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UPDATE 2: Children travelling to South Africa - Immigration Rules

In September 2014 we sent you an email to let you know that there were going to be some changes to South Africa's immigration rules regarding children under 18 travelling to or from the South Africa. This was initially delayed however we have just had confirmation that this will now come into effect from 01 June 2015.

As a reminder, we have outlined the requirements below which will apply regardless of nationality

- **Where parent/s are travelling with a child** - the parent/s must produce an unabridged* birth certificate for the child (copies are acceptable). And if both parents are not travelling, show consent in the form of an affidavit from the other parent, or a court order, or (where applicable) a death certificate for a deceased parent.
- **Where a person is travelling with a child who is not their biological child** – he/she must produce an unabridged birth certificate for the child (copies are acceptable), affidavit from the child's parents or legal guardian giving consent and copies of the identity documents or passport of the parents or legal guardian.
- **Unaccompanied minors** - must produce (i) consent for the child to travel into or depart from South Africa, in the form of a letter or affidavit from one or both parents or legal guardian (if only one parent then also a court order under which he/she has full parental responsibilities); (ii) a letter from the person who is to receive the child in South Africa, containing his or her residential address and contact details in South Africa where the child will be residing; (iii) a copy of the identity document or valid passport and visa or permanent residence permit of the person who is to receive the child in South Africa; and (iv) the contact details of the parents or legal guardian of the child.

**An unabridged birth certificate is one which provides details of the child's parents.*

Further information can be found on the Department of Home Affairs website–

www.dha.gov.za/

Or the UK Foreign and Commonwealth website -

www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/south-africa

Or contact your local South African Embassy.

Thanks for your patience. We know it's a lot to get up to speed with.

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