



REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY VISA

(This Visa is issued to Foreigners intending to take up Studies in South Africa not less than a period of three months)

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 cash/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 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 envelope
The 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 case of a minor, a notarized letter of consent from the parent is required.
- Certified copies of proof of adoption/legal guardianship/birth certificate 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, together with an Affidavit confirming financial responsibility for the applicant.

In the case of a Learner:

- **An official Letter from the Institution in South Africa confirming Acceptance and Duration of the Course with a school/varsity seal or college official stamp.**
- **Proof of Host's (Principal/Head of Learning Institution's) legal status in South Africa:**
 - **The Certificate of Registration of the Institution** with the South African Department of Higher Learning.
- **If hosted by South African Citizen or Permanent Resident**, include the following:
 - A Letter of invitation from Hosts,
 - A certified/notarized copy of their RSA ID document,
 - A copy of Host's proof of residence (in the form of a utility bill, tax receipt, bank statements). duly certified by the South African Police Service.
- **If hosted by a Non-South African**, include the following:
 - A Letter of invitation from Hosts,
 - A certified/notarized copy of their RSA ID document,
 - A copy of Host's proof of residence (in the form of a utility bill, tax receipt, bank statement). duly certified by the South African Police Service.

An Undertaking by the Registrar OR Principal of the Learning Institution to:

- Provide Proof of Registration as contemplated in the relevant legislation within 60 days of registration.

OR

- In the event of failure to register by the closing date, provide the Director-General with; a notification of failure to register within 7 days of the closing date of registration.
- Within 30 days, notify the Director-General that the applicant is no longer registered with such Institution; and
- Within 30 days, notify the Director-General when the applicant has completed his or her studies or requires extending such period of study.

A stamped official Letter of Enrolment from the Institution of Learning concerned in the USA if applicable.

- In the case of a Foreign State accepting responsibility for the applicant in terms of a Bilateral Agreement:
 - Provide a stamped, written Undertaking from such Foreign State to pay for the departure of the applicant.
- **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.

In the case of a Learner Under the Age of 18 years, they must provide:

- A Written Confirmatory Letter from the individual who is acting, or has agreed to act, as the Learner's Guardian during their stay in South Africa, accompanied by proof of the guardian's physical address and contact details.
- **Completed Parental Consent Form** downloadable via the following link:
<https://www.saembassy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/affidavit-ParentalConsentAffidavit.pdf>
- **Certified/notarized copy of ID of person taking Financial Responsibility**, with three months statement and **stamped** from the bank.
- **Stamped** Proof of sufficient financial means available to the Learner while in 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 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:

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