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APPLICATION FOR A MEDICAL TREATMENT VISA

A medical treatment visa may be issued to a foreigner intending to receive medical treatment in the Republic of South Africa for longer than three (3) months.

PLEASE PRINT OUT THIS CHECKLIST AND SUBMIT IT WITH THE COMPLETE VISA APPLICATION!

The complete visa application must be submitted **in person** to the office of application (see http://www.suedafrika.org/downloads/Business_hours.doc).

	The following documentation must be submitted by each applicant. Please keep / submit the documentation in the order as listed below.	**Mission**
1	**Original machine-readable passport** • Validity of no less than thirty (30) days after the foreigner's intended departure from the Republic of South Africa. • Passports must have at least two (2) blank pages for endorsements. • Non-machine readable / handwritten passports are not accepted / recognised. • **Original** second passport, if the applicant holds one, shall also be presented. • In the case of visa applicants who are not German citizens, proof of long-term residence (*Aufenthaltstitel*) in Germany must be provided in the form of: a) the residence permit or **original** *Chipkarte* (and a photocopy); or b) in the case of EU citizens, the **original** '*Anmeldebescheinigung'* (and a photocopy).	☐ ☐ ☐
2	**Passport photocopies** • Of the passport page with the applicant's personal data / photograph. • Of all previous visas for the Republic of South Africa in the passport. • Of second passport, if the applicant holds another passport.	☐
3	**One fully completed application form DHA-1738** • Must be downloaded and printed: http://www.suedafrika.org/downloads/DHA-1738.pdf. • All questions must be answered in English – questions that don't apply may be completed with 'n/a'. • A 'fingerprint form' is not required to be completed by applicants. • Applicants must provide an email address under Part 4 (may be written below telephone number). • 'Contact person' under Part 4 refers to someone in Germany. • 'Proposed date and place of departure for the Republic' under Part 5 means the date and place of departure from Germany. • Full details of the intended duration of stay in, and intended date of departure from the Republic of South Africa must be completed under Part 5. • Part 6 refers to available funds; details of the applicant's valid return air flight ticket or proof of reservation thereof must be completed. • The question, 'Have you ever been refused entry into or deported from the Republic' under Part 7 must be completed with either 'yes' or 'no', and details provided, if the answer is 'yes'.	☐
4	**One (1) biometric photograph** • Should be a recent photograph, not older than 6 months. • Photographs must be taken and printed professionally – photographs printed at home would be rejected.	☐

5	**A letter from his or her registered medical practitioner or medical institution within the Republic of South Africa confirming –** i. that space is available at the medical institution; ii. the estimated costs of the treatment; iii. whether or not the disease or ailment is treatable or curable; iv. the treatment schedule; and v. the period of intended treatment in the Republic.	☐
6	**The details of, and confirmation by, the person or institution responsible for the medical expenses and hospital fees** • In a case where the applicant's medical scheme or employer is not liable for expenses incurred, proof of financial means to cover the medical costs shall be submitted.	☐
7	**The particulars of persons accompanying the applicant**	☐
8	**Valid return air flight tickets, where applicable**	☐
9	**Provision for the costs indirectly related to the treatment or proof of sufficient financial means** to be proven as follows: a) a three months bank statement (*Kontoauszüge*) e.g. of a current account (*Girokonto*); ➢ the current balance (*Kontostand*) must be the euro equivalent of minimum R3000,00 at the current exchange rate; ➢ the bank statements shall reflect all the transactions from the last three (3) months **up until the week that the visa application is submitted**; ➢ bank statements shall be printed and certified / **stamped by the bank**; ➢ applicants who cannot obtain bank certified statements e.g. have an online bank account, shall request a branch or main office of the bank to either issue a dated and signed letter on the bank's letterhead confirming the applicant's bank account and the current balance (*Kontostand*) **or** to issue a statement / overview of accounts (*Kontenübersicht*) with the current balances (*Kontostand*), which must be dated, stamped and signed; **in both cases**, the applicant must also submit her or his bank statements for the last three (3) months up until the week that the visa application is submitted, which may be printed at home; or b) cash available to the applicant e.g. savings account (*Sparbuch*) – the amount must be the euro equivalent of minimum R3000,00 at the current exchange rate; or c) travellers' cheques; or d) an undertaking, supported by a bank statement or salary advice, **by a South African citizen or permanent resident** that he or she will be hosting the applicant and accepting responsibility for the costs related to the maintenance and removal of the applicant from the Republic of South Africa – the undertaking shall be in the form of a signed and dated letter and accompanied by a certified copy of the host's South African identity document or foreign passport with a valid long term visa or permanent residence permit; or e) in the case of learners or students, an undertaking to the learning institution for payment of all fees and accommodation from a bursary scheme or scholarship or parents, as the case may be – in the case of the applicant's parents providing the written undertaking, it shall be in the form of a signed and dated letter in English and accompanied by certified copies of the parent's passport(s) / identity document(s) and their three months bank statement (*Kontoauszüge*) as described under (a) above. **Please note that salary advices and company undertakings to cover the costs of a business trip are not accepted as proof of sufficient financial means**.	☐

10	**In respect of dependent children accompanying the applicant or joining the applicant in the Republic of South Africa**, proof of parental responsibilities and rights or written consent in the form of an affidavit from the other parent or legal guardian, as the case may be (see http://www.suedafrika.org/downloads/Parental_consent_letter.doc); **certified copies** of the parents' / legal guardians' passports or identity documents (*Ausweis*) must also be attached.	☐
11	**In respect of a spouse accompanying the applicant or joining the applicant in the Republic of South Africa, a copy of a marriage certificate or proof of a permanent homosexual or heterosexual relationship (see http://www.suedafrika.org/downloads/Permanent_spousal_relationship.doc)** • If a marriage certificate is not in English, it must be translated and certified as a correct translation by a sworn translator; alternatively, applicants who got married in Germany may submit an 'international marriage certificate'.	☐
12	**A yellow fever vaccination certificate** • Only required, if the foreigner travelled or intends travelling from or transiting through a yellow fever endemic area to the Republic of South Africa. • The certificate shall not be required where that person travelled or intends travelling in direct transit through such an area. (See also http://www.suedafrika.org/downloads/Yellow_fever.doc)	☐
13	**Proof of payment of the applicable fee** • Payment of the application fee must be made through an electronic bank transfer (see http://www.suedafrika.org/downloads/Application_fee.doc). • A copy of the transfer / deposit slip must be submitted as proof of payment. • Payment must be made at least five working (5) days before submitting the application. • Payment of the application fee may not be made in cash at the Embassy in Berlin and Consulate-General in Munich!	☐
14	**An A4-size envelope franked with the ExpressEasy DHL-online label (National – 0,5kg)** • The franked envelope is required to return the applicant's passport – applicants may not collect passports in person after the application has been adjudicated. • The **ExpressEasy** DHL-online label may be purchased and completed online (see https://www.dhl.de/de/privatkunden/pakete-versenden/deutschlandweit-versenden/express-easy.html). Click the '**Expressversand**' tab to access the **ExpressEasy** DHL-online label • Applicants shall print their **ExpressEasy** franked DHL-online label, affix / glue it securely to an A4-size envelope and are advised to keep a record of the tracking number. • Only one (1) franked envelope may be submitted in the case of a couple or a family.	☐

FOR OFFICIAL USE (Not to be completed by the applicant)
Applicant's name: ……..……..
Application taken in to be processed ☐
Application not taken in due to incompleteness ☐
(**Please send this checklist, if the application shall be re-submitted**)
Date: Ref.:

Please note:

- *A medical treatment visa may be issued for a maximum period of six (6) months at a time.*
- *The holder of a medical treatment visa does not entitle the holder to conduct work in the Republic of South Africa.*
- *The spouse and dependent children accompanying the main applicant may be issued with a visitor's visa (see http://www.suedafrika.org/downloads/Visitors_Permit.doc); however, dependent children of school-going age accompanying the main applicant must be issued with study visas (see http://www.suedafrika.org/downloads/Study_Permit.doc).*
- ***Status / progress reports are not provided during the above-mentioned processing period**. Furthermore, no 'express service' for processing visa applications is available – complete applications are adjudicated on a First-In-First-Out basis.*
- ***Visa applications which are not complete shall not be taken in to be processed.** It is therefore the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that his or her visa application is complete as per the checklist.*
- *In the case of inconsistencies and / or incomplete information, our office reserves the right to request the applicant to submit additional documentation to substantiate the visa application.*
- *Documentation that accompanies the visa application shall be original or copies authenticated by the issuing authority of the country of origin and where necessary, translated into English and certified as a correct translation by a sworn translator (beeidigter Übersetzer) at the expense of the applicant.*
- *A visa issued at a foreign mission of the Republic of South Africa shall be affixed to the passport of the applicant and shall only be valid if an entry stamp has been affixed thereto at the port of entry and the date of such entry stamp shall be the effective date.*