

VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR AUSTRIAN PASSPORT NATIONALS

For holiday purposes Austrian passport holders are exempted from visas for period up to 90 days. It is furthermore important to note that in order to enter South Africa the passport must be valid for at least 30 days on leaving the RSA (§2(3) Immigration Act, Act 13 of 2002) and should contain at least two unused pages (§2(1)(d) Immigration Regulations of Immigration Act, Act 13 of 2002) for the endorsement at Passport control. A visitors permit will be endorsed into the passports at Passport Control at the South African Port of Entry.

You should also be in possession of a valid return ticket, proof of accommodation and proof of financial means which shall be in the form of a recently bank certified statement, for the last three (3) months to be presented to Immigration at the Port of Entry in South Africa. For business purposes you should be in possession of a confirmation from the South African host confirming your business travel.

Should your holiday stay be longer than 90 days in South Africa, you may contact the nearest Visa Facilitation Centre in South Africa at least 60 days before your residence permit expires to enquire on the possibility of extending your visa. (All information on where to apply for an extension in South Africa and the procedure how to follow you will find under: <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/component/content/article/10-immigration-services/469-vfs-global-offices>)

Note: A visitor's permit may be issued at a South African port of entry by an immigration officer to an Austrian passport holder in respect of the following purposes (proof to be submitted when not entering other than holiday):

- i. holiday visits not exceeding 90 days
- ii. business visits not exceeding 90 days (such as meetings and not montage work and not any form employment)
- iii. to attend conferences, seminars or sports events not exceeding 90 days
- iv. to join fiancé/ spouse not exceeding 90 days
- v. as an accompanying spouse and/or dependent children of a foreigner, who holds a valid visitor's permit, study permit, treaty permit, business permit, medical treatment permit, work permit, or exchange permit not exceeding 90 days
- vi. studies/training sessions not exceeding 90 days (confirmation from educational institution has to state that studies are less than 90 days)

(Foreign medical students who wish to engage in clinical traineeships (Famulatur) or medical electives (Tertial des praktischen Jahres) in the Republic of South Africa may only do so at academic hospitals in the country; consequently, the foreigner is registered as a student with the relevant South African university, which also confirms the foreign medical student's provisional acceptance (purpose and duration of the visit) in the form of a signed and dated letter on the university letterhead. The South African university would assist the foreign medical student with his or her regulatory registration with the 'The Health Professions Council of South Africa'.

1. VISITS NOT EXCEEDING 90 DAYS

In addition, in the case of a clinical traineeship / medical elective for a period not exceeding 90 days, the South African university shall advise the foreign medical student, whether he or she must apply for and be issued with a study visa at a South Africa mission abroad e.g. the Embassy in Vienna, before proceeding to the Republic South Africa.

2. VISITS EXCEEDING 90 DAYS

In the case of a clinical traineeship / medical elective for a period exceeding 90 days, the foreign medical student must apply for and be issued with a study visa at a South Africa mission abroad e.g. the Embassy in Vienna, before proceeding to the Republic South Africa.)

- vii. medical treatment not exceeding 90 days
- viii. academic sabbaticals not exceeding 90 days
- ix. voluntary and charitable activities not exceeding 90 days (this is not applicable to practical training or internship)
- x. research not exceeding 90 days (documentation must be available regarding the research and permission from South African organization/host for research)

Please be advised that in accordance with current legislation, Immigration Act, Act 13 of 2001, should you travel to one of the neighbouring countries upon your return you will be allowed into the RSA on the valid holiday permit which was stamped in your passport. Should that permit have been expired you might be given 7 days in order to leave the RSA. As visa exempted person you are allowed to enter South Africa on multiple entries.

You are welcome to contact this Section should you have any further enquiries or visit our website under www.southafrica-embassy.at

Furthermore although South Africa is not a country with a compulsory vaccination requirement apart from coming from a yellow fever countries, you are kindly requested contact your local tropical medical institute for more information.

For further information please contact the Consular Section:

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Consular business hours: Monday – Friday 08:30 – 12:00 and telephone enquiries until 16:30

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