



## SOUTH AFRICA ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE VISA INFORMATION SHEET

Requirement	Description
Filing Applications	Applications for Accompanying Spouse visa would need to be filed at the South African mission in your home country or country where you hold residency.  Renewal of Accompanying spouse visas can be done from within South Africa.
How do I qualify?	You need to provide the Department of Home Affairs with a copy of the unabridged marriage certificate between the South African Citizen or Permanent Resident and the foreign spouse. Or in a case where you are not married a Notarial agreement will be sufficient.
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.
Marriage certificate / Notarial agreement	Unabridged marriage certificate. Proof that you are in a permanent relationship with a South African Citizen or Permanent Resident holder.
Support Letter	A letter from your partner/spouse confirming that they will take full responsibility of you while you are residing in South Africa.
3 months bank statements	Your spouse/partner will need to show 3 months bank statements for proof of financial support.
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.
Processing times	4 – 8 weeks (depending on the country of submission).
Validity	These visas are generally valid for a period of 2 – 3 years or the period corresponding with the main applicant's visa.  Same can be renewed within South Africa.

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