



## PASSPORT / TRAVEL DOCUMENT 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) / travel document 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) / travel document of the following countries / territories / international organisations is not required to hold a visa in respect of purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [diplomatic & official visit] for an intended stay of **90 days** or less and when in transit:

Andorra  
Argentina  
Australia  
Austria  
Belgium  
Botswana

[commercial heavy-duty vehicle drivers are exempt for 15 days only and on condition that they produce a letter confirming their employment with a foreign transport company on entry]

Brazil  
Canada  
Chile  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Ecuador  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Greece  
Iceland  
Israel

Italy  
Jamaica  
Japan  
Liechtenstein  
Luxemburg  
Malta  
Monaco  
Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Norway  
Paraguay [diplomatic and official passport holders are exempt for a period of up to 120 days]  
Portugal

Southern African Development Community (SADC) [Staff members who travel on SADC laissez-passers for bona fide official business visits]

San Marino  
Singapore  
Spain  
St Vincent & the Grenadines  
Sweden  
Switzerland

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, British Islands  
Bailiwick of Guernsey and Jersey, Isle of Man and Virgin Islands, Republic  
of Ireland, and British Overseas Territories

**Note** that a national of the following countries **do require a visa**: British Dependent Territories, including Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Henderson, St Helena, Ducie and Oeno Islands, the Sovereign Base Area of Akrotiri and Dhekelia and the Turks and Caicos Island.

United Nations (UN) laissez-passers holders. Volunteers attached to UN agencies and travelling on ordinary passports as well, provided that they are in possession of the relevant letters or identification documents to identify themselves at ports of entry as personnel of a UN agency.

Uruguay  
Venezuela  
United States of America

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

African Union / Unity Laissez Passer	
Antigua and Barbuda	
Barbados	
Belize	
Benin	
Bolivia	
Cape Verde	
Costa Rica	
Cyprus	[diplomatic and official passport holders are exempt for a period of up to 90 days]
Gabon	
Guyana	
Hong Kong	[only with regard to holders of Hong Kong British National-Overseas passports and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passports]
Hungary	[diplomatic and official passport holders are exempt for a period of up to 120 days]
Jordan	
Lesotho	[commercial heavy-duty vehicle drivers are exempt for 15 days only and on condition that they produce a letter confirming their employment with a foreign transport company on entry]
Macau	[only with regard to holders of Macau Special Administrative Region passports (MSAR)]
Malaysia	
Malawi	[commercial heavy-duty vehicle drivers are exempt for 15 days only and on condition that they produce a letter confirming their employment with a foreign transport company on entry]
Maldives	
Mauritius	
Mozambique	[diplomatic and official passport holders are exempt for a period of up to 90 days]
Namibia	[commercial heavy-duty vehicle drivers are exempt for 15 days only and on condition that they produce a letter confirming their employment with a foreign transport company on entry]
Peru	
Poland	[diplomatic and official passport holders are exempt for a period of up to 90 days]
Seychelles	
Slovak Republic	[diplomatic and official passport holders are exempt for a period of up to 90 days]
South Korea	

Swaziland	[commercial heavy-duty vehicle drivers are exempt for 15 days only and on condition that they produce a letter confirming their employment with a foreign transport company on entry]
Thailand	[diplomatic and official passport holders are exempt for a period of up to 90 days]
Turkey	
Zambia	[commercial heavy-duty vehicle drivers are exempt for 15 days only and on condition that they produce a letter confirming their employment with a foreign transport company on entry]
Zimbabwe	[only in respect of government officials, including police on cross border investigations]

4. Only citizens who are holders of **diplomatic and official passports** of the following countries do not require visas in respect of purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [diplomatic & official visit] for the **period indicated** and transit:

Albania	(120 days)
Algeria	(30 days)
Angola	(90 days)
Bulgaria	(90 days)
Comoros	(90 days)
Croatia	(90 days)
Egypt	(30 days)
Ivory Coast	(30 days)
Kenya	(30 days)
Madagascar	(30 days)
Morocco	(30 days)
Romania	(90 days)
Rwanda	(30 days)
Slovenia	(120 days)
Tunisia	(90 days)

5. Notwithstanding this list, a foreigner whose **visa exemption has been withdrawn** shall comply with the visa requirement until notified by the Department that his / her visa exemption has been re-instated by the Department on petition or of its own accord.

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