



REQUIREMENTS FOR RETIRED PERSON VISA

(This is a permit issued to retirees intending to live in South Africa only for limited or seasonal periods during the validity of the permit.)

PLEASE NOTE: IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH REGULATION 2(1) (A) OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 2014, ONLY MACHINE-READABLE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (MRTDs) WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SUBMISSION OF VISA APPLICATIONS AND AT PORT OF ENTRY. THEREFORE, NO EXTENDED PASSPORTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

REQUIREMENTS: (all forms to be completed in black ink)

- MACHINE READABLE VALID PASSPORT WITH MINIMUM TWO UNUSED VISA LABEL PAGES. PASSPORT MUST BE VALID FOR MINIMUM 30 DAYS AFTER THE INTENDED DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM SOUTH AFRICA.
- **NON-REFUNDABLE** APPLICATION FEE (IF APPLICABLE) IN THE FORM OF MONEY ORDER / CASHIERS CHECK: **\$36.00**
- **COMPLETED DHA-1738** SIGNED BY APPLICANT.
- TWO PASSPORT PHOTOS.
- CERTIFIED/NOTARIZED COPY BIO PAGE OF PASSPORT.
- CERTIFIED COPY OF VALID PROOF OF RESIDENCE IN US (Green Card/H1 B/ J1/ L1 etc) (Proof of residence must be valid for duration of stay in South Africa) **(B1/B2 US VISA HOLDERS NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY – MUST APPLY IN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN).**
- PROOF OF TENTATIVE TRAVEL ITINERARY OF ROUND-TRIP AIR TICKETS. **DO NOT PURCHASE AIR TICKETS PRIOR TO OBTAINING SOUTH AFRICAN VISA.**

- PROOF OF FINANCIAL MEANS IN THE FORM OF THREE (3) MONTHS OF THE MOST RECENT BANK STATEMENTS, **STAMPED** BY THE BANKING INSTITUTION (NO NOTARY STAMPS) OR WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM BANKING INSTITUTION-ONLINE BANKS.
- PROOF OF TENTATIVE ACCOMMODATION.
- IF HOSTED BY SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN OR PERMENANT RESIDENT: LETTER OF INVITATION, COPY OF CERTIFIED RSA ID DOCUMENT, PROOF OF RESIDENCE OF HOST (UTILITY BILL).
- IF HOSTED BY NON-SOUTH AFRICAN: LETTER OF INVITATION, COPY OF CERTIFIED VALID BIO PAGE OF PASSPORT AND VISA, PROOF OF RESIDENCE OF HOST (UTILITY BILL).
- YELLOW FEVER CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED FOR APPLICANTS TRAVELING THROUGH YELLOW FEVER BELT AREAS EN ROUTE TO SOUTH AFRICA.
- **MEDICAL REPORT** ON PRESCRIBED FORM (PHYSICAL) – **DHA-811**. THE CERTIFICATE MUST NOT BE OLDER THAN SIX (6) MONTHS AT THE TIME THE APPLICANT SUBMITS AN APPLICATION.
- **ORIGINAL FBI CERTIFICATE** (FULL CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK REPORT) AND ORIGINAL POLICE CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FROM EACH COUNTRY WHERE THE RELEVANT APPLICANT RESIDED FOR 12 MONTHS OR LONGER AFTER ATTAINING THE AGE OF 18 YEARS (FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS) IN RESPECT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS OR THE CHARACTER OF THAT APPLICANT, WHICH CERTIFICATE SHALL NOT BE OLDER THAN SIX MONTHS AT THE TIME OF ITS SUBMISSION.
- **STAMPED** PROOF OF FINANCIAL MEANS IN THE FORM OF A PENSION WITH A MINIMUM VALUE OF R37,000 PER MONTH OR AN IRREVOCABLE RETIREMENT ANNUITY OR RETIREMENT ACCOUNT TO THE EQUIVALENT AMOUNT, OR A NET WORTH PROVIDING AN INCOME OF AT LEAST R37,000 PER MONTH.
- **PROCESSING TIME** FOR LONG VISAS EXCEEDING 90 DAYS MAY TAKE UP TO 3 TO 4 WEEKS.
- **WHERE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION**
For residents of Alabama, Arkansas, District of Colombia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Wisconsin:
 - **The South African Embassy in Washington, DC**
3051 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20008