SOUTH AFRICAN IDENTITY DOCUMENT (FROM 16 YEARS)
(*All relevant documents must be completed using BLACK INK PEN*)

Identity documents are issued to South African citizens or permanent residence permit holders who are 16 years or older.

You can apply for your ID book at any office of the Department of Home Affairs or any South African mission or consulate overseas. All applications are sent to the Department's head office in Pretoria. There, your fingerprints will be matched with those already on record or entered into the National Population Register. Your application will then be processed and once issued, your ID book will be forwarded to the office where you made your application for you to collect.

If the ID document is not collected within 3 (three) months of receipt of the notification letter sent by the Embassy, it will be returned to the Department of Home Affairs.

ALL APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE EMBASSY

The following documentation is required:

- Form BI-9 Application for an Identity Document – fingerprints to be taken by officials at the Consular Section - to be completed and signed by applicant
- Fully completed form BI-529E in black ink
- South African passport
- South African ID document
- Copy of birth certificate
- Three (3) identical, clear passport photographs recently taken
- Payment of the prescribed fee.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ❖ All payments are to be made to the Embassy's bank account number: 1503 15 38189.
- ❖ Applications are likely to take 20 to 30 weeks and possibly longer.
- ❖ Office hours: 09h00 – 12h00 working days excluding holidays (see website for official public holidays).
- ❖ Please address any further questions by e-mail to the address indicated on the main Consular page.

Please contact our Consular section for an appointment to have fingerprints taken. Our staff at the Consulate can also assist in any further questions pertaining to the above applications.

Tel: (47) 23 27 32 20
Consular Hours (Public): 09h00-12h00