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.


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-passer 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-passer 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:

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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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