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- SA Passport holders do require visas
- SA Passport holders require a transit visa for the USA even if not leaving the airport or stopping to re-fuel.
- See below for important Visa Waiver details for qualifying passport holders

### **Information for Non-Immigrant Visa Applicants**

Visa Interviews are by appointment only. Appointments are available most weekdays. **All U.S. Consulates in South Africa are closed on South African and US holidays. The Consulates General in Cape Town and Durban are closed to the public every Friday. The Consulate General in Johannesburg is closed the last Friday of every month to the public. Applicants may contact the Visa Information Service Center (VISC) via telephone at 087-940-7597 (or for Cape Town 021-300-9700, Durban 031-100-3000, or Johannesburg 010-500-8800) between 8 AM and 8 PM Monday to Friday, or visit the website <http://southafrica.usvisa-info.com> to determine your non-immigrant visa type or for any general questions.**

### **Visa Processing Time**

5 - 6 working days

- Please allow for delays during busy periods.
- It is advisable to apply for visas well in advance.
- Applicants are advised to apply for visas as soon as they know they are planning to travel to the USA in order to facilitate application process.

### **Visa Cost**

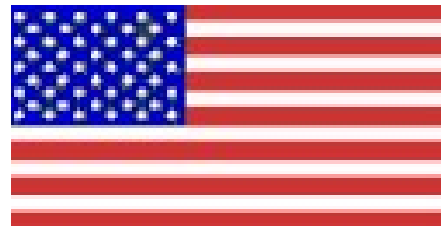
Visa application fee is determined by the type of visa being applied for. Non-Immigrant visa applicants are to pay the Non-Immigrant visa application processing fee (MRV) prior to scheduling an appointment through this service (cash or credit card). Fee is non-refundable.

### **Visa Requirements**

- Visas are required by SA passport holders.
- All visa applicants between 14 - 79 years are to apply for their visa in person. All these applicants have to be fingerprinted.

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Please be aware that a specific type of LOCK is compulsory when traveling to the USA. See your local travel shop. These locks are also sold at all airports.

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**STEP ONE:**

Complete visa application form (DS160) (per applicant) using the URL:<http://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

**STEP TWO:** Pay and schedule your US Visa appointment on : <http://www.usvisa-info.com>

You will be able to pay the MRV fee and schedule an appointment using either a credit card for immediate payment or you can download the deposit slip for cash payment.

**Please note that STEP ONE and STEP TWO websites are not linked - so create the account on STEP 2 website.**

**NOTE :** – Bring to Your Interview:

- A valid passport which has unused visa pages (not amendment pages).(Minimum of 2 blank pages in the passport) Please bring all prior passports.
- The application confirmation page from the DS-160.
- The appointment confirmation page.
- A recent front-facing, 50 mm x 50 mm photograph of each applicant.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

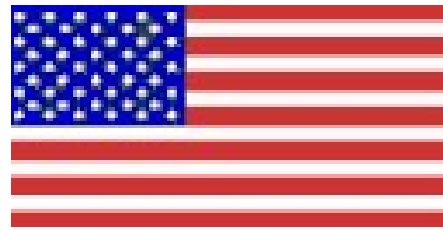
- Passport - Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond your period of stay in the U. S.
- Non-immigrant Visa Application, Form DS-160 confirmation page
- Application fee payment receipt, if you are required to pay before your interview
- Photo – You will upload your photo while completing the online Form DS-160. If the photo upload fails, you must bring one printed photo in the format explained in the Photograph Requirements.
- Additional Documentation May Be Required

Review the instructions for how to apply for a visa on the website of the embassy or consulate where you will apply. Additional documents may be requested to establish if you are qualified. For example, additional requested documents may include evidence of:

- The purpose of your trip;

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- Your intent to depart the U.S. after your trip; and/or
- Your ability to pay all costs of the trip.

Evidence of your employment and/or your family ties may be sufficient to show the purpose of your trip and your intent to return to your home country. If you cannot cover all the costs for your trip, you may show evidence that another person will cover some or all costs for your trip.

Please Note: • Plane Tickets: Applicants should obtain a visa BEFORE purchasing tickets or making irrevocable travel plans.

#### **BUSINESS TRAVEL:**

- Business travelers should present a letter from their company detailing the nature of applicant's position, length of service with the company and type of business to be conducted in USA (i.e. conference, contract negotiation etc.) as well as whether travel and incidental expenses will be paid for by the firm in SA, the individual or USA contact company and the expected duration of the business trip.
- Letter from the bank indicating how long you have been a client, your current balance and whether or not you have sufficient funds to travel.
- Your financial situation - financial records that demonstrate financial stability such as copies of the last 3 months bank account statements & pay slips.

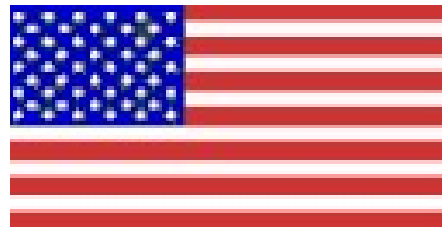
**VISA WAIVER PROGRAMME:** PLEASE NOTE THAT SAA HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE LIST OF CARRIERS PARTICIPATING IN THE U.S. VISA WAIVER PROGRAMME. CONSEQUENTLY, CITIZENS OF 34 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAMME (N.B. SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT AMONG THEM) NO LONGER NEED VISAS TO ENTER THE U.S. ON THE DIRECT SAA FLIGHTS TO NEW YORK and ATLANTA, PROVIDED THEY MEET ALL OF THE OTHER CONDITIONS. The visa waiver programme enables citizens of certain countries to travel to the U.S. for tourism or business for 90 days or less without obtaining a visa.

See: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/> for more information

#### **US VISA WAIVER FOR EU PASSPORT HOLDERS**

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