

LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR A BUSINESS VISA

To establish a business or invest in a business that is not yet established in the Republic:

- Certificate issued by a South African Chartered Accountant to the effect that:
 - At least an amount in cash to be invested in the Republic as determined from time to time by the Minister, after consultation with the Minister of Trade and Industry, by notice in the Gazette, is available **or**
 - At least an amount in cash and a capital contribution as determined from time to time by the Minister, after consultation with the Minister of Trade and Industry, by notice in the Gazette, is available
- Undertaking by the applicant that at least 60% of the total staff complement to be employed in the operations of the business shall be South African citizens or permanent residences employed permanently in various positions. Proof of compliance with this undertaking shall be submitted within 12 months of issuance of the visa
- Undertaking to register with the:
 - South African Revenue Service
 - Unemployment Insurance Fund
 - Compensation Fund for Occupational >Injuries and Diseases
 - Companies and Intellectual Properties Commission (CIPC), where legally required
 - Relevant professional body, board or council recognized by SAQA
- Letter of recommendation from the Department of Trade and Industry regarding:
 - the feasibility of the business
 - the contribution to the national interest of the Republic

To invest in an existing business in the Republic:

- Certificate issued by a South African Chartered Accountant to the effect that:
 - At least an amount in cash to be invested in the Republic as determined from time to time by the Minister, after consultation with the Minister of Trade and Industry, by notice in the Gazette, is available **or**
 - At least an amount in cash and a capital contribution as determined from time to time by the Minister, after consultation with the Minister of Trade and Industry, by notice in the Gazette, is available
- Proof that at least 60% of the total staff complement to employed in the operations of the business are South African citizens or permanent residences employed permanently in various positions

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- Letter of recommendation from the Department of Trade and Industry regarding:
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- A foreigner who invests or has invested in an existing business shall, in addition to complying with sub regulation (2), submit:
 - Financial statements in respect of the preceding financial year
 - Proof of investment
- The applicant must, within 12 months of the visa being issued, submit to the Director-General a letter of confirmation from the Department of Labour that 60% of the staff complement employed in the operations of the business are South African citizens or permanent residents who are employed permanently in various positions
- Form DHA 1738

DURATION AND PERIOD OF ISSUANCE

A business visa shall be issued for a period of 3 years at a time

Important notes:

Incomplete applications are not accepted.

All application forms must be fully filled in with a black ink pen, and legible handwriting.

All details provided by the applicant should be in accordance with the documents produced (e.g. name and surname in accordance with passport details).

Applicants must apply for the visas in person at the South African Embassy in Lisbon, and sign the application forms in the presence of an Embassy Official.

All documents in a foreign language must be translated to English.

A Photo booth is available at the Embassy for international standard photographs. (4xphotos=5euros)

All documents and letters or work contracts must be signed and stamped

