



**REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS WHEN TRAVELLING TO OR VIA SOUTH AFRICA WITH CHILDREN (BELOW THE AGE OF 18).** *We try to stay up to date with the latest developments and requirements but they are ever changing so please double check the DHA Website below for the most current information;*

<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/civic-services/traveling-with-children>

### **Travel documents needed when child is travelling with both biological parents**

- **Valid passports of both parents and child**
- **Valid visa**, if required
- **Unabridged Birth Certificate (UBC)** or equivalent document, if country of residence does not issue a UBC

### **Travel documents needed when child is travelling with both adoptive parents**

- **Valid passports of both parents and child**
- **Valid visa**, if required
- **Unabridged Birth Certificate (UBC)** or equivalent document, if country of residence does not issue a UBC
- Plus one of the following
  - **Court order confirming the adoption of the minor by the adoptive parent(s)**
  - **Adoption Certificate**

### **Travel documents needed when child is travelling with both legal guardians**

- **Valid passports of both guardians and child**
- **Valid visa**, if required
- **Unabridged Birth Certificate (UBC)** or equivalent document, if country of residence does not issue a UBC
- **Guardianship Order**



## Travel documents needed when child is travelling with 1 parent where parents are biological parents and both are on the Unabridged Birth Certificate

- **Valid passport of travelling parent and child**
- **Valid visa**, if required
- **Unabridged Birth Certificate (UBC)** or equivalent document, if country of residence does not issue a UBC
- Plus one of the following
  - **Parental Consent Affidavit (PCA)** not older than 4 months
  - **Letter of Special Circumstances issued by Director-General of Home Affairs** in the event that a parent or parents are incapacitated or deceased and no legal guardian has been appointed as yet.

## Travel documents needed when child is travelling with 1 parent where parents are divorced (or legally separated), with equal parental rights and responsibilities

- **Valid passport of travelling parent and child**
- **Valid visa**, if required
- **Unabridged Birth Certificate (UBC)** or equivalent document, if country of residence does not issue a UBC
- Plus one of the following
  - **Parental Consent Affidavit (PCA)** not older than 4 months
  - **Court order granting FULL parental responsibilities and rights** to the travelling parent
  - **Court order granted in terms of section 18(5) of the Children's Act, 2005**
  - **Letter of Special Circumstances issued by Director-General of Home Affairs** in the event that a parent or parents are incapacitated or deceased and no legal guardian has been appointed as yet.

## Travel documents needed when child is travelling with 1 parent where parents are divorced (or legally separated), with full parental rights and responsibilities

- **Valid passport of travelling parent and child**
- **Valid visa**, if required
- **Unabridged Birth Certificate (UBC)** or equivalent document, if country of residence does not issue a UBC
- **Court order granting FULL parental responsibilities and rights** to the travelling parent

## Travel documents needed when child is travelling with 1 parent where parent is widowed (biological parents)

- **Valid passport of travelling parent and child**
- **Valid visa**, if required
- **Unabridged Birth Certificate (UBC)** or equivalent document, if country of residence does not issue a UBC
- **Death certificate of the deceased parent**



## Travel documents needed when child is travelling unaccompanied, where parent is a single parent (i.e. only one parent on the Unabridged Birth Certificate)

- **Valid passport of child**
- **Valid visa**, if required
- **Unabridged Birth Certificate (UBC)** or equivalent document, if country of residence does not issue a UBC
- **Parental Consent Affidavit (PCA)** not older than 4 months
- **Letter from the person who is to receive the minor in South Africa or foreign country;** containing his or her residential address and contact details where the minor will be residing.
- **Proof of identity of the person who is to receive the minor in South Africa or foreign country;** either copy of the identity document, or valid passport and visa, or permanent residence permit
- **Contact details of the parents or legal guardian of the minor**

**IF NONE OF THESE PERMUTATIONS APPLY TO YOU PLEASE CHECK THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS WEBSITE FOR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND DETAILS.**

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