

## **LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR A CRITICAL SKILLS WORK VISA**

- Proof that the applicant falls within the critical skills category in the form of a confirmation, in writing, from the professional body, council or board recognized by SAQA or any relevant government Department confirming the skills or qualifications of the applicant and appropriate post qualification experience **or**
- Proof of application for a certificate of registration with the professional body, council or board recognized by SAQA, if required by law.
- Proof of evaluation of the foreign qualification by SAQA and translated by a sworn translator into one of the official languages of the Republic
- Undertaking by the employer to ensure that:
  - the foreigner is only employed in the specific position for which the port of entry visa has been issued
  - the foreigner departs from the Republic on completion of his/her tour of duty
  - the applicant will at all times comply with the provisions of the Act and will immediately notify the Director-General
  - the employees' passport is valid at all times for the duration of his/her employment
- Undertaking by the employer accepting responsibility for the costs related to the deportation of the applicant and his/her dependent family members
- Proof of sufficient financial means in the form of a bank statement for the last 3 months signed and stamped by the bank
- Flight reservations (the purchase of air tickets before the issuance of the visa is not advisable)
- Form DHA 1738

### **DURATION AND PERIOD OF ISSUANCE**

A critical skills work visa shall be issued for a period not exceeding five years.

#### **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**