

## OWN BUSINESS VISA

1. Application to be submitted in person by the applicant
2. Original passport valid for no less than 30 days after the expiry of intended visit with at least 3 unused pages
3. Photocopy of valid residential permit (if applicable)
4. Permit fee Euro 118.- (in cash or bank transfer)
5. 1 recent EU passport size photograph
6. Application form [DHA-1738](#) (duly completed)
7. Vaccination certificate (if traveling through yellow fever belt)
8. Police clearance certificates in respect of all applicants 18 years and older from each country where person stayed longer than 12 months
9. Medical ([BI-811](#)) and Radiological ([BI-806](#)) reports in respect of each applicant (provided a Radiological report shall not be required in respect of children under the age of 12 years or pregnant women)
10. Marriage certificate where applicable
11. Proof of a spousal relationship by means of Departmental Affidavit (if not married)
12. Divorce decree or proof of legal separation where applicable
13. Death certificate in respect of a late spouse where applicable

**(i) Additional documentation to be submitted when intending to establish a business:**

1. A certificate or a factual finding report issued by a chartered accountant registered with the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants, a professional accountant registered with the South African Institute of Professional Accountants or a business accountant registered with the South African Institute of Business Accountants to the effect that-
  - (i) At least an amount in cash to be invested, R5 000 000, is available or already invested; or
  - (ii) At least an amount in cash and a capital contribution, R5 000 000, is available or already invested;
2. An undertaking that at least 60% of the total staff complement employed in the operations of the business are South African citizens or permanent residents employed permanently in various positions and that proof of compliance will be submitted within 12 months of issuance of visa;
3. A letter of recommendation from the Department of Trade and Industry regarding –
  - (i) The feasibility of the business; and
  - (ii) The contribution to the national interest of the Republic.
4. An undertaking to register with the-
  - (i) South African Revenue Service;
  - (ii) Unemployment Insurance Fund;
  - (iii) Compensation Fund for Occupational Injuries and Diseases;

- (iv) Companies and Intellectual Properties Commission (CIPC), where legally required, and
  - (v) Relevant professional body, board or council recognized by SAQA in terms of section 13(1) of the National Qualification Framework Act, where applicable;
- (Provided that upon registration all relevant certificates will be submitted to the Director-General)

**(ii) Additional documentation to be submitted when business has been established or investing in an existing business in the Republic:**

1. A certificate or a factual finding report issued by a chartered accountant registered with the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants, a professional accountant registered with the South African Institute of Professional Accountants or a business accountant registered with the South African Institute of Business Accountants to the effect that-
  - (iii) At least an amount in cash to be invested, R5 000 000, is available or already invested; or
  - (iv) At least an amount in cash and a capital contribution, R5 000 000, is available or already invested;
2. Proof that at least 60% of the total staff complement employed in the operations of the business are South African citizens or permanent residents employed permanently in various positions:
3. Proof of registration with the-
  - (vi) South African Revenue Service;
  - (vii) Unemployment Insurance Fund;
  - (viii) Compensation Fund for Occupational Injuries and Diseases;
  - (ix) Companies and Intellectual Properties Commission (CIPC), where legally required, and
  - (x) Relevant professional body, board or council recognized by SAQA in terms of section 13(1) of the National Qualification Framework Act, where applicable;
4. A letter of recommendation from the Department of Trade and Industry regarding –
  - (iii) The feasibility of the business; and
  - (iv) The contribution to the national interest of the Republic.
5. In addition a foreigner who invests or has invested in an existing business shall also submit –
  - (i) Financial statements in respect of the preceding financial year; and
  - (ii) Proof of investment
6. The applicant must, within 12 months of the visa being issued, submit to the Director-General a letter of confirmation from the Department of Labour that 60% of the staff complement employed in the operations of the business are South African citizens or permanent residents who are employed permanently in various positions.

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