



**DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
And COOPERATION (DIRCO)**

**SOUTH AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS  
VISA REQUIREMENTS**

| COUNTRY             | VISA | FORM | PHOTO | NOTE VERBALE | REMARKS   |
|---------------------|------|------|-------|--------------|---|
| Angola              | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days<br>No visa required for posting as well  |
| Australia           | X    | X    | 1     | NV           | Applicant must complete Form 1415, Business visitor's stream online application form available on <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/Services/Pages/visitor-e600-visa-online-applications.aspx">http://www.immi.gov.au/Services/Pages/visitor-e600-visa-online-applications.aspx</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officials on diplomatic posting no application form to be completed, only a Note Verbale stating all the appropriate information. See Annexure "A".</li> </ul> |
| Argentina           | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days.<br>No visa even for officials going on posting  |
| Austria             | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required, even for posting<br>No temporary official passports   |
| Algeria             | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required for 30 days<br>A visa is required for posting  |
| Albania             | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 120 days   |
| Afghanistan         | X    | -    | -     | -            | No Information  |
| Andorra             | X    | -    | -     | -            | No Information  |
| Antigua and Barbuda | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required  |
| Armenia             | X    | -    | -     | -            | Visa is required but no Representative in SA  |
| Aruba               | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Via Netherlands Embassy, Pretoria   |
| Azerbaijan          | X    | 2    | -     | NV           | 3-5 days of processing  |
| Bahamas             | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Via Dept. Home Affairs Tel :012 810 8184  |
| Barbados            | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 28 days  |
| Bahrain             | X    | -    | -     | NV           | Issued at Port of Entry in Bahrain or via Saudi Embassy, Pretoria   |
| Belarus             | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days  |
| Belgium             | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required  |
| Belize              | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required  |
| Bhutan              | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | No information  |
| Bolivia             | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Bolivian Honorary Consulate, Saxonworld, JHB  |



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|--------------------------|------|------|-------|--------------|--|
| Bosnia & Herzegovina     | x    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Contact our SA Embassy in Athens.  |
| Burkina Faso             | 1    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Copy of yellow fever certificate required<br>2 days plus itinerary   |
| Bangladesh               | X    | 1    | 3     | NV           | 3 days   |
| Benin                    | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 30 days<br>Transferred Officials no visa required   |
| Botswana                 | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa for first 14 days, even on a posting   |
| Bulgaria                 | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days<br>A visa is required for a posting   |
| Brazil                   | -    | -    | -     | Note Verbale | No visa required up to 90 days;<br>Officials on transfer visa required;<br>Complete electronic form and send/email to the visa section:<br><a href="https://scedv.serpro.gov.br">https://scedv.serpro.gov.br</a> and send form<br><a href="mailto:visasection@brazilianembassy.org.za">visasection@brazilianembassy.org.za</a>   |
| Brunei                   | X    |      |       | NV           | Issued at Port of Entry in Brunei.   |
| Burundi                  | X    | 2    | 2     | NV           | 2 days processing  |
| Cameroon                 | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Copy of yellow fever certificate required ; 3 days   |
| Cambodia                 | X    | 1    | 1     | NV           | Issued at Port of Entry or via Embassy of Thailand   |
| Canada                   | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | 5 days.  |
| Cape Verde               | X    | 2    | 3     | NV           | Issued at Port of Entry or at Embassy of Senegal only if in transit through Senegal.   |
| Central African Republic | X    |      |       | NV           | A visa is required.  |
| China                    | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required for Diplomatic Passport holders up to 30 days;<br>Official passport holders require visas;<br>Diplomatic passport holders going on posting/transfer do not require visas, but official passport holders do require visas;<br>Diplomatic or Official passport holders, if accredited as diplomatic or official personnel in China, are reminded to apply to the Chinese Foreign Ministry for a long-term diplomatic or official permit within 30 days in China.<br>5 days for processing |
| Congo (Rep)              | X    | X2   | 2     | NV           | 3 days processing  |
| Congo(DRC)               | X    | X2   | 2     | NV           | 5 days processing  |



| COUNTRY            | VISA | FORM | PHOTO | NOTE VERBALE | REMARKS  |
|--------------------|------|------|-------|--------------|--|
| Colombia           | -    | -    | -     | -            | No Visa Required, Yellow fever Certificate required  |
| Comores            | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days<br>No visa is required on transfer/posting  |
| Cook Islands       | -    | -    | -     | NV           | No information   |
| Costa Rica         | X    | 1    | 1     | NV           | Honorary Consulate JHB Copy of ppt + itinerary   |
| Cote d'Ivoire      | X    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required, even on posting  |
| Cyprus             | X    | X    | 1     | NV           | 3 days   |
| Cuba               | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required.<br>For posting, Forward Note Verbale with passport details to the Embassy.   |
| Chile              | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | 3 days   |
| Chad               | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Copy of yellow fever certificate required<br>Apply through the Embassy - Chad  |
| Croatia            | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days;<br>Temporary passports not accepted  |
| Czech              | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days even on posting   |
| Denmark            | x    | 1    | 2     | 1            | The same requirements for officials on posting;<br>No temporary passport;<br>Copy of ticket always required; 15 days.                        |
| Dominican Republic | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Form 509-Ref to be completed;<br>Temporary passport not accepted. 3 to 4 days;   |
| Djibouti           | X    | 1    | 1     | NV           | Issued by the French Consulate, JHB. Itinerary is also required.   |
| Dominica           | -    | -    | -     | -            | No Information.  |
| Dubai              | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Apply via UAE Embassy  |
| Egypt              | -    | -    | -     | -            | No Visa Required.  |
| El Salvador        | x    | 1    | 2     | NV           | No visa Required.  |
| Ecuador            | -    | --   | -     | -            | No visa required   |
| Eritrea            | X    | 1    | 2     | 1            | Visa required. Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15   |
| Ethiopia           | X    | 1    | 2     | 1            | If in transit for 24 hours no visa required, +-3 days. Make copies of each passport submitted, and a copy of NV for each submitted passport. |
| Estonia            | X    | 1    | 2     | 1            | Apply via Swedish Embassy  |
| Equatorial Guinea  | X    | 1    | 2     | 1            | Copy of yellow fever certificate required<br>+- 3 days   |



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|---------|------|------|-------|--------------|--|
| Fiji    | X    | X    | 1     | NV           | A visa is not required for 60 days and on posting  |
| France  | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required for a short stay. Officials going on posting a long stay visa form to be completed. Temporary passport not accepted.<br><a href="https://client.my-europe-visa.com/schengen/Default.aspx">https://client.my-europe-visa.com/schengen/Default.aspx</a>   |
| Finland | X    | X    | 1     | NV           | Same requirements for officials on posting<br>Temporary passports not accepted , 3 to 5 days   |
| Gabon   | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 30 days<br>A visa is required on posting  |
| Gambia  | X    | 1    | 1     | NV           | Visa required.<br>Gambian Consulate in Sandton.  |
| Germany | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | Diplomatic Passports no visa required and Official Passports require visa (Schengen Visa)<br>No temporary passports. Unabridged Birth Certificate and Marriage Certificate with Apostille, for minors both parents should sign the application and declaration form.<br>A visa is required on a posting. The German Embassy will issue a Category D visa which is valid for 90 days. After arrival in Germany, the Protocol department in the Foreign Ministry will issue the Protocol-ID card.<br>3 days,<br><br>No appointment is needed when applying for accreditation to Germany, Mon-Thu 08:00-11:00 at counter 5.<br>Please make sure that all necessary documentations are presented at application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 application forms</li> <li>• 2 §55 declaration forms</li> <li>• valid diplomatic passports</li> <li>• 2 biometric photos per applicant</li> <li>• Note Verbale</li> <li>• Unabridged birth certificate with Apostille for the minor (if the father appears on the birth certificate, he needs to sign the §</li> <li>• 55 declaration form as well, with a copy</li> </ul> |



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|                       |   |                            |            |    | <p>of his passport and needs to appear in person when you apply).</p> <p>Please note that there is a waiting period of 5 days from the day you have applied.</p> <p>Should you be taking your domestic worker, she would need to make a longterm appointment via integrate visa link <a href="http://www.visa-germany.co.za">www.visa-germany.co.za</a>.</p> <p>The forms and requirements are on our homepage <a href="http://www.southafrica.diplo.de">www.southafrica.diplo.de</a> longterm visa work permit.</p> <p>Application to be completed online <a href="https://videx.diplo.de">https://videx.diplo.de</a></p> |
| Georgia (East Europe) | - | -                          | -          | -  | No visa required up to 360 days  |
| Ghana                 | - | -                          | -          | -  | No visa required even on posting.  |
| Gibraltar             |   |                            |            | NV | Via Embassy of Spain/Political Desk  |
| Greece                | - | -                          | -          | -  | No visa required, even on posting  |
| Grenada               | - | -                          | -          | -  | No visa required   |
| Guatemala             | X | -                          | -          | NV | No visa required.  |
| Guinea Conakry        | X | X                          | 3          | NV | Visa not required on official and diplomatic ppts even on posting  |
| Guinea Bissau         | X | 2 x visa Application forms | 3 x photos | NV | Via Embassy of Senegal   |
| Guyana (French)       | X | 1                          | 2          | NV | No visa required for 30 days.  |
| Haiti                 | - | -                          | -          | -  | No visa required-still awaiting further info from the Embassy of Haiti in Pretoria.  |
| Honduras              | - | -                          | -          | -  | No visa required.  |
| Hong Kong             | - | -                          | -          | -  | No Visa required, even on posting  |
| Hungary               | - | -                          | -          | -  | No visa required for 90 days<br>Schengen Visa<br>No temporary passport<br>A Visa is required for a posting   |
| Iceland               | - | -                          | -          | -  | No Visa required   |
| Iraq                  | x | 1                          | 2          | 1  | Visa application should be typed and not hand filled; 3 days   |
| Iran                  | x | 1                          | 2          | 1  | 5 days   |
| Ireland               | - | -                          | -          | -  | No visa needed and applies for transfer or posting   |



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|---------------|------|------|-------|--------------|--|
| Indonesia     | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | 7 to 10 days; Same requirements for Official going on posting  |
| India         | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days even on posting   |
| Israel        | X    | 2    | 2     | NV           | 3 days<br>2 passports are required for officials going on a posting. Officials going on Posting to Ramallah ppt not to be endorsed Rammallah but Israel.   |
| Italy         | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required on all passports. Only required on posting.   |
| Jamaica       | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up 90 days, except on transfer<br>Passport must be valid for 6 months.  |
| Japan         | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | Photo 45mm x 45mm; 1 to 2 days<br>No temporary passport  |
| Jordan        | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | 2 to 3 days  |
| Kazakhstan    | X    | 1    | 1     | NV           | Kazakhstan Embassy   |
| Kyrgyzstan    | X    |      | 1 3x4 | -            | All South Africans, regardless of passport type. For this, a person needs to have 1 photo (3x4cm), passport, copy of the passport, and invitation letter available with him/her upon arrival.<br>Visa application can be completed at the Consular desk of Manas Airport and visa fee to be paid there also.<br>-Business Single visa for 1 month 70\$<br>-Business double visa for 1 month 100\$<br>-Transit visa 40\$<br>-Transit double visa 50\$ |
| Korea – North | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | Official passport holders pay visa fee<br>2 to 3 days  |
| Korea – South | X    | 1    | 1     | NV           | Visa required;<br>No visa required up to 30 days, except on transfer.  |
| Kenya         | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 30 days;<br>Officials on posting require visas.   |
| Kiribati      |      |      |       |              | NO info available  |
| Kuwait        | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | 5 to 7 days  |
| Latvia        | X    |      |       |              | Honorary Consulate in JHB  |



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|---------------|------|---|-------|--------------|--|
| Laos          | X    |   |       |              | Goes through Hanoi ( SA Mission in Vietnam)  |
| Lesotho       | X    | X   | 2     | NV           | No visa required for 30 days<br>No visa required for a posting   |
| Libya         | X    | X   | 2     | NV           | 1 day<br>No visa will be issued if passport has Israel visa  |
| Liberia       | X    | X   | 2     | NV           | 1 to 2 days  |
| Liechtenstein | -    | -   | -     | -            | No visa required.  |
| Lithuania     | X    | X   | 2     | NV           | 3 days ; Via Embassy of Hungary, Pretoria  |
| Lebanon       | X    | X   | 1     | NV           | 1 – 4 days   |
| Luxembourg    | -    | -   | -     | -            | No visa required   |
| Macau         |      |   |       | NV           | Through Hong Kong  |
| Madeira       | -    | -   | -     | -            | No visa required   |
| Mali          | X    | X   | 2     | NV           | 2 to 3 days<br>Same requirements for transferred official  |
| Malawi        | -    | -   | -     | -            | No Visa required even on a posting   |
| Malaysia      | -    | -   | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days<br>No visa required on transfer as well   |
| Malta         | X    | 1Italien<br>visa<br>applicat<br>ion<br>form | 2     | NV           | Through Embassy of Italy;<br>Passport and copy of air ticket is required   |
| Mauritius     | -    | -   | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days.<br>If an official is on a posting she/he needs to travel will the visa/permit. The High Commission in Mauritius needs to apply for the permit prior to travel, and send it to South Africa so that the official may travel with it, and present it on arrival. |
| Mauritania    | X    | X   | 1     | NV           | 3 days   |
| Madagascar    | X    | X   | 2     | NV           | 1 – 2 days   |
| Mayote        | X    | X   | 2     | NV           | Via French Embassy   |
| Mexico        | X    | 1   | 2     | NV           | Diplomatic passport holders do not need a visa to enter Mexico. Only official & d Application form can be downloaded at <a href="http://www.embamexsud.org">www.embamexsud.org</a> ; 3 days  |
| Moldova       | X    |   |       |              | Moldovan Embassy in Frankfurt (contact person: Victor Onufrei <a href="mailto:victor.onufrei@mfa.md">victor.onufrei@mfa.md</a> )   |
| Monaco        | X    |   |       | NV           | French Embassy   |
| Mongolia      | X    |   |       |              | Political desk   |
| Montenegro    |      |   |       |              | A visa is required   |
|               |      |   |       |              |  |



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|------------------|------|------|-------|--------------|--|
| Morocco          | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | 3 days   |
| Mozambique       | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required, but for a posting a Diplomatic visa will be required. Yellow fever Certificate is required.  |
| Myanmar (Burma)  | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | 2 days   |
| Namibia          | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required, even on a posting  |
| Nepal            | X    | X    | 1     | NV           | 2days  |
| Nigeria          | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required;<br>On posting, inform the Nigerian High Commission (and copy our Mission in Abuja) of the transfer of a new Official. The official can then travel to Nigeria and, once there, the Mission will apply at the Foreign Ministry for the normal diplomatic identity card. |
| Niger            | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | Visa required;<br>Copy of yellow fever certificate and flight itinerary is required  |
| Nicaragua        | -    | -    | -     | -            | Political Desk   |
| Netherlands      | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required   |
| New Zealand      | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required for 90 days<br>A visa is required on a posting;<br>For a posting a Note Verbale and passport should be sent to the Embassy, and no forms need to be completed   |
| Norway           | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required, but apply for transiting country<br>No visa required on a posting as well  |
| Oman             | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | Upon arrival at the Foreign Ministry of the Sultanate of Oman  |
| Pakistan         | X    | 2    | 2     | NV           | 3 days   |
| Palau            | X    |      |       |              | No information available   |
| Palestine        | X    | -    | -     | -            | Officials posted to Palestine should have 2 Diplomatic Passports. Apply for Israeli visa. Do not Endorse Ramallah instead Israel.  |
| Panama           | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required   |
| Papua New Guinea | X    | -    | -     | NV           | Via Australian High Commission in London   |
| Paraguay         | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required for 120 days  |
| Peru             | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required for 90 days   |
| Philippines      | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | No visa required for 30 days<br>A visa is required on posting.   |





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| Poland                | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days<br>No visa required on posting   |
| Portugal              | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days.<br>No visa required for a posting   |
| Qatar                 | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | 2 to 3 days<br>When in transit at the airport, no visa is required, otherwise organized by Qatar Airways.   |
| Reunion Island        | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required  |
| Russia                | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required for 90 days<br>Visa not required for a posting   |
| Romania               | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days, even for a posting  |
| Rwanda                | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required. For Private passport visa obtainable upon arrival in Rwanda and \$40.00 to be paid.   |
| Samoa                 | x    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Apply through New Zealand High Commission, Mr Beukman @012 4359012  |
| Sao Tome and Principe | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa up to 90 days. Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15<br>Officials on posting to apply online and attach Note Verbale online   |
| Saudi Arabia          | x    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Temporary passport not accepted.<br>1 day   |
| San Marino            | x    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Via Italian Embassy   |
| Saharawi              | -    | -    | -     | -            | Visa Required   |
| Serbia                | x    | 1    | 2     | NV           | 1 day   |
| Senegal               | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days  |
| Seychelles            | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 90 days  |
| Sierra Leone          | X    |      |       | NV           | Dept of Home Affairs: Contact person Leonne vd Merwe at 012 4064435   |
| Singapore             |      |      |       |              | No visa required up to 30 days. Upon arrival in Singapore, diplomats posted to the RSA High Commission are to submit their passports to MFA Protocol with the necessary Stay Permit and ID Card Application Form. In the event that the official takes a foreign domestic worker (FDW), she/he (domestic worker) must arrive in Singapore with the Ministry of Manpower's In-Principle Approval (IPA) letter. |
| Slovak                | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required  |



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| Slovenia                       | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 120 days   |
| Somalia                        | X    |      |       | NV           | Political desk. Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15   |
| Solomon Island                 | X    |      |       | NV           | Political desk  |
| South Sudan                    | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Visa required +- 3 days   |
| Spain                          | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Visa required only for official passport holders and officials on posting;<br>No visa required on Diplomatic Passports 2 days |
| Sri Lanka                      | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Visa required;<br>Itinerary   |
| St Lucia                       | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required  |
| St Kits Nevis                  | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required  |
| St Vincent and Grenadines      | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required  |
| Sudan                          | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | Yellow fever Certificate required; same requirements for officials going on posting   |
| Suriname                       | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | 2 to 3 days   |
| Swaziland                      | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required even on posting.   |
| Sweden                         | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | Migration Board Form no 119031<br>3 days  |
| Switzerland                    | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required even on posting  |
| Syria                          | X    | 1    | 2     | NV           | 1 to 2 days   |
| Tajikistan                     | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required  |
| Taipei Liaison Office (Taiwan) | X    | X    | 2     | NV           | 2 to 3 days   |
| Tanzania                       | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required. Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15   |
| Thailand (Bangkok)             | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required up to 30 days<br>No visa required for a posting  |
| Timor Leste – East Timor       |      |      |       |              | No info available   |
| Togo                           | X    |      |       | NV           | Diplomatic Visa issued on arrival   |
| Tonga                          |      |      |       |              | Canberra or London  |
| Trinidad and Tobago            |      |      |       |              | No Visa required on all SA passports  |
| Turkey                         | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required for up to 30 days<br>Visa required for posting;<br>3 days  |
| Tunisia                        | -    | -    | -     | -            | No visa required, even on a posting   |
| Turkmenistan                   | X    |      |       |              | Political Desk / Moscow   |
| Tuvalu                         | X    |      |       |              | Political Desk / Canberra   |



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| United Arab Emirates     | X    | X    | 2         | NV           | Visa application form to be typed in. One photo must be glued to the form and the other must accompany the passport. The photos must be on a white background and not cream white. No temporary passport accepted. 5 days |
| Uganda                   | X    | X    | 2         | NV           | 2 days  |
| Uruguay                  | -    | -    | -         | -            | No visa required, even for posting.   |
| United Kingdom           | X    | X    | 2         | NV           | Visa required only for official passport holders<br><b>No visa required on Diplomatic Passports</b><br>Online visa application form to be completed on webpage<br>Visa4uk.fco.gov.uk;<br>2 to 3 days                      |
| Ukraine                  | X    | X    | 1         | NV           | 1 day ;<br>Same requirements for posting ; no temporary passports   |
| United States of America | X    | X    | 2 (50x50) | NV           | 3 days  |
| Uzbekistan               | -    | -    | -         | -            | Political Desk / Moscow   |
| Vanuatu                  | -    | -    | -         | -            | Canberra  |
| Vatican (Holy See)       | -    | -    | -         | -            | Requirements for Italy have to be observed as Italy is the entry country to Vatican Holy see  |
| Venezuela                | X    | 1    | 2         | NV           | 3 to 4 days visa required.  |
| Vietnam                  | -    | -    | -         | -            | No visa required up to 90 days<br>No visa required if going on posting<br>Temporary passports allowed.  |
| Virgin Islands           | X    | X    | 2         | NV           | Via British High Commission   |
| Virgin Islands           | X    | X    | 2         | NV           | Via USA Embassy   |
| Yemen                    | X    | X    | 2         | NV           | 1 to 2 days   |
| Zambia                   | -    | -    | -         | -            | No visa required even on a posting. Yellow Fever Certificate no longer required as of 25/2/15   |
| Zimbabwe                 | -    | -    | -         | -            | No visa required  |



## ANNEXURE "A"

The requirements which should be included in a Note Verbale from DIRCO to the High Commission. Plus, underneath is an explanation of who is eligible for a Diplomatic visa:

### 1. Officer

- (i) Name
- (ii) Place and date of birth
- (iii) (a) Citizenship, including dual citizenship
- (iii) (b) Confirmation that applicant is neither an Australian citizen nor permanent resident
- (iv) Title/position to be occupied and mission
- (v) Passport type and expiry date
- (vi) Length of posting
- (vii) Who they are replacing
- (viii) Functions (if new position) or purpose of travel.

### 2. Spouse and dependants

- (i) Name
- (ii) Place and date of birth
- (iii) (a) Citizenship, including dual citizenship
- (iii) (b) Confirmation that applicant is neither an Australian citizen nor permanent resident
- (iv) Passport type and expiry date
- (v) Study intentions for adult child (from 21 up to and including the date of their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday) who is a member of the household.

## 5.5 Eligibility

### Diplomatic (Temporary) Subclass 995 visa

Normally, applicants eligible for a Diplomatic visa, provided they are not Australian citizens or permanent residents, will be one of the following:

- diplomatic or consular officers, including heads of missions or posts, taking up a posting in Australia
- administrative and technical staff, consular employees and service staff taking up a posting in Australia
- diplomatic or consular couriers with a valid travel document which clearly identifies them as such
- representatives of the European Commission on posting to Australia
- staff or representatives of international organisations on posting to Australia. These persons do not come under either Vienna Convention. Instead, they function under the provisions of the International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1963. Organisations currently represented in Australia include United Nations bodies, the International Organisation for Migration, Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, Commission for the Conservation of Southern Blue Fin Tuna, the World Bank Group, Asian Development Bank, European Investment Bank, and the International Development Law Organisation.

With the exception of diplomatic or consular couriers, the above may include members of the family forming part of the household. The section on family members eligibility defines members of the family and sets out the policy on acceptance of de facto spouses.

With the exception of diplomatic or consular couriers, the above may also include persons on short-term postings who are to be directly attached to a mission or post in Australia, performing normal mission/post functions, and usually filling an accredited position in the mission or post.

Also eligible for a diplomatic visa are:



- persons performing the duties of a high office in international organisations to which the International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Act applies, eg. the Secretary-General and Assistant Secretaries-General of the United Nations and executive heads of specialised agencies of the United Nations, provided they are travelling on a United Nations Laissez-Passer
- official representatives of governments or international bodies attending international conferences convened by international organisations to which the Act applies.

### **5.9 Family member eligibility**

Provided they are correctly nominated by the Foreign Ministry of the sending state, the Australian Government will accept as members of the family who form part of the household for the duration of the posting:

- the spouse/partner
- unmarried children up to the age of 21, provided they remain part of the household
- unmarried children aged from 21 up to and including the date of their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, who can provide documentation proving they are undertaking full-time studies at the tertiary level and continue to form part of the household
- unmarried children who, because of a physical or mental disability, are incapable of self-support.

At the formal request of the sending foreign ministry, the Department will consider other persons who are clearly dependent on the officer for their accommodation and welfare and who have an established history of forming part of the household, including on previous postings, such as an elderly parent.

From time to time members of the private family of the staff of a mission/post will not qualify for entry into Australia as members of the officer's official family. These family members should seek the relevant visa status (eg. visitor, student) from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship if they wish to enter Australia privately.

Protocol Branch recognises a de facto spouse or a same sex partner as a member of the family of a diplomatic or consular officer accredited to Australia under the Vienna Conventions if the government of the sending state recognises the relationship and formally nominates the spouse/partner as a member of the officer's household.