SOUTH AFRICA

Country	Passport Required	Visa Required	Return Ticket Required
British	Yes	No	Yes
Australian	Yes	No	Yes
Canadian	Yes	No	Yes
USA	Yes	No	Yes
Other EU	Yes	No/1/2/3	Yes
Japanese	Yes	No	Yes

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PASSPORTS
Passport valid for at least 30 days longer than the period covering stay in South Africa required by all.
Note: Passengers that do require a visa must have a passport with at least one blank facing page (see Application requirements below).

VISAS
Required by all except the following for business and tourist purposes:
(a) 1. nationals of Australia, Ireland, Northern Ireland and the UK (includes the British Islands Baliwick of Guernsey and Jersey, Isle of Mann and Virgin Islands, plus 3. British Overseas Territories [but not British Dependent Territories]);
(b) 2. nationals of Canada, EU countries (except Ireland, Northern Ireland and the UK [see above]); Cyprus, Hungary, Poland and Slovak Republic for up to 30 days; Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovenia who do require a visa), Japan and the USA for stays of up to 90 days;
(c) nationals of Andorra, Argentina, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Iceland, Israel, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, St Vincent & the Grenadines, San Marino, Singapore, Switzerland, Taiwan (China), Uruguay and Venezuela for stays of up to 90 days;
(d) nationals of Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Gabon, Guyana, Hong Kong (SAR), Jordan, Korea (Rep), Lesotho, Macau (SAR), Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Namibia, Peru, Seychelles, Swaziland, Thailand, Turkey, Zambia and Zimbabwe for stays of up to 30 days;
(e) transit passengers continuing their journey by the same or first connecting aircraft provided holding onward or return documentation and not leaving the airport.
Note: (a) Holders of visitor visas are not allowed to take up employment in South Africa. However, employment can be taken up under certain circumstances and if the requirements for a work permit are complied with, but only if the Embassy/Consulate is contacted in advance. (b) Unaccompanied children under the age of 18 years must hold written consent from their parents when travelling alone. (c) Study or work permits must be obtained in the country of normal residence before entry into South Africa. However, exceptions may be made. (d) Permits may be extended if done so 30 days prior to expiry of original permit.

Types of visa and cost: Visitors, Business and Transit: £43. Study Permits: £43 (depending on level of education). Some nationals are exempt from visa fees. Other nationals must apply for a visa with the appropriate fee. All fees are subject to change without notice; please check with Embassy or Consulate to confirm costs.

APPLICATION
Consulate (or Consular section at Embassy or High Commission); see Contact Addresses section. Applicants in countries where South Africa is not represented may send their applications to the embassy in the nearest country.

Application requirements: (a) Passport with two blank pages, valid for 30 days longer than the duration of the visit to South Africa. (b) Two passport-size photos (must be 45mm by 35mm). (c) One completed application form (failure to complete the application fully and in detail may result in visa being delayed or refused). (d) Fee (payable by cash, bank draft or postal order). (e) A stamped self-addressed special delivery envelope if applying by post. (f) A valid vaccination certificate, if required by the Act. (g) Proof of sufficient funds to cover visit, in the form of bank statements, bursaries, cash, etc. (h) Onward/return ticket and, if in transit, proof of sufficient documentation for admission to the country of destination. (i) Statement/documentation confirming purpose of visit. For Study permits: (a)-(g) and, (h) Letter, with official letterhead, of admission from a South African education institution, confirming exact period of study and accommodation arrangements. (i) Letter from current place of study, if on a student exchange. (j) Proof of qualifications. For Business permits: (a)-(i) and, (j) Comprehensive business letters from both the UK and South African companies confirming the purpose, nature and duration of the visit, containing written partner agreements with full details of the partners/directors and their residential status in the Republic, if applicable. (k) Certification by a chartered accountant that the applicant will have at least R2,5 m value invested as part of the book value of the business and will comply with at least one of the other criteria stipulated in regulation 24 (contact Embassy/Consulate for further details). This may include audited financial statements proving viability of any future business.

Note: (a) In the case of failure to comply with any of these regulations, visitors may be required to leave a cash deposit with the Immigration Officer. (b) Visitors must be of sound mind and body. (c) Medical insurance is required by all visitors. (d) There is now no single work permit. Each particular work permit has specific application requirements. These specific requirements can be obtained directly from the Embassy/Consulate or from the form BI-1738.

Working days required: Applications should be made well in advance. The processing time is 10 days, although visas may be processed quicker if application is submitted directly rather than by post. Nationals applying in the UK for a visa are advised to apply well in advance of their departure date. Work permits may take 12 to 30 calendar days to process.

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE
Temporary residence permits encompass Study, Work or Workseeker Permits. Contact the nearest Consulate (or Consular section at Embassy) for further details.