

## Guidelines to Assist with Traveling Documentation Requirements to and from South Africa

Please refer to the South African Home Affairs website at [www.home-affairs.gov.za/](http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/) for information pertaining to travel requirements to and from South Africa.

In general, 18 years and older require a valid passport and visa (For all countries exempted from requiring a Visa refer to paragraph 3 below).

For assistance within your country please contact the local South African Embassy or Mission to assist.

### 1. For Children under the age of 18 see the following link:

**[ADVISORY: NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN TRAVELLING THROUGH SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS OF ENTRY - EFFECTIVE 1 JUNE 2015](#)**

*Remember that there are two scenarios in this case, one is a minor travelling alone and a minor travelling within a team.*

It is recommended that all minors and their parents /legal guardians visit their local South African Embassy or Mission together with all of your documents to ensure that you have the correct documents in order.

Please **DO NOT** arrive at the airport with incomplete documents, authorities will not allow you to enter the Republic of South Africa without the correct documentation and will send you back immediately.

Most important to remember: **ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE ORIGINAL**

Please note that:

*“Children under the age of 18 are legal minors and, accordingly, have limited legal capacity to act independently without the assistance of an adult.”*

A child or minor is defined as a person under the age of 18. All minors traveling to and from South Africa should produce the following documents when entering the border of The Republic of South Africa:

- Valid passport of the child.
- A South African visitor’s Visa (For all countries not exempt from requiring a Visa).
- Unabridged Birth Certificate (UBC) or equivalent.
- Letter from the person who is to receive the minor in South Africa or foreign country; containing his or her residential address and contact details where the minor will be residing **when travelling unaccompanied.**
- Proof of identity of the person who is to receive the minor in South Africa or foreign country; either copy of the identity document, or valid passport and visa, or permanent residence permit **when travelling unaccompanied.**
- Contact details of the parents or legal guardian of the minor **plus one of the following:**
  - a. Parental Consent Affidavit (PCA) not older than 6 months
  - b. Court order granting sole parental rights and responsibilities
  - c. Letter of Special Circumstances issued by Director-General of Home Affairs in the event that a parent or parents are incapacitated or deceased and no legal guardian has been appointed as yet.

Letters from the person who is to receive the minor in South Africa will be provided on request by the SARL. If you do not ask for the letter, we assume you do not need it.

### 2. A person (Example - Team Leader) who is travelling with a child who is not his or her biological child, such child must produce the following documentation:

- A valid passport,
- A South African visitor’s Visa (For all countries not exempt from requiring a Visa).

- An UBC or Equivalent Document and,
- Parental Consent Affidavit including a letter to travel.

Invitation letters will be issued by the SARL to all applicants as it may be required to obtain passports / visas.

***IMPORTANT:***

*The South African Radio League (SARL) cannot be held liable if a minor is not allowed into The Republic of South Africa. This document only serves as a guideline. It remains the responsibility of the minor to enquire at an embassy which documents he/she needs to travel to The Republic of South Africa.*

It has been noted that some countries do not have *Unabridged Birth Certificates*. If your country does not have *UBC's*, please visit your nearest South African embassy and enquire on the correct documents to ensure entry into The Republic of South Africa.

See the website referenced in paragraph 1 for details pertaining to examples of *Parental Consent Affidavit* and *Equivalent Document is available here*

3. **Countries that are exempt of needing a Visa to enter The Republic of South Africa refer to the following link [www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries](http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries)**

