

What You Need To Know About South Africa's New Laws When Travelling With Children

Q: Why are the laws changing? **A:** To curb child trafficking across South African borders

CHILD + BOTH PARENTS
Documents required:
• unbridged birth certificate
• valid passport

CHILD + 1 PARENT
Documents required:
• affidavit granting permission to travel from absent parent
• court order giving absent parent full responsibility
• legally separated parents provide a court order when other parent does not give consent
• South certificate of one parent to deceased

CHILD + GUARDIAN ONLY
Documents required:
• affidavit from the parents or legal guardian to state child is allowed to travel - name guardian
• contact details of the parents or legal guardian
• copies of the identity documents and passports of the parents or legal guardian
• If both parents deceased Director-General must approve guardian to accompany child
• adoption provide adoption certificate

CHILD UNACCOMPANIED
Documents required:
• affidavit or court order with contact details signed by both parents or legal guardian giving permission to travel
• contact details, certified copies of the identity document or passport of the person the child is staying with (necessary if person receiving child not same as person child is staying with)
• letter from the person receiving the child (to include contact details and physical address)

CHILD + 1 PARENT
Supporting documents must be no more than 3 months old: original or certified
Certificates NOT in English must be translated into English by official entity in country of origin

UNBRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATE, VISA (if required) & VALID PASSPORT

COMPULSORY when submitting all other documents for travelling with Children Under 18

Effective from 01 JUNE 2015
Applies to children UNDER 18 TRAVELLING TO SOUTH AFRICA, TRAVELLING FROM SOUTH AFRICA

NOT applicable when returning within SA

For more information, contact:
South African Home Affairs
www.dha.gov.za
-27 11 461 9252 (International)
0800 60 11 90 (Local)
csp@dha.gov.za

Contact Cape Tourism on:
-27 (0)86 132 2223
info@capetowntravel.com
@CapeTownTourism

Download the official Home Affairs Summary <http://www.capetowntravel.co.za/Uploads/Files/SummaryImmigrationMinors.pdf>

UNBRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATE

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All passengers under 18 years of age are required to travel with **THE ORIGINAL UNABRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATE**, in addition to a valid passport, with effect from 01 October 2015. It is the responsibility of travellers to familiarize themselves with the new Immigration Act detailing the regulations of minors departing from, transiting and returning to South Africa.

Sure Mirage Travel will not be held responsible if your child is denied boarding due to non compliance of the above.

CHILD TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS
from 01 June 2015

From 1st June 2015, new regulations aimed at improving the safety of children travelling in and out of South Africa will be implemented. Children under the age of 18 will require an **unbridged birth certificate*** together with a valid passport when travelling abroad.

CHILD AND BOTH PARENTS
Parents must produce an unbridged birth certificate and a valid passport.

CHILD AND ONE PARENT
Parents must produce an unbridged birth certificate, a valid passport and a court order/death certificate/affidavit confirming the absent parent has given permission for the child to travel.

CHILD AND GUARDIAN
Guardian must produce an unbridged birth certificate, a valid passport and a court order/death certificate/affidavit confirming the parents have given permission for the child to travel.

CHILD UNACCOMPANIED
Child must produce an unbridged birth certificate, a valid passport and a court order/death certificate/affidavit confirming permission to travel from both parents or legal guardian. A letter from person who will receive the child in South Africa including their full contact details and a certified copy of their ID/Passport must be produced.

Citizens and foreign nationals are advised to apply for unbridged birth certificates in good time in order to avoid possible delays to travel plans. In South Africa, it takes up to 8 weeks for an unbridged birth certificate to be issued.
*An official signed and stamped certificate reflecting both parents' details.

ASATA ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN TRAVEL AGENTS

home affairs
Department:
Home Affairs
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PARTICULARS FROM THE POPULATION REGISTER (I.R.):

UNBRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATE

CHILD SURNAME: _____ IDENTITY NUMBER: _____
FORENAMES: _____
GENDER: FEMALE PLACE OF BIRTH: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: 2009-09-09
PLACE OF BIRTH: SOUTH AFRICA
COUNTRY OF BIRTH: SOUTH AFRICA
MOTHER: _____ IDENTITY NUMBER: _____
MOTHER'S FORENAMES: _____
MOTHER'S SURNAME: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____ COUNTRY OF BIRTH: _____
FATHER: _____ IDENTITY NUMBER: _____
FATHER'S FORENAMES: _____
FATHER'S SURNAME: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____ COUNTRY OF BIRTH: _____
KNOWLEDGMENTS: NONE

DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS
2014
DISTRICT OFFICE MAMELODI (66)
DIRECTOR-GENERAL HOME AFFAIRS
T. RAEBERG
DATE PRINTED: _____ ISSUED BY: _____

FOR MORE INFO ON THE ABOVE LAW, PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITES LISTED BELOW

www.unbridgedbirthcertificates.co.za
www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/civic-services/birth-certificates
www.travelstart.co.za/lp/travel.../unbridged-birth-certificate-for-minors