



SOUTH AFRICA SPOUSE VISA INFORMATION SHEET

Requirement	Description
Filing Applications	<p>A Spousal Visa, or specifically known as a Relative's Visa in terms of the Immigration Act, allows a foreign national who is married to a South African Citizen or South African Permanent Residence Holder to reside with him/her legally in South Africa for a period up to three (3) years.</p> <p>The Constitutional Court handed down a directive in June 2019 that allows foreign spouses of South African Citizens or Permanent Residence holders to apply for their spousal visa from within South Africa while they are on their visitor visas 11(1).</p>
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 title page.
Application Form	A completed application form and signed by the applicant.
Passport Photos	Two (2) colour passport photographs with a white background Size: 45mm x 35 mm.
Marriage certificate / Notarial agreement	Unabridged marriage certificate. Proof of that you are in a permanent relationship with a South African citizen or Permanent Resident holder.
Support Letter	A letter from your South African spouse/partner confirming that they will take full responsibility of you while you are residing in South Africa.
3 months bank statements	Proof of sufficient financial means in the form of 3 months bank statements from your spouse/partner.
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	The relative's visa is issued for a maximum of 3 years. Renewals of this visa may be done from within South Africa. Permanent Residency can be applied for once you have been married for 5 years or more.
Endorsement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study endorsement: You will need an acceptance letter from the appropriate learning institution. - Work endorsement: You will need a valid contract of employment. - To set up and run a business endorsement: You will need proof that a suitable business structure is in place and that the business is registered for tax. <p>Please note that the Relative's visa under "Spouse" is the only Relative's visa that allows the applicant to apply for endorsements.</p> <p>You can only apply for one of the endorsements at a time.</p>

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