suriname
TUNISIA	Libya

TURKEY	Azerbaijan Uzbekistan
UGANDA	
UKRAINE	Armenia Georgia Moldova
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN & NI	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
URUGUAY	
VENEZUELA	Colombia Netherland Antilles (Consular only)
VIETNAM	
ZAMBIA	
ZIMBABWE	

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PROHIBITED GOODS:

- Habit forming drugs
- Military weapons
- Explosives & fireworks
- Poisons
- Cigarettes weighing more than 2 kg per 1000
- Counterfeit goods

RESTRICTED GOODS:

- Firearms
- SA banknotes of more than R25 000
- Gold coins, stamps & unprocessed gold
- Animals and their products
- Plants and their products
- Certain types of medicine

GOODS NOT FOR PERSONAL USE

* A sample of the main goods to declare

DUTY-FREE ALLOWANCE:

- Sporting & recreational equipment (International visitors)
- Up to 2 litres of wine (not for minors)
- Up to 1 litre of spirits (not for minors)
- Up to 200 cigarettes, 20 cigars & 250g tobacco (not for minors)
- Up to 50ml perfumery & 250ml eau de toilette
- **Up to R5000 worth of new or used goods

*Goods in excess of these quantities should be declared in the Red Channel
 **R25 000 if arriving from Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia or Swaziland

5 Visitors to South Africa may claim back VAT on goods bought in South Africa, provided that such goods are presented for inspection upon departure. VAT Inspection as well as Refund Counters are situated in departure terminals at international airports in the country.