

# IMMIGRATION AMENDMENT

## 1. PERSONAL APPLICATION

### VISA APPLICATION BY POST

CONCESSIONS EFFECTIVE WITHIN THE NEXT 3 MONTHS STARTING NOVEMBER 2015



Countries where no South African Missions exist, the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) will accept applications sent by post.



Thereafter, the biometrics and photos of those travellers will be captured on arrival at ports of entry. This concession will only be applicable to visitors/medical Visa.



The DHA will implement the biometrics (including fingerprints & photos) at ports of entry starting. The pilot sites will be at OR Tambo Airport; King Shaka Airport and Cape Town International Airport.



DHA will introduce an Accredited Tourism Company (ATC) programme for China, India and Russia with possible extension to other visa requiring countries.

DHA will continue to issue a long-term Multiple Entry Visa to frequent travellers. This will be valid for a period exceeding 3 months but not exceeding 3 years.



### INCREASE IN VISA FACILITATION CENTRES

CONCESSIONS EFFECTIVE WITHIN 3 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR



DHA will increase Visa Facilitation Centres (VFC) in China, India, United Kingdom, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, Ghana, Kenya and Uganda.



The DHA will fast-track the opening of VFC in Zimbabwe, UAE and Botswana.

### UPGRADE OF ADVANCED PASSENGER PROCESSING SYSTEMS

CONCESSIONS THAT WILL BE EFFECTED BEYOND 1 YEAR



The DHA will install systems for pre-flight checks (including operation-centres) at international airports.

The DHA will upgrade Advance Passenger Processing (APP) systems and implement a Passenger Name Record (PNR) to enhance risk assessment.



The DHA will finalise the automation of the visa and permitting system.

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## 2. CHILD TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

### SOUTH AFRICAN CHILDREN TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS



In respect of South African children (outbound travel) the IMC accepted the implementation of the current child-travel requirements, including the parental consent affidavits as these seek to protect children.



### SCHOOLS & SPORTS BODIES TRAVELLING WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN



School principals will issue letters confirming the permission for children to travel on school tours. This authority will also be extended to include registered sports bodies.

The validity of the Parental Consent Affidavit will be extended to a period no longer than 6 months.



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### UNABRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATE



The term "Unabridged Birth Certificate" will be changed to "Birth Certificate containing parental details"

Details of parents will be printed in passports, so that parents whose particulars are printed would therefore not be required to carry birth certificates.



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### INBOUND CHILDREN TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS



In respect of inbound travellers - where visas are required, provision of original birth certificates or certified copies of required documents should continue during the visa application process as this is in line with practise in many other countries.



### MORE INFORMATION

The DHA is in the process of facilitating the legal instrument to implement the amendments.