

## APPLICATION FOR A MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMIT

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to your enquiry and wish to inform you that a foreigner, who intends to receive medical treatment in the Republic of South Africa for a period exceeding three (3) months, may be issued with a medical treatment permit. The following documentation must be submitted in respect of each person applying for a medical treatment permit:

- a fully completed application form, including one (1) passport photograph (see [Form BI-1738](#));
- a passport valid for no less than thirty (30) days after departure from the Republic of South Africa, and containing at least two (2) blank pages for endorsements (non-German passports must contain a valid long term or permanent residence permit for the Federal Republic of Germany);
- a letter from the applicant's medical practitioner or medical institution indicating the reasons for and the period and details of the treatment in the Republic of South Africa;
- details of the person or institution responsible for the medical expenses and hospital fees, provided that in a case where the applicant's medical scheme or employer is not liable for expenses incurred, proof of financial means or medical cover shall be submitted;
- particulars of the persons accompanying the applicant;
- a yellow fever vaccination certificate, if the applicant travelled or intends travelling from or through a yellow fever endemic area: provided that the certificate shall not be required when the applicant travelled or intends travelling in direct transit through such area;
- proof of a valid return flight reservation or payment of a cash deposit of €767,-, which shall be refunded to the applicant after his/her final departure;
- proof of sufficient financial means, which shall be in the form of:
  - a) bank statements
  - b) cash available, including travellers' cheques;
  - c) undertaking supported by, where necessary, bank statements or salary advices, by the host in the Republic accepting responsibility for the costs related to the maintenance and removal of the applicant, should this be necessary;
- a self-addressed A5-size envelope with postage paid for €3,50 (*per Einschreiben*), to return the endorsed passport and personal original documents;
- the non-refundable application fee of €52,-.

Payment of the above-mentioned application fee and cash deposit, if applicable, may be made through an electronic bank transfer to the following account (**payment by electronic bank transfer is not possible for applicants who reside in Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg**):

Recipient : Botschaft der Republik Südafrika  
Account number : 266 181 700  
Banking institution : Commerzbank AG Berlin  
Bank code : 100 400 00

A copy of the transfer slip should be submitted together with application, as proof of payment. Furthermore, if applicable, the cash deposit should be transferred separately from the application fee. Only applicants who submit their applications personally at our office may alternatively pay the application fee and cash deposit, if applicable, in cash; such applicants must however, ensure that they have the exact amounts, as no change is available from our office.

Kind regards  
Consular Section  
Embassy of the Republic of South Africa

Tiergartenstr. 18  
10785 Berlin

Tel.: 030 22073 0 (Mon-Fri; 14:00-16:30)

Fax: 030 22073 202

Email: [berlin.consular@foreign.gov.za](mailto:berlin.consular@foreign.gov.za)

**Note:**

- *A medical treatment permit may be issued for a maximum period of six (6) months at a time.*
- *The holder of a medical treatment permit may not conduct work in the Republic of South Africa.*
- *Documentation that accompanies the application shall be original or certified copies and, if applicable, translated by a sworn translator into English.*
- *A complete application may be either mailed to our office, or submitted personally during the consular opening hours: Mon-Fri; 09:00-12:00.*
- *On condition that a complete application for a permit is submitted, the time required to process the application is normally 15 working days. Please note however, that during the high season (June-August & November-January), the processing of applications may take longer.*
- *Our office may only issue a permit within three (3) months before the applicant's intended date of entry into the Republic of South Africa; we therefore kindly request that applications are not submitted prior to this issuing period.*
- *Applicants who reside in Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg must submit their applications, **as well as pay all applicable fees and cash deposits in cash or as a bank-guaranteed cheque (please do not use the above-mentioned account for electronic bank transfers)**, to the South African Consulate-General in Munich:*

South African Consulate-General  
Postfach 15 17 09  
80050 Munich

Tel: 089 23 11 63 0

Fax: 089 23 11 63 53

Email: [munich.consular@foreign.gov.za](mailto:munich.consular@foreign.gov.za)