

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CHILD TRAVELLING TO SOUTH AFRICA

Effective June 01, 2015, The South Africa Department of Home Affairs imposed new regulations for visitors to South Africa under 18 years of age. The following documentation is required and presented on arrival at any point of entry in South Africa.

For detailed information, please visit: <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/civic-services/traveling-with-children>

Child under 18 years of age traveling with both parents:

- ♦ Valid passport
- ♦ Unabridged Birth Certificate (UBC): A document that contains the particulars of a minor and those of the parents OR an equivalent document, if country of residence does not issue a UBC. Any official document; for example, identity document or passport issued by the relevant authority of any country or letter issued by a foreign government (including a foreign embassy) or a letter issued by the Director-General of Home Affairs of the Republic of South Africa, recording the identity of the parents of a child shall be accepted in lieu of UBC. These instruments shall serve to identify the parents of the child intending to travel through a port of entry of the Republic.
- ♦ Medicate certificate, when applicable
- ♦ Valid visa, IF required

Child under 18 years of age traveling with only ONE parent:

- ♦ Valid passport
- ♦ Unabridged birth certificate or equivalent document, as described above
- ♦ Parental consent affidavit from the non-traveling parent whose details are recorded on the UBC or equivalent document
- ♦ A court order granting full parental responsibilities and rights or legal guardianship in respect of the child, if he or she is the parent or legal guardian of the child; or
- ♦ Where applicable, a death certificate of the other parent registered as a parent of the child on the birth certificate; provided that the Director-General may, where the parents of the child are both deceased and the child is traveling with a relative or another person related to him or her or his or her parents, approve such a person to enter into or depart from the Republic of South Africa with such a child.

Unaccompanied child under 18 years of age

- ♦ A valid passport
- ♦ An unabridged birth certificate or equivalent document, as described above
- ♦ Parental Consent Affidavit: proof from one or both parents or legal guardian permitting the child to travel into or depart from the Republic.
- ♦ Letter from the person who is to receive the minor in the Republic containing such person's residential and work address and full contact details in the Republic, a copy of the identity document or valid passport and visa or permanent residence permit of the person who is to receive the minor in the Republic.
- ♦ The contact details of the parents or legal guardian of the child.

Child under 18 years of age traveling with guardian (not biological parent/s)

- ♦ A valid passport
- ♦ An affidavit from the parents or legal guardian of the child confirming that he or she has permission to travel with the child.
- ♦ Copies of the identity documents or passports of the parents or legal guardian of the child; and
- ♦ The contact details of the parents or legal guardian of the child, provided that the Director-General may, where the parents of the child are both deceased and the child is traveling with a relative or another person related to him or her or his or her parents, approve such a person to enter into or depart from the Republic of South Africa with such a child.

Please speak to your African Travel, Inc. specialist to ensure that you have appropriate travel documentation.