



EMBASSY OF SWEDEN

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### Seafarers – South Africa

	<b>Required documents for residents in South Africa travelling to Sweden/Estonia</b>	<b>Check</b>
	Application for Schengen Visa –application form completed and signed.	
	Passport: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Original passport valid for travel to Sweden. The passport validity must exceed the planned stay in the Schengen Area with at least three months. The passport must have been issued within the last ten years.</li><li>• Complete photocopies of original passport, except blank pages.</li><li>• Previous passport in original if a new passport has been issued within the last year.</li></ul>	
	Proof of visa fee payment (bank deposit slip) or proof of fee exemption (if applicable).	
	Individual medical travel insurance valid in all Schengen countries for the duration of the stay, covering the costs of at least EUR 30,000 which could arise as a result of emergency medical assistance, emergency hospitalization or medical repatriation.	
	1 color photo not more than 6 months old, passport size (45 mm x 35 mm), full face and taken against a light background.	
	Applicants who submitted fingerprints in a previous application and <u>were granted a Schengen visa within the last 59 months</u> are <u>exempted</u> from resubmitting a new fingerprint.	
	Round trip reservation and detailed itinerary including dates and flight numbers specifying the dates of entry and exit from the territory of the Member States.	
	For non-South African nationals: South African residence permit or proof of legal stay in any other country within the Embassy's coverage area, valid at least three months beyond the planned stay in the territory of the Member States.	
	If the applicant does not intend to return to South Africa but goes either to his country of origin or any third country, a reasonable proof of intention is required e.g. contract of employment for the country of destination, or proof of enrolment in university/school or a rental agreement.	
	Proof of sufficient means of subsistence during the intended stay; bank statement not older than 3 months.	
	Employment contract of the seafarer in order to board the ship.	
	Invitation letter from the maritime agency.	
	Seaman's book.	
	An invitation from the maritime agency of the Member State stating the location / seaport where the sailor will embark. The invitation needs to be signed and contain the seal / stamp of the agency and include the following data:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- name and family name of the seafarer</li> <li>- place and date of birth, passport number, seaman's book number</li> <li>- date of issue, period of validity</li> <li>- position of the seafarer on the boat (if there are many seafarers their information can be included in a list signed and sealed, as an annex of the invitation letter)</li> <li>- date and airport of entry into the territory of the Member States</li> <li>- name of the boat</li> <li>- port of boarding</li> <li>- duration of the contract</li> <li>- itinerary that the seafarer will follow to arrive in the Member State of destination</li> </ul>	
	<p>The maritime agency from the Member State must indicate the following in their letter of invitation to the South African Agency it collaborates with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- company name</li> <li>- registration and VAT number</li> <li>- physical and postal address</li> </ul> <p>The above requirements apply to any South African based company which will be in charge of presenting the visa application or which will act on behalf of the seafarer once the applicant arrives in the Member State until embarkation takes place.</p>	
	<p>If the application is presented by a maritime agency of South Africa: letter of invitation of the South African agency that includes a list of the seafarer(s), in which is stated their employment on the ship.</p>	
	<p><b>Please note that the Embassy will consider your socioeconomic situation in your home country or in your country of residence if not the same. It is your responsibility to submit any other documents related to personal ties in South Africa, such as marriage certificate, title deeds or lease agreements.</b></p>	

Please note:

- Applications can be submitted up to 6 months before the intended travel and **not less** than 15 calendar days before the intended travel. Please note that the days are counted from when the Embassy has received the application and **not** when the application was submitted at VFS Global. The transportation time between the application centers and Nairobi is published on the website of VFS Global.
- The handling time may take up to 15 days (counted from when the Embassy has received a complete application) but may take up to 45 days, if verification of documents or an interview needs to be conducted or such.
- All submitted documents must be in English or in Swedish.
- An interview may be required at the Embassy or by phone.
- Further information or documentary evidence in support of your application may be required.
- All documents are mandatory. If documents are not submitted at the time of application, they may be sent within **2 working days** to the following email address: [ambassaden.nairobi-visum@gov.se](mailto:ambassaden.nairobi-visum@gov.se). If mandatory documents, as stated in the checklists, are not received within the stipulated time, the Embassy will make a decision based on existing documentation.

I (name of applicant), \_\_\_\_\_, confirm that I have read the information above. I also confirm that the information/documents provided by me are authentic and that the Embassy can make a decision based on the information provided in my application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by (VFS Staff initials) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

