

REQUIREMENTS FOR VISITOR'S VISA SECTION 11(6): FOR SPOUSE OF A SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT

{Visitor Visa Section 11(6) is ONLY issued to a Spouse of a South African Citizen OR Permanent Residence Holder. Such person can apply for a Visitor's Visa Section 11(6) to allow him or her to work, study or conduct business. It cannot be issued to any other dependent person (brother, sister, mother, father, etc}

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 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**.

- **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.

- **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.

In Respect of a Married Couple:

- **Marriage Certificate** OR in the case of a Foreign Spousal Relationship, proof of official recognition thereof issued by the authorities of the foreign country of the applicant (where applicable).
- **The Affidavit where a Spousal Relationship to a South African Citizen OR Resident** is applicable as well as documentation proving cohabitation and the extent to which the related financial responsibilities are shared by the parties and setting out the particulars of children in the spousal relationship.
- **Proof of a Union** recognized in terms of the recognition of Customary Marriages Act, 1998 (Act no. 120 of 1998), where applicable. DHA 1712A Form 12 filled out by applicant and South African Citizen/Permanent Residence holder.
- **Proof that the Spouse is a South African Citizen/Permanent Resident** in the form of a notarized/certified copy of South African ID book.
- Support Letter and Notarized copy of RSA ID of spouse who is a South African Citizen or Permanent Resident.
- **Divorce Decree**, where applicable.
- **Death Certificate in respect of late spouse**, where applicable.
- **Legal Separation Order**, where applicable.

In Respect of Dependent Children:

- **Full (Unabridged) Birth Certificate** in respect of each dependent child.
- A valid passport for each dependent child.
- Proof of Relationship to the Principal applicant (where not evident from the birth certificate, e.g., legal adoption papers, court orders, or guardianship documentation).
- **Parental Consent Affidavit** from the non-accompanying parent, where applicable.
- A notarized/certified copy of the non-accompanying parent's identity document or passport, where consent is provided.
- **Proof of legal custody or sole guardianship**, where applicable.
- **Proof of Provisional Acceptance or Enrolment** from an educational institution in South Africa, where applicable.
- Proof of payment of the applicable school fees or a confirmation letter from the institution, where applicable.
- Proof of sufficient financial means by the main applicant to support the dependent child for the duration of stay.

Employment Offer:

- A Formal Employment Offer from the prospective Employer in South Africa, where applicable.
- A duly signed Contract of Employment between the Applicant and the South African Employer, clearly outlining the Terms and Conditions of Employment, including job title, duties, duration of employment, remuneration, and working conditions.
- Proof of Registration of the Business with CPC and Proof of Registration with SARS, where applicable.
- Proof of the Employer's Registration and good standing in South Africa (e.g., company registration documents).
- Relevant Qualifications, Certificates, and proof of prior work experience of the applicant, supporting suitability for the position.
- Evaluation of Foreign Qualifications by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), where applicable.
- A Certificate from the Department of Labour (if applicable), confirming that the employment complies with labour standards and that no suitable South African candidates are available.
- Undertaking by the Employer to ensure the Applicant complies with the Conditions of the Visa and to inform the Department of Home Affairs of any changes to the applicant's employment status.

Processing Time:
For Long Visas exceeding 90 days: 4-6 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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