**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA: GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

Foreigners subject to South African visa control who wish to visit the RSA for holiday, business or transit purposes must be in possession of valid and acceptable passports/travel documents and visas. Visas must be obtained at the South African Missions abroad prior to travel to South Africa.

Consular Section is opened for public *Monday – Friday, 9.00 – 12.30*

The processing period for visas may vary from one case to another and is therefore not guaranteed for all applications. This time — 5-10 working days — serves as an approximate guide only in cases where the documentation meets all the prescribed requirements.

Processing time begins on the next working day after our office receives a complete application. “Working days” are days when the Immigration Section is open for business. Weekends and statutory holidays are not “working days” and should therefore not be counted when calculating processing times.

Visas may be issued well in advance of the intended travel dates. You may apply for a visa as far as 1 to 2 months in advance of your travel plans.

Apply early to avoid delays.

Visa application form (DHA-84) must be completed in English and in black ink only.

**All documentation accompanying the application must be in English or translated into English by a sworn translator and certified at the Public Notary.**

**Please note that applications must be submitted in person only.** Citizens of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan may submit visa applications through the third person (notarised power of attorney is required), but not by postal/courier services.

NB: From 24 November 2015 non-Machine readable passports are no longer accepted for travelling purposes to and from South Africa.

Additional documentation to prove the bona fides of the visit such as proof of registration of the company may be requested.

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A duly completed visa application form (DHA-84) in English, personally signed by the applicant.

Two coloured recent passport type photographs with white background(3.5x4.5 in size) attached to the left upper corner of application form.

A valid passport which must be valid for no less than 30 days after the expiry date of the intended duration of stay in the RSA.

Two pages of the passport must be blank in order to affix the visa and for entry/departure endorsements.

Copy of passport: page with photograph.

Proof of status in Kazakhstan (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan) for foreigners: work visa and work permit or residence permit (certified copy + translation certified by Public Notary).

Original letter of invitation from the South African inviting organisation, confirming detailed purpose and duration of visit. If the South African inviting organisation takes responsibility for all expenses, it must be confirmed in the letter of invitation.

Original confirmation of employment, signed by company official and certified by company seal, reflecting salary details, occupied position and leave, granted for the period of visit. If travel expenses are covered by the company it should be indicated in the letter.

Proof of financial means (must be submitted in case if there is no financial guarantee from the SA inviting organisation or the company represented by the applicant): original bank or credit card statements for the last 3 months reflecting: bank account holder's name, currency of the account, money transactions and balance of account (saving accounts are not accepted).

Proof of flight itinerary (booking of air ticket). The Consular Section strongly advises not to buy tickets before the decision is made on the visa application.

In case of double/multiple entries to the RSA confirmation of each entry by air tickets booking or land transport booking or car booking.

Proof of hotel booking for the entire period of a visit to the Republic.

For married couples travelling together: certified copy of the marriage certificate + translation must be certified at the Public Notary.

For students and pupils – reference from the school or university, confirming the agreement of the absence in case when trip to South Africa does not coincide with official vacations.

For minors: birth certificate and consent if not accompanied by parents: certified copies + translation must be certified at the Public Notary. **Note: even if a child has own passport you have to have 2 (two) copies of birth certificate with a translation by Public Notary. One copy you will need to submit at the Embassy and the second one you will need for passport control in South Africa.**

For individual entrepreneurs: certified copy of certificate + translation must be certified at the Public Notary.

Vaccination certificate (yellow fever): is required if the applicants are entering South Africa from the countries falling within the Yellow Fever Belt.

Non-refundable visa processing fee 10970 tenge.

Payment of the above-mentioned application fee should be paid after submitting the application.

**Bank details:**

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| **Beneficiary name**  | South African Embassy in Kazakhstan |
| **Bank name** | JSC «First Heartland Jýsan Bank» |
| **Address**  | 62a Kosmonavtov Street, 7th floor, Astana |
| **BIN** | 040150020673 |
| **BIC** | TSESKZKA |
| **Iban Number** | KZ55998BTB0000487976          |
| **Currency** | KZT |
| **Code of payment purpose** | 859 |
| **Code of Beneficiary:**  | 21 |

Please take note that under no circumstances will the Department of Home Affairs refund any person under any given reason for services already paid for or rendered.

Please note passport with visa may be collected personally, by representative or by courier service (Without power of attorney).

It is your responsibility to check your visa for data information, duration of stay, number of entries and visa expiry date while collecting your passport.

As some applicants are coming from outside Astana, you are kindly urged to make sure that you have all the required documents before travelling to Astana.