

OVERVIEW

Critical Skills Visa applications can be made at any Visa Facilitation Centre in South Africa or Embassy. Please note that an applicant must ensure he/she falls under the Critical Skills category before applying for a visa or permit.

[List of Critical Skills as per Gazette](#)

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- 1) Duly completed application form. DHA-1738
- 2) Passport valid for no less than 30 calendar days after expiry of the intended visit.
- 3) A medical report (not older than 6 months on the day of submission)
- 4) A radiological report (not older than 6 months on the day of submission)
- 5) Marriage certificate or in the case of a foreign spousal relationship, proof of official recognition thereof issued by the authorities of the foreign country of the applicant (where applicable).
- 6) The affidavit where a spousal relationship to a South African citizen or resident is applicable as well as documentation proving cohabitation and the extent to which the related financial responsibilities are shared by the parties and setting out the particulars of children in the spousal relationship.
- 7) Proof of a union recognised in terms of the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act, 1998 (Act No. 120 of 1998), where applicable.
- 8) Divorce decree, where applicable.
- 9) Proof of court order awarding custody, where applicable.
- 10) Death certificate, in respect of late spouse, where applicable.
- 11) Written consent from both parents and/or sole custody parent, where applicable, with proof of sole custody.
- 12) Proof of legal adoption where applicable.
- 13) Legal separation order, where applicable.
- 14) Original Police clearance certificate issued by the police or security authority in each country where the relevant applicant resided for 12 months or longer after attaining the age of 18 years except for South Africa, in respect of criminal records or the character of that applicant, which certificate shall not be older than six months at the time of its submission: (Provided that the certificate shall not be required from a foreign country in the case of renewal or extension of a visa)
- 15) a yellow fever vaccination certificate if that person travelled or intends travelling from or transiting through a yellow fever endemic area: (Provided that the certificate shall not be required where that person travelled or intends travelling in direct transit through such area)

- 16) A written undertaking by the employer accepting responsibility for the costs related to the deportation of the applicant and his or her dependent family members, should it become necessary (Where there is no employer: proof of sufficient financial means to the value of a minimum of R3 000 in the form of three months bank statements)
- 17) A written undertaking by the employer to ensure that the passport of his or her employee is valid at all times for the duration of his or her employment (Where there is no employer: A written undertaking by the applicant to ensure that the passport of the applicant shall be valid at all times for the duration of his or her temporary visa)
- 18) Proof that the applicant falls within the critical skills category by specifically indicating the occupation/critical skill for which the application is being made. The occupation/critical skill must be on the Critical Skills list.
- 19) proof of evaluation of the foreign qualification by SAQA and translated by a sworn translator into one of the official languages of the Republic.
- 20) If required by law, proof of application for a certificate of registration with the professional body, council or board recognised by South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) in terms of section 13(1)(i) of the National Qualifications Framework Act;
- 21) a confirmation, in writing, from the professional body, council or board recognised by SAQA in terms of section 13(1)(0 of the National Qualifications Framework Act, or any relevant government Department confirming the skills or qualifications of the applicant and appropriate post qualification experience, (if not attached, VFS official to check Directive 22 of 2014)
- 22) Proof of payment of the applicable fee – **SR 834**

Notes: A critical skills work visa shall be issued for a period not exceeding five years. Where there is no offer of employment a critical skills visa shall be issued for a period not exceeding one year.