



TRANSIT VISA (Schengen Visa)

South African nationals do NOT require a transit visa! If you travel to a destination outside the Schengen Area and intend to leave the transit area of a German airport you must apply for a visitor's visa. If your main destination is another country in the Schengen area you must have a Schengen visa for that country.

A Transit Visa is only required for travellers of certain nationalities. Nationals of other countries who reside in South Africa are requested to contact one of the German Missions, as listed below, in order to receive information on whether a Transit Visa is required.

Dear Applicant,

Thank you very much for your interest in visiting the Federal Republic of Germany on a Transit Visa.

We request that you take advantage of our **Online Appointment Booking System**. Please visit www.visa-germany.co.za or call: **0861 – 00 22 45**.

If you reside in South Africa and your main destination is Germany, you must submit your visa application either to the German Embassy in **Pretoria (if you reside in the Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga or North-West)** or the German Consulate General in **Cape Town (if you reside in the Eastern, Northern or Western Cape)**. If you are not a South African national your residence permit for South Africa must be valid at least another four months from the date the Schengen visa expires.

Applications must be submitted in person and may not be submitted by courier, regular post, fax or e-mail. Only applicants who can prove to have travelled at least twice to the Schengen States within the past two years may be exempt from applying in person. A third party may apply on behalf of such applicants.

We advise you to apply **at least three weeks** prior to your intended date of departure. Normally, the visa process is finalised within three to four working days upon submission of a complete visa application. **In some cases, however, we may need more time due to the necessary involvement of German and/or Schengen authorities.**

The fee for a Transit Visa is the equivalent of €60. The fee must be paid in cash, in South African Rands upon application. Please refer to our website www.southafrica.diplo.de/visa for any waivers or exceptions.

Internet: www.southafrica.diplo.de/visa

E-mail: visapretoria@pret.diplo.de (Pretoria);
visacapetown@kaps.diplo.de (Cape Town)

Please note that only complete applications will be accepted. In order to ensure that your application is processed without delay, please submit the following documents in original and one copy. Unfortunately, copies cannot be provided by the German Missions.	
	yes/no
• A duly completed Schengen Visa Application form (please ensure that you sign the form).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
• A valid passport with at least two blank pages & valid for at least three months longer than intended stay (please ensure that your passport is signed).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
• One recent passport photograph according to biometric specifications (for further details regarding biometric specifications of photos, please refer to the sample table on our homepage).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
• Declaration of True and Complete Information in accordance with §55 Residence Act, signed and dated.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Documents validating the applicant's social and economic ties to South Africa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees/Students: Letter by your employer confirming your employment relationship/work contract i.e. proof of study as well as confirmation of leave. or: • Self-employed: Official documents confirming your self-employment (e.g. copy of the CK1 registration/VAT registration including name and proof of business activities) 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
• Proof of flight reservation – Round Trip.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
• Copy of the valid visa for the country of final destination (if applicant is required to have a visa for that country).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Please note that each visa application is reviewed individually. Therefore, the requested documents may vary. The German Missions reserve the right to ask for additional documents. The submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee the issuance of a visa. Applicants may, at any time, be asked for a personal interview. Submission of incomplete documentation or refusal to attend the mandatory visa interview will result in a refusal of your visa application. Once a visa has been issued, the purpose of the trip may not be altered.

For further information, please visit www.southafrica.diplo.de/visa or contact us by e-mail:

Pretoria: visapretoria@pret.diplo.de

Cape Town: visacapetown@kaps.diplo.de

Hours for telephone assistance are listed on our website.