



Applying for a South African Critical Skills Visa

Documents required to apply for a visa

- A passport or travel document valid for no less than 30 days after the expiry of your intended visit
- Your passport must have at least TWO unused page for entry / departure endorsements
- A completed Form BI-84 (application for a visa)
- Payment of the prescribed fee
- A yellow-fever vaccination certificate (if required)
- Statement and/or documentation confirming the purpose and duration of your visit
- Two colour passport photographs
- A return or onward ticket if you are travelling by air
- If you have children (minors) travelling with you or joining in South Africa, you will need to provide the following additional documents
 - Proof of guardianship or custody or
 - Consent from the guardian in the case of an unaccompanied minor
- Proof of financial means to pay for your living expenses while in South Africa in the form of:
 - Bank statements
 - Salary advances
 - Undertakings by the host(s) in South Africa
 - Bursary
 - Medical cover or
 - Cash available (including credit cards and travellers' cheques)

Documents required to apply for a long-term temporary residence visa, except medical treatment visa

*The following general documentation must be submitted with all temporary residence visa applications on form **DHA-1738**, except in the event of an application for a medical treatment visa:*

- A passport valid for no less than 30 days after the expiry of intended visit
- A photocopy of all temporary residence visas endorsed in the passport
- Processing fee
- 1 recent passport size colour photograph

- A yellow fever vaccination certificate (if the applicant has travelled through or intends travelling through the yellow fever belt area)
- Police clearance certificates in respect all countries where the applicant has resided for a period of twelve months or longer since having attained the age of 18 years.
- Medical and radiology reports (radiology reports are not required for children under the age of 12 years and pregnant women)
- An unabridged birth certificate
- Proof of custody or adoption of a minor, where applicable
- Consent from the parents of a minor, where applicable
- A marriage certificate, where applicable
- Proof of a spousal relationship by means of an affidavit, where applicable
- A divorce decree or proof of legal separation, where applicable
- A death certificate in respect of a late spouse, where applicable

Supporting documents, in addition those mentioned above, are applicable to every category of temporary residence visa. These supporting documents are listed on the **DHA-1738** application form under each visa category.

. Spouses of South African citizens and permanent residents

The spouse of a South African citizen or permanent resident does not apply for a relative's visa, but for a visitor's visa contemplated in section 11(6) of the ***Immigration Act***. Applications by spouses of South African citizens or permanent residents do not require the financial assurance of *R8 500* per month, but must be accompanied by a written undertaking from the South African citizen or permanent resident spouse accepting full financial-, emotional- and physical responsibility for the applicant. Applicants in this category are also required to subject themselves to an interview in order to satisfy the Director-General that they are parties to a bona fide spousal relationship.