

Business Visa

This is a permit issued to foreigners who intend to establish or invest in a business in South Africa in which they may be employed.

Foreigners who are contemplating investing in the South African economy by establishing a business or by investing in an existing business in the country must apply for a business permit. As an applicant, you will be required to invest a prescribed financial capital contribution.

The capital requirements above may be reduced or waived in respect of the following types of industries/businesses:

- Information and communication technology
- Clothing and textile manufacturing
- Chemicals and bio-technology
- Agro-processing
- Metals and minerals refinement
- Automotive manufacturing
- Tourism
- Crafts

Important Information on Applying for South African Visas

Applicants for visas will be required to apply in person at the South African mission. No appointment necessary.

Checklist of Documents to be Submitted:

- A duly completed application form [DHA-1738](#) signed by applicant
- Machine readable valid passport with at least two (2) unused (blank) pages labeled *Visa* when presented at the Embassy or Consulate; one page for affixing the visa or permit by the embassy/consulate and the other page for endorsement of entry/departure stamp by the South African Immigration Services. Passport must be valid for 30 more days after the intended return date from South Africa
- Two (2) passport photos with white or light background
- [Medical report](#) on prescribed form (physical). The certificate must not be older than six (6) months at the time the applicant submits an application.
- [Radiological report](#) on prescribed form (chest X-ray) or skin TB test. Radiological report is not required in respect of children under the age of 12 years or a pregnant woman. The certificate must not be older than six (6) months at the time the applicant submits an application.
- FBI certificate (full criminal background check report) and police clearance certificate from all countries applicant lived in since age 18 for one year or longer.
- Flight itinerary

- Notarized copy of proof of Israeli entry/exit visa for non-Israeli citizens
- Proof of financial/capital contribution equivalent to R2.5million
- Chartered Accountant certifying the investment and that it is available and originated from abroad
- A business plan outlining the feasibility of the business
- Marriage certificate or in the case of a foreign spousal relationship, proof of official recognition thereof issued by the authorities of the foreign country of the applicant (where applicable)
- The affidavit where a spousal relationship to a South African citizen or resident is applicable, as well as documentation proving cohabitation and the extent to which the related financial responsibilities are shared by the parties and setting out the particulars of children in the spousal relationship
- Divorce decree, where applicable
- Court order granting full or specific parental responsibilities and rights, where applicable
- Death certificate, in respect of late spouse, where applicable
- Written consent from both parents and full parental responsibilities, where applicable
- Proof of adoption, where applicable
- Legal separation order, where applicable
- Additional supporting documents in support of a business visa in respect of a business visa by a foreigner who intends to establish a business or investment in a business that is not yet established in the Republic
- A certificate issued by a chartered accountant registered with the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants or a professional accountant registered with the South African Institute of Professional Accountants to the effect that:
 - at least an amount in cash to be invested in the Republic as determined from time to time by the Minister, after consultation with the Minister of Trade and Industry, by notice in the Gazette, is available, or;
 - at least an amount in cash and a capital contribution as determined from time to time by the Minister, after consultation with the Minister of Trade and Industry, by notice in the Gazette, is available (5 million rand)
- Undertaking by the applicant that at least 60% of the total staff compliment to be employed in the operations of the business shall be South African citizens or permanent residents employed permanently in various positions. (Provided that proof of compliance with this undertaking shall be submitted within 12 months of issuance of the visa.
- Undertaking to register with the
 - South African Revenue Service;
 - Unemployment Insurance Fund;
 - Compensation Fund for Occupational Injuries and Diseases;
 - Companies and Intellectual Properties Commission (CIPC); where legally required, and
 - Relevant professional body, board or council recognized by SAQA in terms of section 13(1)(i) of the National Qualifications Framework Act where applicable (Provided that upon registration, all certificates shall be submitted to the Director-General)

- A letter of recommendation from the Department of Trade and Industry regarding
 - the feasibility of the business; and
 - the contribution to the national interest of the Republic
- Additional supporting documents in respect of a business visa application by a foreigner who has established business or invested in an existing business in the Republic
- A certificate issued by a chartered accountant registered with the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants or a professional accountant registered with the South African Institute of Professional Accountants to the effect that:
- A foreigner who invests or has invested in an existing business shall submit
 - financial statement in respect of the preceding year; and
 - proof of investment

- Processing time for long visas exceeding 90 days may take up to 3 to 4 weeks.
- FEE NIS 504 cash only for processing