



## SOUTH AFRICA CRITICAL SKILLS VISA INFORMATION SHEET

| Requirement                    | Description   |
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| 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.<br><br>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.<br><br>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<br>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.<br><br>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.   |
| 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.<br><br>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.