



**PASSPORT HOLDERS WHO ARE EXEMPT FROM VISAS FOR SOUTH AFRICA**

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

The citizen who is a holder of a national passport (diplomatic, official and ordinary) of the foreign countries / territories / international organisations listed below are not required to hold a visa when reporting to an immigration officer for an examination at a South African port of entry, subject to the terms and conditions set out in this list, including *inter alia* the intended period of stay in the Republic.

1. The holder of a national South African passport, travel document and document for travel purposes.
2. The citizen who is a holder of a national passport (diplomatic, official or ordinary) of the following countries / territories / international organisations is not required to hold a visa in respect of purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [diplomatic & official visit] for an intended stay of **90 days** or less and when in transit:

African Union / Unity Laissez Passer

Andorra  
Argentina  
Australia  
Austria  
Belgium  
Botswana  
Brazil  
Canada  
Chile  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Ecuador  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Greece  
Iceland  
Israel  
Italy  
Jamaica

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Japan  
Liechtenstein  
Luxemburg  
Malta  
Monaco  
Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Norway  
Paraguay  
Portugal  
San Marino  
Singapore  
Spain  
St Vincent & the Grenadines  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
United Kingdom of Great Britain, Northern Ireland, British Islands Bailiwick of Guernsey and Jersey, Isle of Man and Virgin Islands.  
Republic of Ireland  
British Overseas Territories who are in possession of British passports namely: Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, St Helena and Dependencies (Ascension Island, Gough Island and Tristan da Cunha), Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands, the Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the Turks and Caicos Island.

Uruguay  
Venezuela  
United States of America

3. The citizen who is a holder of a national passport (diplomatic, official and ordinary) of the following countries / territories / international organisations is not required to hold a visa in respect of purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [diplomatic & official visit] for an intended stay of 30 days or less and when in transit:

Antigua and Barbuda  
Barbados  
Belize  
Benin  
Bolivia  
Cape Verde  
Costa Rica  
Cyprus  
Gabon  
Guyana

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Hong Kong [only with regard to holders of Hong Kong British National Overseas passports and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passports]

Hungary  
Jordan  
Lesotho  
Macau

[only with regard to holders of Macau Special Administrative Region passports (MSAR)]

Malaysia  
Malawi  
Maldives  
Mauritius  
Mozambique  
Namibia  
Peru  
Poland  
Seychelles  
Slovak Republic  
South Korea  
Swaziland  
Thailand  
Turkey  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

[only in respect of government officials, including police on cross border investigations]

4. Agreements have also been concluded with the following countries for holders of diplomatic and official passport holders.

Citizens who are holders of **diplomatic, official and service** passports of the following countries do not require visas in respect of purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued or by virtue of being a person contemplated in section 31(3)(b) [diplomatic & official visit] for the **period indicated** and transit:

Albania	(120 days)	Madagascar	(30 days)
Algeria	(30 days)	Morocco	(30 days)
Angola	(90 days)	Mozambique	(90 days)
Bulgaria	(90 days)	Paraguay	(120 days)
Cyprus	(90 days)	Poland	(90 days)
Comoros	(90 days)	Romania	(30 days)
Croatia	(90 days)	Rwanda	(90 days)
Egypt	(30 days)	Slovak	(120 days)
Guinea	(90 days)	Slovenia	(90 days)
Hungary	(120 days)	Tanzania	(90 days)
Ivory Coast	(30 days)	Thailand	(90 days)
Kenya	(30 days)	Tunisia	(90 days)
Mexico	(90 days)		

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5. Notwithstanding this Schedule, a foreigner whose visa exemption has been withdrawn shall comply with the visa requirements until notified by the Department that his or her visa exemption has been re-instated by the Department on petition or of its own accord.
6. Visas are not required by passport holders of Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Malawi who are entering the Republic as commercial heavy-duty vehicle drivers provide their visits do not exceed 15 days and on condition that they can produce a letter confirming their employment with a transport company on entry.
7. Staff members of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) who travel on SADC laissez-passers are exempt from visa requirements for bona fide official business visits up to 90 days and transit.
8. The following categories of the UN as well as their spouses, dependent relatives and other members of the households are exempt from visa requirements when visiting the Republic for periods not exceeding 90 days for purposes for which a visitor's permit may be issued, and for official business purposes and transits and when accredited for placement at a UN mission in the Republic for the duration of their accreditation, provided they are in possession of the relevant letters or identification documents to identify themselves at ports of entry as personnel of an UN agency.
  - Holders of United Nations Laissez-passers
  - Volunteers attached to the UN
  - Persons involved in any United Nations agency
  - Persons performing services on behalf of the UN
- 9.. Members of military forces attending any military related matters with the South African National Defence Force are exempt from visa and study permit requirements, irrespective of their duration of stay provided they are in possession of letters of invitation from the SANDF as well as letters of consent from the military force of which they are members.  
They are also permitted to enter the country without passports.

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