



REQUIREMENTS FOR RETIRED PERSON'S 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)

Please submit your application in the order outlined below:

- **A Printed Copy** of the 'Confirmation of Appointment'.
- **Completed DHA-1738** signed by applicant.
- **Machine Readable Valid Passport** with minimum two (2) 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 a money order/cashier's check: **\$55.00**
- Two (2) passport photos.
- A Certified/Notarized copy bio page of your passport.
- A Certified/Notarized copy of valid Proof of Residence in the USA (Green Card/H1 B/J1/L1 etc) (Proof of Residence must be valid for duration of stay in South Africa) *(B1/B2 USA visa holders are not eligible to apply in WDC and must apply in your Country of Residence).*
- A Certified/Notarized copy of your Unabridged Birth Certificate.
- A pre-paid, self-addressed mailing label and envelope for the return of your passport after processing. **Prepaid Return Envelope Requirements:**
 - **Single passport:** A5-size envelope
 - **Multiple passports:** A4-size envelopeThe envelope must be **sturdy (padded or cardboard-backed)**, suitably sized to prevent **bending**, and include a **trackable prepaid courier label**. Kindly ensure that the **full return address is clearly indicated**.

A Statement or Documentation detailing the Purpose and Duration of the visit.

- Proof of **Tentative Travel Itinerary** for round-trip air tickets. ***Do not purchase air tickets prior to obtaining your South African visa.***
- Proof of **Tentative Accommodation**.
- **Proof of Financial Means** in the form of bank statements for the last three (3) months, **stamped** by your bank **OR** in the absence of the stamp, a bank-issued verification letter for the account holder. ***Notarized statements will not be accepted.***
- **A Yellow Fever Certificate** is required for applicants traveling through *Yellow Fever Belt* areas en route to South Africa.
- **Medical Report** on prescribed form – **DHA-811** (physical). The Certificate must not be older than six (6) months at the time the applicant submits an application.
- The Original **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Clearance Certificate** (full criminal background check report), together with **original Police Clearance Certificates** from each country in which the applicant has resided for a period of 12 months or longer after the age of 18 (within the past five (5) years), confirming the applicant's criminal record status or character. All certificates must not be older than six (6) months at the time of submission.

For Accompanying Spouse, include the following:

- Marriage Certificate **OR** in the case of a Foreign Spousal Relationship please provide:
 - proof of official recognition thereof issued by the authorities of the foreign country of the applicant (where applicable).
 - Divorce Decree, where applicable.

For Accompanying Children, include the following:

- A Court Order granting full or specific parental responsibilities and rights, where applicable.
- Death Certificate, in respect of late spouse, where applicable.
- Written consent from both parents and full parental responsibilities, where applicable.
- Proof of Adoption, where applicable.
- Legal Separation Order, where applicable.

In Respect of an Application by a Person who is the Spouse OR Dependent Child of the holder of a visa issued in terms of Section 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 22 of the Act, include the following:

- A certified/notarized copy of the visa holder's visa,
- An Affidavit confirming financial responsibility for the applicant.

Requirements by Principal Retiree Applicant/s:

Applicants must demonstrate the ability to support themselves financially in South Africa through one of the following:

- **Stamped Proof of Financial Means** in the form of a Pension with a minimum value of R37,000 per month from:
 - **Pension.**
 - **Annuity.**
 - **Retirement Fund.**

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. Should be accompanied by a Net worth confirmation from a South African financial institution confirming sufficient assets.
- **Proof of Valid Medical Cover** for the full duration of stay, renewable annually, with a medical scheme registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act of South Africa.

Processing Time:

For Long Term Visas exceeding 90 days:

4 weeks.

WHERE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

For Residents of: Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, 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:

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