

VISA DOCUMENT GUIDE / 2026 EDITION

South Africa

A clear, beautifully organised checklist for your application.

South Africa requires submission at a visa centre with biometrics. The file must show the purpose of travel, funds and return intent clearly.

VISA TYPE

Electronic visa

ENTRY

Single or multiple entry options

VALIDITY

Up to 90 days

YOUR APPLICATION, AT A GLANCE

Application essentials

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STAY

Up to 90 days

BIOMETRICS

Not required for most applicants

Photograph specification

- 1 35 x 45 mm, taken within the last 6 months
- 2 Plain white or light background, no shadows
- 3 Neutral expression, eyes open, mouth closed
- 4 No spectacles, headwear only for religious reasons

Eligibility checklist

- ☐ Passport valid for at least 6 months from arrival
- ☐ Confirmed onward or return travel
- ☐ Funds to cover the stay, or a documented sponsor
- ☐ No pending immigration issues in the destination country

DOCUMENTS TO PREPARE

Complete checklist

REQUIRED FOR EVERY APPLICANT

- ☐ **Passport**
Valid for at least 6 months from your date of arrival, with 2 blank pages.
- ☐ **Passport scan**
Clear colour scan of the photo page with all four corners visible.
- ☐ **Photograph**
Recent digital photo on a plain light background, no filters.
- ☐ **Contact details**
Working email and mobile number; the approval is sent by email.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- ☐ **Confirmed flight itinerary**
Round-trip booking showing entry and exit dates.
- ☐ **Accommodation proof**
Hotel bookings for the full stay, or a host invitation with their address proof.
- ☐ **Day-wise itinerary**
Cities, dates and planned activities for the full trip.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

- ☐ **Bank statements**
Last 6 months, bank-stamped or e-statements with the bank logo and IFSC visible.
- ☐ **Income tax returns**
ITR acknowledgement for the last 2 to 3 assessment years.
- ☐ **Salary slips**
Last 3 months for salaried applicants.
- ☐ **Proof of funds**
Fixed deposits, investments or a sponsor letter with the sponsor's own statements.

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OCCUPATION PROOF

- ☐ **Employed**
Leave sanction letter on company letterhead, employment certificate and ID card copy.
- ☐ **Self-employed**
Business registration / GST certificate, company bank statements and partnership deed if applicable.
- ☐ **Student**
Bonafide certificate from the school or college plus latest mark sheet.
- ☐ **Retired**
Pension order or retirement proof, plus proof of savings.

PURPOSE-SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS

- ☐ **Tourist**
Confirmed return tickets and hotel bookings for the whole stay.
- ☐ **Business**
Invitation from the host company and a letter from your employer.
- ☐ **Visiting family**
Host invitation with their address proof and residency status.

FINAL REVIEW & NEXT STEPS

Before you submit

Application journey

01

Consultation

We confirm the right visa type for your trip and dates.

02

Documents

You share scans from a checklist built for your profile.

03

Application

We file the application and verify every detail before submission.

04

Approval

We send the approval and brief you on what to carry at the airport.

Important to know

- Travellers with minors must carry unabridged birth certificates and consent letters.
- Yellow fever vaccination proof is required if you arrive from a risk country.

READY WHEN YOU ARE

Let's make your file submission-ready.

Start your application at imigro.com. Our team will tailor this checklist to your profile, travel purpose and circumstances.