

## RESEARCH VISA CHECKLIST

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICANTS: <b>PLEASE NOTE ALL DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN ENGLISH ONLY, INCLUDING BANK STATEMENTS.</b>	v/x
1. Original Passport valid for 6 months after return date as well as a minimum of three blank pages reflecting with no ink stamps.  Applicants, whose passports have been issued after January 2018, should submit their previous passport along with the visa application (Applicable for the Johannesburg Centre only).	
2. 2 Passport sized photographs 5cmx5cm on a white background(please follow photo specifications)	
3. Online Application form submitted to the correct Indian Mission, signed both places originally(ensure no errors as this will result in completing the form over) <a href="https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/">https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/</a>	
4. Full return flight reservation with name reflecting( itinerary of entire trip)	
5. Copy of Passport bio page.	
6. Proof of stay in South Africa – Bank statement/utility bill/FICA document/full lease agreement/paid invoice. ( foreign nationals to provide proof of stay till flight date)	
7. <b>Applicable for the Cape Town Centre only:</b> Latest 3 months bank statement (clearly reflecting name and account number) with a minimum amount of R5000 reflecting positively in the closing balance. No Credit card statements are accepted.  <b>Applicable for the Durban Centre only:</b> Latest 3 months bank statement (clearly reflecting name and account number) with a minimum amount of R5000 reflecting positively in the closing balance. Statements are required to be bank stamped / E-Stamped. No internet statements are accepted.  <b>Applicable for the Johannesburg Centre only:</b> Latest 3 months bank statement (clearly reflecting name and account number).	
8. Applicants of Indian origin require proof of surrendered documentation( if previous nationality was Indian)	
9. Payment can be made with either a credit/debit card on the day of submission OR Original cash deposit slip from the bank to be brought upon submission. <b>NO Cash and EFT's accepted.</b>	
10. <b>Original</b> invitation letter from recognized institute/university in India stating the type of research, location and duration as well as a copy of institutions recognition / registration certificate	
11. Signed letter from the organization in South Africa stating the purpose of visit to India and duration.	
12. Proof of educational qualifications required to pursue the study/research chosen by applicant	
13. Any/all relevant documentation from the university/organization proving the necessary clearance has been obtained from the competent authority in India.	
<b><u>FOREIGN NATIONALS - NON SA PASSPORT HOLDERS(FOREIGNERS ARE ADVISED TO APPLY IN HOME COUNTRY):</u></b>	
1. Copy of Valid South African Visa/permit	
2. Foreign National Form(located on our website and found at the visa application Centre's)	

3. Motivational letter from foreigners residing in SA for less than 2 years.	
<b><u>IF APPLICANT HAS DUAL NATIONALITY</u></b>	
1. A signed declaration of holding more than one passport if any (located on our website)	
2. A copy of second passport if any.	
3. In case there is a valid Indian visa in the second passport both passports must be submitted in order to cancel the existing visa.	
<b><u>PROCESSING TIME</u></b>	
1. South African Nationals takes a minimum of <b>5 WORKING DAYS</b>	
2. Foreign Nationals takes a minimum of <b>7 WORKING DAYS</b>	
3. Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Nigerian Origin nationals can take a minimum of 6 – 8 weeks processing time.	

- Each applicant to have their own set of documentation.
- If Sponsored or proof of stay is being confirmed by someone else – applicant needs a signed letter confirming the needful as well as a copy of their identification and the necessary document with the sponsor’s name clearly reflecting.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

1. There should be two signatures on the form one is on first page below photograph and second is on next page below declaration.
2. Please use passport number as a reference on Cash Deposit payments.
3. **Appointments are Mandatory**. Kindly schedule individual appointments or contact the call centre on 012 425 3007 / [info.inza@vfshelpline.com](mailto:info.inza@vfshelpline.com) for group bookings.
4. Please select the Indian mission as per the jurisdiction mentioned below.

JURISDICTION	PROVINCES
JOHANNESBURG	GAUTENG, LIMPOPO, NORTH WEST & MPUMALANGA PROVINCES
CAPE TOWN	WESTERN & NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES
DURBAN	KWA-ZULU NATAL, FREE STATE & EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES

**PLEASE NOTE ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE MISSION AT ANY GIVEN TIME**

I hereby certify that I have submitted a complete application and that I know and accept the minimum processing times required for my visa application.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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