

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR GERMAN PASSPORT HOLDERS FOR HOLIDAY PURPOSES FOR A PERIOD EXCEEDING THREE (3) MONTHS

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to your enquiry and hereby confirm that German citizens holding German passports are exempt from South African visa control for a period of ninety (90) days for specific purposes e.g. holiday (see http://www.suedafrika.org/downloads/entry_requirements_german_citizens.pdf).

In the case of a visit longer than ninety (90) days, should a foreigner be able to meet the requirements, he or she may apply for a retired person permit or relatives permit for a period of up to four (4) years or two (2) years respectively, at a South African Mission abroad e.g. Embassy in Berlin, before proceeding to the Republic of South Africa.

A [retired person permit](#) may be issued to a foreigner, who intends to retire in the Republic of South Africa on a seasonal or continuous basis, provided that he/she is able to fulfil the prescribed financial requirement by means of either:

- a) a pension, irrevocable annuity or retirement account from the country of his/her origin, which will give the applicant a minimum payment of R20.000,- per month for the rest of his/her life; or
- b) a combination of assets realising R20.000,- per month;

A retired person permit may not be issued for a period exceeding four (4) years, but may be renewed one or more times at an office of the Department of Home Affairs in the Republic of South Africa. Furthermore, the Department of Home Affairs may authorise the holder of a retired person permit to conduct work in the Republic.

A [relative's permit](#) may be issued to a foreigner, who is a member of the immediate family of a South African citizen or permanent resident, provided that such citizen or permanent resident provides the prescribed financial assurance, which shall be an amount of R5.000,- per person per month to be proven by means of a salary advice or bank statement (this financial assurance shall not be applicable where the applicant is a spouse or dependent minor child of a South African citizen or permanent resident).

The period of validity of a relative's permit shall be determined by the amount available as the financial assurance, but will not exceed two (2) years at a time. Furthermore, the holder of a relative's permit may not conduct work in the Republic of South Africa.

Kind regards,
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