

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSPORT / TRAVEL DOCUMENT HOLDERS WHO ARE EXEMPT FROM VISAS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to your enquiry and wish to inform you that [Passport / travel document holders who are exempt from the South African visa requirement](#) are only exempt from the South African visa requirement for the specific period of exemption and in respect of purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued e.g. holiday (see note below). A visitor's permit may therefore be issued to such a foreigner at a South African port of entry e.g. international airport, provided that he or she is able to submit the following documentation to the immigration officer:

- a passport valid for no less than thirty (30) days after departure from the Republic of South Africa, and containing at least one (1) blank page for endorsements;
- documentation confirming the purpose and duration of the visit, if applicable;
- proof of a valid return air ticket or payment of a deposit, or both the return air ticket and deposit, which shall be refunded after the foreigner's final departure or after a permanent residence permit has been issued to the foreigner;
- a yellow fever vaccination certificate, if the foreigner travelled or intends travelling from or through a yellow fever endemic area: provided that the certificate shall not be required when the foreigner travelled or intends travelling in direct transit through such area.

Kind regards
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Note:

- *A visitor's permit may be issued at a South African port of entry by an immigration officer to [passport / travel document holders who are exempt from the South African visa requirement](#) in respect of the following purposes:*
 - i. *holiday visits*
 - ii. *business visits*
 - iii. *to attend conferences, seminars or sports events*
 - iv. *to join fiancé/ spouse*
 - v. *as an accompanying spouse and/or dependent children of a foreigner, who holds a valid visitor's permit, study permit, treaty permit, business permit, medical treatment permit, work permit, or exchange permit.*
 - vi. *studies not exceeding three (3) months*
 - vii. *medical treatment not exceeding three (3) months*
 - viii. *academic sabbaticals not exceeding three (3) months*
 - ix. *voluntary and charitable activities not exceeding three (3) months*
 - x. *research not exceeding three (3) months*
- *The above-mentioned entry requirements do not apply to persons who intend conducting work in the Republic of South Africa. Such persons, including interns, technicians, journalists and film crews, should see the [temporary residence permits](#) section.*