

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.
- Original second passport, if the applicant holds one, shall also be presented.

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-84

- All questions must be answered in English – questions that don't apply may be completed with 'n/a'.
- Under 'Duration of stay', the intended date of departure from the Republic of South Africa (as reflected on the flight reservation) should also be completed.

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 statement or documentation confirming the purpose and duration of the visit

- The statement or documentation must be dated and signed.
- The starting and ending dates in the statement or documentation must correspond with the flight itinerary and information completed on the application form.
- In respect of a holiday:
 - a) proof of a hotel reservation; or

- b) organized tour itinerary with a list of hotels; or
 - c) in the case of private accommodation (including private rental apartments / houses; booking via Airbnb,), a letter of invitation from the host confirming his or her residential address, a utilities bill from the host and a certified copy of either the host's South African identity document or foreign passport with a valid visa.
- In respect of business meetings, a signed and dated letter on the letterhead of the South African company / organization and from the applicant's employer abroad.

6. Proof of sufficient financial means

- Only original documentation is accepted, which shall be in the form of:
 - a) bank statements of a current account reflecting all the transactions from the last three (3) months up until the week that the visa application is submitted – applicants with online bank accounts must contact their bank (head office) to have printed statements authenticated / stamped by the bank; and / or
 - b) in the case of applicants attending business meetings, conferences, workshops or events on behalf of their company / employer abroad, if the applicant holds a corporate credit card from his or her employer abroad, then a copy of the card and statements from the last three (3) months reflecting all the transactions and the credit limit may be submitted; and / or
 - c) 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 (a certified copy of the host's South African identity document or foreign passport with a valid long term visa or permanent residence permit should also be included i.e. submitted);

7. Photocopies of original bank statements

- Photocopies are certified and original documentation will be returned to applicants.
- Original bank statements are not retained by our office; therefore, all applicants must submit photocopies of proof of sufficient financial means.
- If printed statements are authenticated / stamped by the bank, then photocopies do not have to be submitted.

8. 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.

9. Proof of a valid return or onward ticket or purchase thereof

- A photocopy of the flight itinerary / booking must be submitted.

10. The applicants must be portuguese citizens or holders of valid portuguese Residence Card issued by SEF – Portugal to apply at the SA Embassy in Lisbon.

All documents in a foreign language must be translated into English.

All documents issued by any country other than South Africa or Portugal must be certified by means of an Apostille or – if not party to the Hague Convention - by the Diplomatic representation in Portugal, duly accredited to the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.