

SOUTH AFRICA CRITICAL SKILLS VISA DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Requirement	Description
Filing Applications	Applications for a Critical Skills work visa would need to be filed at the South African mission in your home country or country where you hold residency. Renewal of Critical Skills work visas can be done from within South Africa.
How do I qualify?	In order to qualify for a Critical Skills work visa your occupation, experience and qualifications need to be in line with one of the categories listed on the Critical Skills list.
Passport	A valid passport with at least 6 months validity from the date of return from the scheduled trip with at least 3 blank pages at date of submission. A certified copy of passport bio-data page.
Application Form	A completed application form and signed by the application.
Passport Photos	Two (2) colour passport photographs with a white background Size: 45mm x 35 mm.
SAQA	Proof of evaluation of your qualification by SAQA (South African Qualifications Authority).
Professional body	Proof of registration with a SAQA recognised professional body in line with your Critical Skills work visa category.
CV/Resume	Your most recent and updated CV/Resume.
Contract of Employment	A copy of your contract of employment with a South African entity indicating the position and duration of employment. Where this is not submitted, you will only receive a one-year visa.
Undertaking Letter	A letter from the employer undertaking all costs in the event of deportation.
Police Clearance Certificates	Original police clearance certificates from every country where you have resided for more than 12 months since your 18th birthday.
Medical & Radiological Reports	A duly completed Medical and Radiological Report as prescribed by the Department of Home Affairs.
Skills Transfer Plan	A developed plan for the transfer of skills to a South African citizen or permanent resident.
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Processing Times	4 – 8 weeks (depending on the country of submission).
Validity	Critical Skills work visas are issued for a maximum period of 5 years and can be renewed in South Africa. You will further automatically qualify for Permanent Residency.
Accompanying family	Your family may accompany you whilst you are on a Critical Skills work visa.

Important to Note: The South African embassy reserves the right to request or change document requirements without prior notice.