

# Visa Requirements



## Overview

**1 - 90 days: Tourist Visa** for language courses and/or volunteering.

**More than 90 days: Study Visa** for language courses and **Volunteer Visa** for volunteering.

## Details

		To attend a language course	To volunteer
<b>1 - 90 days</b>	Exempt countries	<b>Tourist visa</b> at the port of entry	<b>Tourist visa</b> at the port of entry
	Non-exempt countries or exceeding the exempt period	Apply for a <b>tourist visa</b> at the nearest South African Embassy in your home country.	Apply for a <b>tourist visa</b> at the nearest South African Embassy in your home country.
<b>More than 90 days</b>	All nationalities	Apply for a <b>Study Visa</b> with an endorsement “ <i>to study at Good Hope Studies</i> ” at the nearest South African Embassy in your home country.	Apply for a <b>Volunteer Visa</b> with an endorsement “ <i>to volunteer at your project</i> ” at the nearest South African Embassy in your home country.

## Exempt countries

### Exempt for up to 90 days

#### Africa

Botswana, Namibia, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

#### Asia and Arab Peninsular

Israel, Japan, Singapore

#### Europe

Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK

#### Australia and Pacific Region

Australia

#### The Americas

Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Ecuador, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, USA, Uruguay, Venezuela

### Exempt for up to 30 days

#### Africa

Angola, Benin, Cape Verde, Gabon, Guyana, Lesotho, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Swaziland

#### Asia and Arab Peninsular

Hong Kong, Jordan, Macau, Malaysia, South Korea, Turkey, Thailand

#### Europe

Cyprus, Hungary, Poland

#### The Americas

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Peru

## Important

- Clients who come from an exempt country and stay within the exempt period receive a tourist visa when entering South Africa.
- Clients who come from non-exempt countries or exceed the exempt period need to apply for a tourist visa at a South African embassy or consulate in their home country.
- When entering the country as a tourist, your client can extend the visa once by another 90 days. Details on the next page.
- It is the client’s responsibility to arrive in South Africa on the correct visa.
- Clients cannot change the status of their visa once in South Africa.
- Clients under the age of 18 need an unabridged birth certificate, parental consent, and other documents when entering South Africa.
- All information in this section is an indication only. For details please contact your nearest South African Embassy, visit [www.home-affairs.gov.za](http://www.home-affairs.gov.za) or contact us.



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## Study Visa

**Most South African embassies have resumed issuing study visas for schools that are EduSA members. Should your clients experience any problems in applying for a study visa, please inform us immediately. In most cases, we are able to intervene successfully.**

Clients who need a Study Visa are required to apply for this at their nearest South African Embassy or Consulate. The time needed varies greatly from embassy to embassy, but it will usually take a few weeks. It is therefore strongly recommended to apply as soon as possible.

### Visa fee

Nonrefundable visa application fee of ZAR 425 (approx. €33/US\$36).

### Requirements:

- A completed application form (BI-1738 - use black ink only).
- A passport valid for no less than 30 days after the expiry of intended visit.
- Payment of the prescribed fee.
- A vaccination certificate, if required.
- Proof of financial means to cover envisaged living expenses while in South Africa and to also pay for the tuition fees. This should be in the form of bank statements, cash available, or travellers' cheques.
- A cash deposit equivalent to the value of a return ticket.
- Medical and radiology reports.
- An unabridged birth certificate in the case of minors.
- An official letter from the educational institution where you intend to study, confirming provisional acceptance and the duration of the course.
- Proof of medical cover renewed annually for the period of study with a medical scheme registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act.
- If you are 18 years or older, a police clearance certificate from each country in which you resided for 12 months or longer since the age of 18 years is required. This should be submitted with the application.
- *African students only:* an undertaking from the relevant government to take full responsibility of the student and to pay all costs should it become necessary to deport the student.
- *Minors only:* the particulars of the person in South Africa who will act as the learner's guardian and a letter from such person confirming guardianship.
- *Minors only:* Consent from both parents for your stay in South Africa, or from the parent who has sole custody, along with proof of sole custody.

## Vaccinations

No vaccinations are required except for travellers going to the north-eastern areas of South Africa, where anti-malaria precautions are recommended. Clients should consult their doctor for recommendations.

A yellow fever certificate is compulsory for those persons who have travelled from, or intend travelling through, countries in the yellow fever belt:

**Africa:** Angola, Burundi, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Rwanda, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda.

**South America:** Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guyana, Guyana, Panama, Peru, Surinam, Venezuela, Argentina and Paraguay.

## Underaged clients

Clients under the age of 18 need an unabridged birth certificate and consent of their parents when entering South Africa. Students also need a guardian letter that Good Hope Studies will provide as well as a compiled Parental Affidavit form (<http://www.dha.gov.za/files/ParentalConsentAffidavit.pdf>) that needs to be completed by both the parents and the school and then stamped and signed by a South African Consulate / Embassy / Mission in their home country.

## Visa extension

Anyone who enters as a tourist can apply for a visa extension. However, the application must be made 60 days before the expiry of the existing visa.

Visa extensions are subject to a service fee of ZAR 1.775 (€ 100 / US\$ 110) and are handled by VFS Global in Cape Town ([www.vfsglobal.com/dha/southafrica](http://www.vfsglobal.com/dha/southafrica)).

All students must ensure that they arrive on the correct visa, with an expiry date on or after the date of their planned departure. Students should only apply for an extension if they decide, while in South Africa, to stay longer. Please note that applications for visa extensions can be turned down with no reason given.

### Requirements:

- Application needs to be made **60 days** prior to expiry of existing visa.
- A passport valid for no less than 30 days after expiry of intended visit.
- A valid visa.
- A visa fee.
- A copy of proof of financial means (i.e. bank statements or salary advice).
- Applicants must be in possession of a return ticket and must show proof of a return booking with the relevant airline.
- A copy of a letter stating the purpose and duration of the stay.