

APPLICATION FOR CRITICAL SKILLS WORK VISA

A critical skills work visa is issued to applicants in possession of exceptional skills or qualifications that are scarce in South Africa.

REQUIREMENTS	
1	Original machine readable passport valid for no less than thirty (30) days after the foreigner's intended departure from the Republic of South Africa, and having at least two (2) blank pages for endorsements, and a photocopy of the passport page with the applicant's biometric data / photograph.
2	Application form – DHA -1738 completed in full, signed by the applicant
3	Radiological Report (BI-806)
4	Medical Report (BI-811)
5	Prescribed fee : US\$ 169 US dollars (if applying abroad, non-refundable) MXN \$ 2,040 Mexican pesos (if applying within Mexico, non-refundable)
6	Two (2) passport photographs
7	A yellow-fever international vaccination certificate if travelled from/through a yellow-fever endemic area.
8	An original police clearance certificate, issued by the police or security authority in each country where the applicant resided for 12 months or longer after attaining the age of 18 years, 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
9	IF ACCOMPANIED BY DEPENDENT CHILDREN
	Unabridged Birth / Full Birth Certificate, or
	Proof of guardianship or custody, or
	Proof of adoption
10	MARITAL STATUS OF APPLICANT
	Marriage Certificate, or
	Decree of Divorce, or
	Proof of legal separation
11	Proof of financial means in the form of bank statement (last 3 months)
	Proof that the applicant falls within the critical skills category in the form of – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a confirmation, in writing, from the professional body, council or board recognised by SAQA in terms of section 13(1)(i) of the National Qualifications Framework Act or any relevant government Department confirming the skills or qualifications of the applicant and appropriate post qualification experience; b) if required by law, proof of application for a certificate of registration with the professional body, council or board recognised by SAQA in terms of section 13(1)(i) of the National Qualifications Framework Act; and c) proof of evaluation of the foreign qualification by SAQA and translated by a sworn translator into English.
12	If the applicant has already secured employment prior to submitting the visa application, a copy of employment contract specifying the occupation and capacity in which the foreigner shall be employed.
13	if the applicant has already secured employment prior to submitting the visa application, a written undertaking by the employer / company in the Republic of South Africa – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) accepting responsibility for the costs related to the deportation of the applicant and his or her dependent family members, should it become necessary;

	b) to ensure that the passport of his or her employee is valid at all times for the duration of his or her employment;
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Please note:

1. A critical skills work visa shall be issued for a period not exceeding five (5) years.
2. Documentation that accompanies the visa application shall be original or copies authenticated by the issuing authority of the country of origin and translated into English, where applicable, and certified as a correct translation by a sworn translator (*Perito Traductor*) at the expense of the applicant.
3. A spouse and dependent children of a holder of a critical skills work visa shall be issued with an appropriate visa valid for a period not exceeding the period of validity of the applicant's critical skills work visa.
4. Applicants are allowed to make use of courier services to deliver their applications to and from the Embassy. It is the responsibility of applicants to arrange and pay for courier services. Applicants must enclose a self-addressed, pre-paid courier service airway bill and envelope, at the time of application, for documents to be returned
5. Processing time: 3-4 weeks
6. Visa applications need to be forwarded to the following address: Consular Section, South African Embassy, Andres Bello 10, 9th floor, Polanco, 11560, Mexico City. Telephone: 52(55) 1100-4970.
7. It is the responsibility of applicants to verify this information in advance. This information is subject to change without notice.