



**DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
and COOPERATION (DIRCO)**

**SOUTH AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS  
VISA REQUIREMENTS**

COUNTRY	VISA	FORM	PHOTO	NOTE VERBALE	REMARKS
Angola	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days No visa required for posting as well
Australia	X	X	1	NV	Applicant must complete Form 1415, Business visitor's stream online application form available on <a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/business-visitor-stream">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/business-visitor-stream</a> Create your own online account known as ImmiAccount. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Upload and attach relevant supporting documents i.e scanned copy of passport (bidata page and pages containing previous visas or travel.</li><li>- - scanned NV.</li><li>- Biometrics not required for Federal/National/Central Government employees travelling on Diplomatic/Official or s=Service Passports. It takes 5 working days to process a visa.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Officials on diplomatic posting no application form to be completed, only a Note Verbale stating all the appropriate information. See <a href="#">Annexure "A"</a> below.</li></ul></li></ul> Transit Visa required for stopovers <b>longer than eight (8)</b> hours when travelling via Australia.
Argentina	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days. No visa required for officials going on posting
Austria	-	-	-	-	No visa required for up to 90 ninety days for holders of official and diplomatic passports. Officials on posting: Diplomatic and official/service passport holders of both countries do not require visas when reporting for assignments to their missions in South Africa. The Sending state must inform the Receiving State by Note Verbale of the assignments before the assignments actually realize.



Algeria	- X	- X	- X	- X	No visa required for 30 days A visa is required for posting 2 new colored photos Copy of passport (first page) Flight reservation Processing 15 working days
Albania	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 120 days
Afghanistan	X	-	-	-	No Information
Andorra	X	-	-	-	No Information
Antigua and Barbuda	-	-	-	-	No visa required
Armenia	X		-	-	Visa is required but no Representative in SA, applications lodged via Armenian Embassy in Cairo, Egypt.
Aruba	X	1	2	NV	Via Royal Netherlands Embassy, Pretoria
Azerbaijan	X	2	2	NV	3-5 days of processing
Bahamas	-	-	-	-	No visa required – confirmed by the South African Mission in Kingston, Jamaica on 6 October 2017. Note: No formal waiver agreement in place.
Barbados	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 28 days
Bahrain	X	-	-	NV	Issued at Port of Entry in Bahrain or via Saudi Embassy, Pretoria
Belarus	-	-	-	-	The Holders of South African Diplomatic, Official and Service passports may enter, exit or transit without visas for the period not exceeding 90 days from the date of entry.
Belgium	-	-	-	-	Diplomatic and official/service passport holders do not require visa for official visits up to three (3) months. Benelux Visa Waiver – no visa required when going on posting. The sending State must inform the receiving State by Note Verbale of the assignments before the assignments actually realise.
Belize	-	-	-	-	No visa required
Bhutan	X	1	2	NV	No information
Bolivia	X	1	2	NV	Bolivian Honorary Consulate, Saxonwold, JHB



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Bosnia & Herzegovina	x	1	2	NV	Contact our SA Embassy in Athens.
Burkina Faso	1	1	2	NV	Original yellow fever certificate required, Invitation letter from Burkina Faso, hotel bookings, Flight ticket. Negative PCR test to COVID-19 dating for a maximum of 5 days, Not Show COVID-19 Symptoms at the time of arrival not in contact with COVID-19 patient in 14 days. 2 days plus itinerary
Bangladesh	X	1	3	NV	3 days
Benin	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 30 days Transferred Officials no visa required
Botswana	-	-	-	-	No visa for first 14 days, even on a posting
Bulgaria	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days A visa is required for a posting
Brazil	- X	- 1	- 2	- Note Verbaled	No visa required up to 90 days for transit, tourism and business purposes for diplomatic and official passports. The passport must be valid for at least six months prior to its expiration date and have at least 2 (two) blank visa pages. Please note that the amendment pages are not intended for visas (the Embassy reserves the right not to endorse soiled or defaced passports) <b>Officials on transfer visa required.</b> Orunitediginal passport valid for at least 6 months. Passport must have at least 2 blank visa pages. One application form completed and signed by the applicant. NV stating full names and nationality, type of travel documents, number of travel document, country of issue and expiry date, designation (work title/post) of the foreigner; purpose, duration of the mission and destination. NV must include the same details for each dependent of the applicant. For applicants under 18 years old: certified letter of consent from both parents (legalized before Notary Public or Affidavit provided by the Police Department) and copies of parents ID documents or Passports; the letter must also indicate the person responsible for the applicant. Travellers are required to first register online to obtain protocol number at <a href="https://formulario-mre.serpro.gov.za">https://formulario-mre.serpro.gov.za</a> Travellers should request appointment through



					<p>the e-consular system at <a href="https://ec-pretoria.itamaraty.gov.br">https://ec-pretoria.itamaraty.gov.br</a>  <b>N: B No one is allowed to send original documents before making appointment</b></p> <p>Visa Status can be followed up on <a href="https://formulario-sepro.gov.za">https://formulario-sepro.gov.za</a></p>
Cape Verde	-	-	-	NV	Visa issued at Port of Entry. Passport Must be valid for six months.
Brunei	X			NV	Issued at Port of Entry in Brunei.
Burundi	X	2	2	NV	<p>Visa Required on Diplomatic and Official passports.</p> <p>A valid passport (valid for a min of 6 months. Ensure there are at least 2 blank pages)</p> <p>One application form (correctly filled)</p> <p>2 passport size photos (recent)</p> <p>A valid international yellow fever certificate</p> <p><b>A note verbale from DIRCO</b> (In case of transfer on a diplomatic posting it has to indicate names of spouse and children accompanying with marriage and birth certificates)</p> <p>Online application via the link <a href="http://migration.gov.bi">migration.gov.bi</a>, registration done before boarding.</p> <p>2 days processing from date of submission.</p>
Cameroon	X	1	2	NV	<p>Visa required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NV</li> <li>• The passport should have a validity of at least 6 months with a minimum of 3 blank pages</li> <li>• Confirmation or Invitation letter from Cameroon.</li> <li>• 2 recent passport size photos from a white background with person's name written behind.</li> <li>• 2 fully completed application forms</li> <li>• Copy of Yellow fever vaccination card.</li> <li>• Flight reservation or air ticket</li> <li>• Proof of accommodation</li> <li>• 2 days for processing</li> </ul>
Cambodia	X	1	1	NV	Issued at Port of Entry
Canada	X	1	2	NV	<p>Applications are done on TRV online at least 14 days before travel date. The applicant will obtain file number for acknowledgement receipt. To: <a href="mailto:IRCC.RROCDIPLO-CORRDIPLO.IRCC@cic.gc.ca">IRCC.RROCDIPLO-CORRDIPLO.IRCC@cic.gc.ca</a>  CC.: <a href="mailto:Xdc-ircc@international.gc.ca">Xdc-ircc@international.gc.ca</a></p> <p>A Note Verbale to include:  Position title, location, posting duration, and</p>



					<p>planned travel date of the principal representative,;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Predecessor's name and intended departure date, noting there are limits to the authorized overlap periods;</li> <li>-Legal names, dates of birth, and passport numbers of accompanying members of the family forming part of the household;</li> </ul> <p>A copy of every member's diplomatic passport or official or service passport biographical page.</p>
	X	2	3	NV	<p>Issued at Port of Entry or at Embassy of Senegal only if in transit through Senegal.</p>
Central African Republic	X			NV	<p>A visa is required.</p>
China	-	-	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No visa required for Diplomatic and Official Passport holders up to 90 days.</li> <li>- Diplomatic passport holders going on posting/transfer do not require visas.</li> <li><b>Officials posted to Hong Kong, a visa is required and is applied online.</b></li> <li>- Diplomatic or Official passport holders, if accredited as diplomatic or official personnel in China, are reminded to apply to the Chinese Foreign Ministry for a long-term diplomatic or official permit within 30 days in China.</li> <li>- 5 days for processing</li> </ul>
Congo (Rep)	X	X2	2	NV	<p>3 days processing</p>
Congo (DRC)	-	-	-	-	<p>No visa required for Diplomatic and Official Passports for visits not exceeding 90 days. Includes officials going on posting.</p>



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Colombia	X	X	2	NV	Visa Required
Comores	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days No visa is required on transfer/posting
Cook Islands	-	-	-	NV	No information
Costa Rica	X	1	1	NV	Honorary Consulate JHB Copy of ppt + itinerary
Cote d'Ivoire	-	-	-	-	No Visa required for visits of 30 days or less. Visa required on posting Flight ticket, yellow fever certificates required Two individual visa application forms filled 1 day to process the visa application.
Cyprus	X	X	1	NV	3 days
Cuba	-	-	-	-	Diplomatic, Official and service passports may enter, exit, transit through and stay in the country of the other party for a period not exceeding 90 days without having to obtain visa. For posting, forward Note Verbale with passport details to the Embassy. <b>All travelers are required to forward the PCR-RT test for SARS Cov-2 from a certified laboratory in the country of origin. The PCR-RT test should be carried out in a period of 72 hours before arrival in Cuba. The requirement was implemented with effect from 01 January 2021</b>
Chile	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days, including on posting. <b>NOTE: VISA WAIVER FROM 4 JUNE 2018 FOR DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS</b> Copies of the yellow fever certificate, all the pages, copies of passport, all the pages, copies of the same letter that has details of the trip, rank of the applicant must be stated on the note. 3 days
Chad	X	1	2	NV	Visa required Copy of yellow fever certificate required Apply through the Embassy - Chad
Croatia	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days:
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days even on posting
Denmark	x	1	2	1	Visa Required for all passport types Travellers MUST complete an Online Application at: <a href="https://applyvisa.um.dk">https://applyvisa.um.dk</a> <b>Officials to submit themselves for BIOMETRICS.</b> <b>Credit Card details are required, but the fee will</b>



					<p><b>not be charged when submitting documentation directly to the Embassy of Denmark</b>  <b>An appointment can be requested via e-Mail</b>  The same requirements for officials on posting.  Copy of ticket always required; 15 days.</p>
Dominican Republic	X	1	2	NV	Form 509-Ref to be completed. 3 to 4 days;
Djibouti	X	1	1	NV	Issued by the French Consulate, JHB. Itinerary is also required.
Dominica	-	-	-	-	No Information.
Dubai	X	1	2	NV	Visa required No visa required if in transit for less than 16 hours
Egypt	-	-	-	-	No Visa Required.
El Salvador					Visa Exempt
Ecuador	-	--	-	-	No visa required
Eritrea	X	1	2	1	Visa required. Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15
Ethiopia	X	1	1	1	No Visa required on Official & Diplomatic Passports Official Visit even on Posting. NV received <b>02/04/2021</b>
Estonia	X	1	2	1	Apply via German Embassy.
Equatorial Guinea	X	1	2	1	Visa required Copy of yellow fever certificate required +- 3 days
Fiji	-	-	-	-	A visa is not required for 60 days and on posting.
France	-	-	-	-	No visa required for a short stay for diplomatic and official passport holders. Officials going on posting a long stay visa form to be completed. <a href="https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en_US/web/france-visas/ai-je-besoin-d-un-visa">https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en_US/web/france-visas/ai-je-besoin-d-un-visa</a> <b>NOTE: The Note Verbale for officials on posting must include the predecessor of the official to be posted.</b>
Finland	X	X	1	NV	Visa required for diplomatic and official passports Passport must be valid for at least 3 months Passport must have at least 2 unused pages One photo If apply for the first time for Schengen Visa, official must appear in person to submit his/her fingerprints Processing of visa application will take approx. 3 working days. Same requirements for officials on posting
Gabon	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 30 days A visa is required on posting



Gambia	X	1	1	NV	<p>Visa required. Gambian Consulate in Sandton.</p>
Germany	X	X	2	NV	<p><b>Diplomatic Passports do not require Schengen-Visas for entering Germany for stays of a maximum of 90 days. This does not affect in any way applications for accreditation visas.</b></p> <p>All visa applications must be submitted through external service provider TLS, which operates visa application centres (VAC) in Centurion, Durban, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth &amp; Bloemfontein. Appointments at the VAC, s have to be made online after registered on the TLS website. Holders of the Official passports may submit their applications after registration without an appointment (Walk-ins during regular business hours). All travellers on official visit should present <b>Original Note Verbale</b> from DIRCO. <i>Reviewed on 07 June 2022</i></p> <p>Travellers must produce a valid health insurance in accordance with Schengen requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 application forms</li> <li>• 2 §55 declaration forms</li> <li>• valid diplomatic passports</li> <li>• 2 biometric photos per applicant</li> <li>• Note Verbale</li> <li>• Unabridged birth certificate with Apostille for the minor (if the father appears on the birth certificate, he needs to sign the §</li> <li>• 55 declaration form as well, with a copy of his passport and needs to appear in person when you apply).</li> </ul> <p>Please note that there is a waiting period of 5 days from the day you have applied.</p> <p>Should you be taking your domestic worker, she would need to make a long-term appointment via integrate visa link <a href="http://www.visa-germany.co.za">www.visa-germany.co.za</a>. The forms and requirements are on our homepage <a href="http://www.southafrica.diplo.de">www.southafrica.diplo.de</a> long term visa work permit. Application to be completed online <a href="https://videx.diplo.de">https://videx.diplo.de</a></p> <p>To secure appointment and Biometrics use the following email:  <a href="mailto:dvisum@pret.auswaertiges-amt.de">dvisum@pret.auswaertiges-amt.de</a></p>





Georgia (Eastern Europe)	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 360 days
Ghana	-	-	-	-	No visa required for a period not exceeding 90 days, even on posting.
Gibraltar				NV	Via Embassy of Spain/Political Desk
Greece	-	-	-	-	No visa required, even on posting
Grenada	-	-	-	-	No visa required
Guatemala	X	-	-	NV	No visa required.
Guinea Conakry	-	-	-	-	<p>Visa not required on official and diplomatic ppts even on posting.</p> <p>For Nationals of other Countries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete the Visa Application Form.</li> <li>2. Applicant Copy of the passport.</li> <li>3. Copy of the Yellow fever vaccination card.</li> <li>4. Copy of the COVID vaccination card.</li> <li>5. Copy of the Flight Ticket.</li> <li>6. Note Verbale.</li> </ol> <p>2 Id Photos with white background</p>
Guinea Bissau	X				No visa required. The Mission must inform the MoFA about the arrival dates and purpose.
Guyana (French)	X	1	2	NV	No visa required for 30 days.
Haiti	-	-	-	-	No visa required; however, they need to have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the time of entry in the country.
Honduras	-	-	-	-	No visa required.
Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	No Visa required but visa required for posting
Hungary	-	-	-	-	No visa required for 120 days Schengen Visa A Visa is required for a posting
Iceland	-	-	-	-	No Visa required
Iraq	x	1	2	1	<p>Visa required</p> <p>VI. Online visa application form <a href="http://www.mofamission.gov.iq/uploadedforms/1000130095341978857920.pdf">http://www.mofamission.gov.iq/uploadedforms/1000130095341978857920.pdf</a></p> <p>Letter from DIRCO stating date of departure and return as well as the reason for travelling.</p> <p>2 color ID photos with white background</p> <p>Colour Copy of passport (the page with photos and names)</p> <p>Flight itinerary</p> <p>10-14 days for visa processing</p>
Iran	x	1	2	1	Visa required – e-visa is issued



					<p>Online Application to be completed using the link below.  <a href="https://evisa.mfa.ir/en/">https://evisa.mfa.ir/en/</a>  - 5 days processing</p>
Ireland	-	-	-	-	No visa needed and applies for transfer or posting
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	<p>No visa required for Diplomatic and Official passports for visits up to 30 days.</p> <p>For longer visits and accreditation the following is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two application forms to be filled in</li> <li>- Two recent colour photos</li> <li>- Flight details/Itinerary</li> <li>- Invitation letter from counterpart in Indonesia</li> <li>- Original passport valid for more than 6 (six) months</li> <li>- The Visa Exemption facility is not valid for journalistic purpose</li> <li>- 1-3 days to process the application.</li> </ul>
India	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days for Diplomatic and Official passports even on posting
Israel	X	2	2	NV	<p>Visa required  2 recent color photos (50 x 50mm)  The passport which will be used must be valid for a further 6 months from the date of departure from Israel  A minor under 18 years must present an authorized letter from both parents permitting him/her to travel to Israel  2 weeks for processing  2 passports are required for officials going on a posting. Officials going on Posting to Ramallah ppt not to be endorsed Ramallah but Israel.</p>
Italy	- X	- 2	- 2	- NV	<p>No visa required on Diplomatic and Official passports for 90 days.  Visa required on posting  2 colour photos</p>
Jamaica	-	-	-	-	No visa required up 90 days, except on transfer Passport must be valid for 6 months.
Japan	X	X	1	NV	<p>Visa required  Photo 45mm x 45mm; 1 to 2 days</p>
Jordan	- X	- X	- 2	- NV	<p>Visa issued at port of entry, but can be obtained prior to travel. E-Visa is issued and processed freely via the website of Ministry of Interior indicated herewith:</p>



					<a href="https://eservices.moi.gov.jo/MOI">https://eservices.moi.gov.jo/MOI</a> EVISA Diplomatic passports will be processed as Gratis, via the Embassy within 24-4 hours. Visa required for posting - 2 to 3 days
Kazakhstan	X	1	1	NV	Visa required for diplomatic and official passports Diplomatic Note Verbale, Original diplomatic or official passport, one visa application form, two passport size color photos. Visa processing takes 3 working days from the day of the submission of the application.
Kyrgyzstan	X	1	3x4	NV	All South Africans, regardless of passport type. For this, a person needs to have 1 photo (3x4cm), passport, copy of the passport, and invitation letter available with him/her upon arrival. Visa application can be completed at the Consular desk of Manas Airport and visa fee to be paid there also. -Business Single visa for 1-month 70\$ -Business double visa for 1-month 100\$ -Transit visa 40\$ -Transit double visa 50\$
Korea – North	X	X	2	NV	Official passport holders pay visa fee 2 to 3 days
Korea – South	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 30 days, <b>except on transfer for posting</b>
Kenya	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days. Officials on posting do not require visas. Officials to take up posting to be announced prior to arrival via Note Verbale
Kiribati					NO info available
Kuwait					Visa obtainable upon arrival in Kuwait. Send the NV to our Mission in Kuwait for notification to the MoFA.
Latvia	X				Honorary Consulate in JHB
Laos	X				Goes through Hanoi (SA Mission in Vietnam)
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	No visa required for 30 days No visa required for a posting
Libya	X	X	4	NV	Visa required NV clarifying purpose of the visit Four (4) four ID photos Duration for the processing of visa is three (3) working days from date of submission
Liberia	-	-	-	-	No Visa required for Diplomatic and Official passports up to 90 days. Same applies to accreditation on condition that



					a substitution permit is applied for within 30 days of arrival at the Foreign Ministry.
Liechtenstein	-	-	-	-	No visa required.
Lithuania	X	X	-	NV	No visa required up to 30 days in a single or multiple entry within 12 months Visas required for posting
Lebanon	X	X	1	NV	1 – 4 days
Luxembourg	-	-	-	-	Diplomatic and official/service passport holders do not need visa when reporting for assignments to their missions in South Africa. The same position applies to South African Diplomatic and official passport holders taking up assignments in the country. The Sending state must inform the Receiving State by Note Verbale of the assignments before the assignments actually realize.
Macau				NV	Through Hong Kong
Madeira	-	-	-	-	No visa required
Mali	-	-	-	-	No Visa required with effect from 23 August 2019
Malawi	-	-	-	-	No Visa required even on a posting
Malaysia	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days No visa required on transfer as well Travellers are required to download and activate the MySejahtera application within one (1) week prior to travel to Malaysia as well as to complete a pre-departure form to produce their vaccination status and history in the MySejahtera application. This is applicable to all Diplomatic and Consular Posts. NV received <b>31 March 2022</b>
Malta					No Visa required. Italy waiver letter is sufficient.
Mauritius	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days. When a diplomatic or administrative staff of a Mission arrives in Mauritius, he/she is granted a visa for 3 months. The Diplomatic Mission should, thereafter, submit an application for Residence Permit in favour of the diplomatic or administrative staff through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade and he will be issued with a residence permit that would be valid until the end of his tour of service.
Mauritania	X	X	1	NV	<b>Mauritania will refrain from issuing entry visas pending the opening of a biometric enrolment centre. Travellers may get the necessary visas</b>



					at the capital city Nouakchott international airport. (23/05/2016)
					Visa is obtained upon arrival.
Madagascar	X	X	2	NV	1 – 2 days
Mayotte	X	X	2	NV	Via French Embassy
Mexico	X	1	2	NV	Diplomatic passport holders do not need a visa to enter Mexico. South African diplomatic passport holders who are being transferred on a posting must notify the Ministry of Foreign Affairs within the next 30 days after their arrival by means of NV issued by the SA Embassy. Official and Service passport holders must apply for a visa. Application form signed by applicant, 1 passport size photo (in colour, white background, no eyeglasses) attached to the application form. Valid official passport and one photocopy. NV and specify the purpose and length of the visit. Application form can be downloaded at <a href="http://www.embamexsud.org">www.embamexsud.org</a> ; 3 days
Moldova	X				Moldovan Embassy in Frankfurt (contact person: Victor Onufrei <a href="mailto:victor.onufrei@mfa.md">victor.onufrei@mfa.md</a> )
Monaco	X			NV	French Embassy
Mongolia	X				Political desk
Montenegro					A visa is required – applied via Embassy of Serbia. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NV</li> <li>• Application Form (SERBIA)</li> <li>• 1 x ppt size photo</li> </ul>
Morocco	X	X	2	NV	3 days
Mozambique	-	-	-	-	No visa required for short visits (90 days). For a posting the official must be announced to the Mission in Pretoria by Note Verbale indicating the official to be replaced.
Myanmar (Burma)	X	X	2	NV	2 days (Visa on arrival and for business purposes and e-Visa to be applied for).
Namibia	-	-	-	-	No visa required, even on a posting
Nepal	X	X	1	NV	2days Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is issued in place of the existing hand written visa.
Nigeria	-	-	-	-	No visa required. On posting, inform the Nigerian High Commission (and copy our Mission in Abuja) of the transfer of a new Official. The official can then travel to Nigeria and, once there, the Mission will apply at the Foreign Ministry for the



					normal diplomatic identity card.
Niger	-	-	-	-	No Visa required up to 90 days, also for accreditation purposes. Copy of yellow fever certificate required at port of entry.
Nicaragua	-	-	-	-	Political Desk
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	Diplomatic and official/service passport holders do not need visa when reporting for assignments to their missions in South Africa. The same position applies to South African Diplomatic and official passport holders taking up assignments in the country. The Sending state must inform the Receiving State by Note Verbale of the assignments before the assignments actually realize.
New Zealand	X	X	2	NV	<b>Visa required with effect from 21 November 2016.</b> A visa is required on a posting. For a posting a Note Verbale and passport should be sent to the Foreign Ministry in New Zealand by the RSA Embassy, ( <a href="mailto:protocol@mfat.govt.nz">protocol@mfat.govt.nz</a> ) including the information below and bio page for the officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full name, date and place of birth</li> <li>• Diplomatic designation.</li> <li>• Country/countries of citizenship.</li> <li>• Name of person being replaced.</li> <li>• Approximate duration of the Assignment in New Zealand.</li> <li>• For each officially recognized family member of the officer who will form part of the household in New Zealand, please advise the family member's name, date and place of birth, and relationship to the officer, as well as a scanned copy of the passport biodata page.</li> </ul> Website: <a href="http://www.immigration.govt.nz">www.immigration.govt.nz</a>
Norway	-	-	-	-	No visa required No visa required on posting
Oman	-	-	-	-	No visa required prior to travel – issued on arrival – Official passport holders have to pay around US\$ 25-00.
Pakistan	X	2	2	NV	Copies of Passports and IDs On transfer to Pakistan: Confirmation letter from SA H/C Birth certificate for children



					Marriage certificate Yellow fever certificate 3 days
Palau	X				No information available
Palestine	X	-	-	-	Officials posted to Palestine should have 2 Diplomatic Passports. Apply for Israeli visa. Do not Endorse Ramallah instead Israel.
Panama	-	-	-	-	No visa required
Papua New Guinea	X	-	-	NV	All PNG visa applications must be lodged by the applicant directly to the PNG ICSA either by fax (+675 325 5206) or to the following email addresses: <a href="mailto:visa@immigration.gov.pg">visa@immigration.gov.pg</a> and <a href="mailto:clientservice@immigration.gov.pg">clientservice@immigration.gov.pg</a> . It is important that the applicant includes both email addresses. PNG ICSA can also be contacted by telephone on +675 323 1500 ext. 1471.
Paraguay	-	-	-	-	No visa required for 120 days
Peru	-	-	-	-	No visa required for 90 days even on posting.
Philippines	-	-	-	NV – Only on Posting	Visa is NOT required for diplomatic and official passport holders for a period of 30 days. 2 photos 3 days for processing the application. A visa is required on posting.
Poland	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days No Visa required even on posting
Portugal	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days. No visa required for posting
Qatar	X	X	2	NV	Visa required Completed visa application form 2 Colour photos Diplomatic or Official passports must be valid for six months, and must have at least two clear pages in the passport for visa; No visa is required if in <b>transit</b> for less than <b>8 hours</b> The processing of a visa for diplomatic or official passport holders will depend on the urgency of the application.
Reunion Island	-	-	-	-	No visa required
Russia	-	-	-	-	No visa required for 90 days Visa not required for a posting
Romania	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days, even for a posting
Rwanda	-	-	-	-	No visa required. For Private passport visa obtainable upon arrival in Rwanda and \$40.00 to be paid. Visa required for a posting
Samoa	x	1	2	NV	Apply through New Zealand High Commission,



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Sao Tome and Principe	-	-	-	-	No visa up to 90 days. Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15 Officials on posting to apply online and attach Note Verbale online
Saudi Arabia	x	1	2	NV	Flight Itinerary 1 day
San Marino	x	1	2	NV	Via Italian Embassy
Saharawi	-	-	-	-	Visa Required
Serbia	x	1	1	NV	1 day
Senegal	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days
Seychelles	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days
Sierra Leone	X			NV	Dept of Home Affairs: Contact person Leonne vd Merwe at 012 4064435
Singapore	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 30 days. Upon arrival in Singapore, diplomats posted to the RSA High Commission are to submit their passports to MFA Protocol with the necessary Stay Permit and ID Card Application Form. In the event that the official takes a foreign domestic worker (FDW), she/he (domestic worker) must arrive in Singapore with the Ministry of Manpower's In-Principle Approval (IPA) letter.
Slovak Republic	-	-	-	-	No visa required
Slovenia	X	1	2	NV	<b>VISA REQUIRED – APPLY VIA GERMAN EMBASSY</b>
Somalia	X			NV	Political desk. Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15
Solomon Island	X			NV	Political desk
South Sudan	X	1	2	NV	Visa required +- 3 days A completed from 5 (A) application for visa in the applicant's country of residence. Yellow fever certificate A signed diplomatic or official passport valid for the duration of the trip and copy of the passport attached to the application form. Two recent original passport sized photographs.
Spain	X	1	2	NV	Visa required only for official passport holders and <b>officials on posting</b> . No visa required on Diplomatic Passports 2 days
Sri Lanka	X	1	2	NV	Visa required. Passport should be valid for more than 6 months A certified copy of the letter confirming the purpose of the visit Lithuania 5 working days for visit





St Lucia	-	-	-	-	No visa required
St Kits Nevis	-	-	-	-	No visa required
St Vincent and Grenadines	-	-	-	-	No visa required
Sudan	X	1	2	NV	Yellow fever Certificate required; same requirements for officials going on posting
Suriname	X	X	2	NV	Visa required 2 to 3 days
Eswatini (Swaziland)	-	-	-	-	No visa required even on posting.
Sweden & Estonia	X	X	1	NV	South African Diplomatic/official passport holders do not need to apply in person. Passport and copy of bio page and 1 x colour photo without head wrapper or glasses required. Do not staple the photo. Unabridged birth certificate for children under 18 yrs. of age and aa consent of other parent if one parent travelling, marriage certificate required. Book an appointment at the Embassy of Sweden in Pretoria <a href="mailto:ambassaden.pretoria-migrtion@gov.se">ambassaden.pretoria-migrtion@gov.se</a> . and Official travelers are required to submit their visa applications at one of VFS's Global centres in Pretoria, Cape Town and Durban not at the Embassy of Sweden in Pretoria N: B VFS Global will charge for service. <b>New Visa requirement implemented with effect from 12 July 2021 (processing period 15 days)</b>
Switzerland	-	-	-	-	Diplomatic and official/service passport holders do not need a visa when reporting for assignments to their missions in South Africa. The same position applies to South African Diplomatic and official passport holders taking up assignments in the country. The Sending state must inform the Receiving State by Note Verbale of the assignments before the assignments actually realise. <a href="#">Private Servants</a>
Syria	X	1	2	NV	Visa required 2 colour photos Visas are complimentary 5 days
Tajikistan	-	-	-	-	No visa required
Taipei (Taiwan)	X	X	2	NV	2 to 3 days. Application should be completed online through this link:



					<a href="http://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw">http://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw</a> Use Google Chrome to access the application form <a href="https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw/BOCA_EVISA/">https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw/BOCA_EVISA/</a>
Tanzania	-	-	-	-	No visa required. Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15
Thailand (Bangkok)	-	-	-	-	No Visa required up to 90 days. In the case of posting entry is allowed up to 90 days and an extension for the tour of duty can be applied for after arrival in Thailand.
Timor Leste – East Timor					No info available
Togo	X	X	X	NV	Visa required. Online application form to be completed. Passport with at least 3 months of validity and at least 2 unused pages for entry/departure endorsements 2 current color photographs Format 3.5*4.5cm, with face, bareheaded on a clear and solid background Copy and original yellow fever certificate Canberra or London
Tonga					Canberra or London
Trinidad and Tobago	X	X	2	NV	Visa required Passport must have 3 blank pages 2 photos 2 completed application forms 2 copies of bio data pages of passport 2 copies of travel itinerary 2 copies of NV 2 copies of confirmed accommodation 2 copies of proper local Trinidad and Tobago address 2 copies of reasons for visit Incomplete applications will not be accepted 7-9 days for processing
Turkey	-	-	-	-	No visa required for up to 30 days Visa required for posting. 3 days. Apply online at <a href="http://www.visa.gov.tr/">http://www.visa.gov.tr/</a>
Tunisia	-	-	-	-	No visa required, even on a posting
Turkmenistan	X				Political Desk / Moscow
Tuvalu	X				Political Desk / Canberra
United Arab Emirates	X	X	2	NV	No visa is required if in transit for less than 16 hours Visa application form to be typed in. One photo must be glued to the form and the other must accompany the passport. The photos must be on a white background and



					not cream white. For officials going on posting, only a <u>Note Verbale</u> must be sent announcing the <u>appointment of the official and the official being replaced</u> . The application is submitted <u>AFTER approval has been obtained</u> . 5 days Flight itinerary Hotel accommodation
Uganda	-	-	-	-	No visa required for official visits and accreditation for a maximum period of ninety (90) days.
Uruguay	-	-	-	-	No visa required, even for posting.
United Kingdom  (And British Overseas Territories)	X	X	2	NV	Visa required only for official passport holders <b>No visa required on Diplomatic Passports</b> <b>First Entry required on posting.</b> 2 to 3 days. Online visa application form to be completed on webpage <a href="https://Visa4uk.fco.gov.uk">https://Visa4uk.fco.gov.uk</a> ; Officials on posting must select the “ <b>EXEMPT VIGNETTE</b> ” option as the visa category.
Ukraine	X	X	2	NV	Visa required on diplomatic and official passports <b>ONLINE APPLICATION REQUIRED</b> <a href="http://visa.mfa.gov.ua">http://visa.mfa.gov.ua</a> 2 colour photos 3x4 cm Passport must be valid for at least 3 months after the declared exit date from Ukraine. Must have at least 2 spare pages 3 days to process Same requirements for posting
United States of America	X	X	2 (50x50)	NV	5 working days <a href="https://ceac.state.gov/GenNIV/Common/ConfirmApplicationID.aspx?node=SecureQuestion">https://ceac.state.gov/GenNIV/Common/ConfirmApplicationID.aspx?node=SecureQuestion</a> Diplomatic and Official holders need to apply for G1 when visiting Permanent Mission even on Posting. The A1 visa is for official's poster to SA Consulate General. <b>Updated on 06/06/2022</b>
Uzbekistan	-	-	-	-	Political Desk / Moscow
Vanuatu	-	-	-	-	Canberra
Vatican (Holy See)	-	-	-	-	Requirements for Italy have to be observed as Italy is the entry country to Vatican Holy see
Venezuela					No Visa required up to 90 days
Vietnam	-	-	-	-	No visa required up to 90 days No visa required if going on posting
Virgin Islands	X	X	2	NV	Via British High Commission
Virgin Islands	X	X	2	NV	Via USA Embassy
Yemen	X	X	2	NV	1 to 2 days
Zambia	-	-	-	-	No visa required even on a posting. Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of



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Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	No visa required



## ANNEXURE “A” - Australia

The requirements which should be included in a Note Verbale from DIRCO to the High Commission. Plus, underneath is an explanation of who is eligible for a Diplomatic visa:

### 1. Officer

- (i) Name
- (ii) Place and date of birth
- (iii) (a) Citizenship, including dual citizenship
- (iii) (b) Confirmation that applicant is neither an Australian citizen nor permanent resident
- (iv) Title/position to be occupied and mission
- (v) Passport type and expiry date
- (vi) Length of posting
- (vii) Who they are replacing
- (viii) Functions (if new position) or purpose of travel.

### 2. Spouse and dependants

- (i) Name
- (ii) Place and date of birth
- (iii) (a) Citizenship, including dual citizenship
- (iii) (b) Confirmation that applicant is neither an Australian citizen nor permanent resident
- (iv) Passport type and expiry date
- (v) Study intentions for adult child (from 21 up to and including the date of their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday) who is a member of the household.

## 5.5 Eligibility

### Diplomatic (Temporary) Subclass 995 visa

Normally, applicants eligible for a Diplomatic visa, provided they are not Australian citizens or permanent residents, will be one of the following:

- diplomatic or consular officers, including heads of missions or posts, taking up a posting in Australia
- administrative and technical staff, consular employees and service staff taking up a posting in Australia
- diplomatic or consular couriers with a valid travel document which clearly identifies them as such
- representatives of the European Commission on posting to Australia
- staff or representatives of international organisations on posting to Australia. These persons do not come under either Vienna Convention. Instead, they function under the provisions of the International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1963. Organisations currently represented in Australia include United Nations bodies, the International Organisation for Migration, Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, Commission for the Conservation of Southern Blue Fin Tuna, the World Bank Group, Asian Development Bank, European Investment Bank, and the International Development Law Organisation.

With the exception of diplomatic or consular couriers, the above may include members of the family forming part of the household. The section on family members eligibility defines members of the family and sets out the policy on acceptance of de facto spouses.

With the exception of diplomatic or consular couriers, the above may also include persons on short-term postings who are to be directly attached to a mission or post in Australia, performing normal mission/post functions, and usually filling an accredited position in the mission or post.

Also eligible for a diplomatic visa are:



- persons performing the duties of a high office in international organisations to which the International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Act applies, e.g. the Secretary-General and Assistant Secretaries-General of the United Nations and executive heads of specialised agencies of the United Nations, provided they are travelling on a United Nations Laissez-Passer
- official representatives of governments or international bodies attending international conferences convened by international organisations to which the Act applies.

### 5.9 Family member eligibility

Provided they are correctly nominated by the Foreign Ministry of the sending state, the Australian Government will accept as members of the family who form part of the household for the duration of the posting:

- the spouse/partner
- unmarried children up to the age of 21, provided they remain part of the household
- unmarried children aged from 21 up to and including the date of their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, who can provide documentation proving they are undertaking full-time studies at the tertiary level and continue to form part of the household
- unmarried children who, because of a physical or mental disability, are incapable of self-support.

At the formal request of the sending foreign ministry, the Department will consider other persons who are clearly dependent on the officer for their accommodation and welfare and who have an established history of forming part of the household, including on previous postings, such as an elderly parent.

From time to time members of the private family of the staff of a mission/post will not qualify for entry into Australia as members of the officer's official family. These family members should seek the relevant visa status (e.g. visitor, student) from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship if they wish to enter Australia privately.

Protocol Branch recognises a de facto spouse or a same sex partner as a member of the family of a diplomatic or consular officer accredited to Australia under the Vienna Conventions if the government of the sending state recognises the relationship and formally nominates the spouse/partner as a member of the officer's household.

### Switzerland – Private Servants

Regarding the visa for the domestic workers, please find below the procedure.

Following documents needs to be provided to the Swiss mission in Geneva:

1. The work contact according the model of the Federal Department of foreign affairs (3 original copies, form available here: [https://www.dfae.admin.ch/dam/mission-onu-omc-aele-geneve/en/documents/Contrat--de--travail\\_EN.pdf](https://www.dfae.admin.ch/dam/mission-onu-omc-aele-geneve/en/documents/Contrat--de--travail_EN.pdf))
2. The original declaration of guarantee of the employer signed by the employer (3 original copies, form available here: [https://www.dfae.admin.ch/dam/mission-onu-omc-aele-geneve/en/documents/DG-employeur\\_EN.pdf](https://www.dfae.admin.ch/dam/mission-onu-omc-aele-geneve/en/documents/DG-employeur_EN.pdf))
3. The original declaration of guarantee of the employee signed by the domestic worker (3 original copies, form available here: [https://www.dfae.admin.ch/dam/mission-onu-omc-aele-geneve/en/documents/DG--domestique\\_EN.pdf](https://www.dfae.admin.ch/dam/mission-onu-omc-aele-geneve/en/documents/DG--domestique_EN.pdf))
4. A copy of the passport of the domestic worker

I kindly draw your attention to the fact that, according the Private household employee Ordinance (PHEO), prior to requesting authorization to engage a private household employee from abroad, employers must look in Switzerland for a private household employee. Only employers who arrive in Switzerland accompanied by a private household employee who was in their service prior to being posted to Switzerland may be granted dispensation from looking for a private household employee in Switzerland. I also inform you that the domestic helper must have sufficient knowledge of English to enable them to communicate with the Federal



Department of Foreign Affairs whilst residing in Switzerland without the need for the services of an interpreter.

Once the process is completed in Switzerland, the Swiss mission will forward the authorization to issue the visa to the Embassy of Switzerland in Pretoria. The domestic worker should then present himself at the Regional Consular Center Southern Africa in Pretoria.