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# QATAR



This information should be used as a guide only. Please confirm requirements with the consulate or embassy.

**Visas are required by SA passport holders and must be applied for and obtained prior to arrival. Temporary South African passports are not accepted by the Qatar Government.**

**NB: MAXIMUM TRANSIT TIME IN QATAR WITHOUT A VISA IS 8 HOURS.**

## AUTHORITY:

Embassy of the State of Qatar  
355 Charles Street, Waterkloof, 0181  
Tel: (012) 452-1700  
Fax: (012) 452-1710

## UPON ARRIVAL:

A visitors, relative or business visa can be issued on arrival if pax arrive on Qatar Airways. (**This must be pre-arranged** through a contact living in Qatar with Immigration in Qatar.) A 2 week visa is issued, with the possibility of extending for another 2 weeks at the local Department of Immigration. Single female visitors are subject to more stringent entrance requirements and it is suggested that Qatar Airways be contacted to obtain clarification in this regard.

## Through the Department of Immigration in Qatar:

A company or relative may apply directly for the issuance of a visa. If this route is taken, a visa (business, visitor or relative permit) will be issued for a maximum period of 6 months.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

It is important to note that there is a distinction in the procedures to be followed where a female relative or friend is invited. In cases of a close blood relative, proof of the relationship must be provided (recommended that full birth certificates in respect of both relatives be submitted as well as other supporting documents).

Unfortunately it is difficult to obtain a visitors visa for a female friend, irrespective of the gender of the sponsor in Qatar. Most circumvent this problem by requesting a hotel in Doha to apply for a visa on behalf of the visitor. The hotel normally charges more for the processing of the visa as well as charging a daily levy for this service.

**WARNING:** Passengers travelling on Israeli passports will not be granted entry into Qatar



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**Visas can be obtained through the Embassy of the State of Qatar to Pretoria South Africa (Please allow 15- 30 days for processing and issuing)**

To obtain the visa through the Embassy of the State of Qatar in South Africa, please submit the following documents:

**Tourism**

- Application Form duly filled-in and signed
- The original passport, valid for at least six months longer than the applicant's intended stay in the State of Qatar and must have minimum 3 available pages to place a visa. The Government of the State of Qatar does not accept temporary passports.
- A copy of the passport;
- Bank statement for 3 months
- 3 (three) color passport-size photographs;
- Provisional Flight ticket reservation with return or onward travel;
- Provisional Hotel booking on a letterhead showing hotel address and telephone number.
- Bank letter plus 3 months bank statements (NOT Internet downloads). Each page to be stamped by the bank.
- Letter confirming employment on a letterhead stating reason for travel and date that you will return to work.

The validity of this visa is 3 months from the date of issue; the visa holder must enter the country before the expiration of the period of validity. Visa holder is entitled to stay in the country for one month from the date of entry.

\*The Embassy is set up solely to provide visa application administrative support.

The Embassy has no decision making authority to issue or refuse a visa or a permit. All applications will be assessed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the State of Qatar. The Embassy and its staff cannot be held responsible for any delay with applications or any financial loss you may incur.

**\*\*\*If applicant is just transiting for a few hours and leaving the airport to explore and doesn't have accommodation, they must provide a letter stating so and also provide all details of the airport\*\*\***

**Business Visa**

It must be obtained before traveling, from the Ministry of Interior of the State of Qatar, through the local business partner.

Further the issuing of the visa, one copy will be forwarded by fax or by e-mail to the applicant, in order to travel with, and the original visa is to be taken from the Doha International Airport upon arrival.

In case there is no local business partner in Qatar, the following documents should be submitted to the Embassy of the State of Qatar in South Africa, in order to obtain the visa:



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- Application Form duly filled-in and signed
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- A copy of the passport
- A document attesting the applicant status of businessman (Company Letter);
- 3 (three) color passport-size photographs;
- Provisional Flight ticket reservation or Air Ticket copy;
- Provisional Hotel booking on a letterhead showing hotel address and telephone number.

The validity of this visa is 3 months from the date of issue; the visa holder must enter the country before the expiration of the period of validity. Visa holder is entitled to stay in the country for one month from the date of entry. Business visa can be extended.

(Please allow 15-30 days for processing and issuing)

#### **Work visa**

All the procedures to obtain the work visa are made by the Qatari employer.

#### **Diplomatic visa**

For the diplomats, their family and companions, holders of diplomatic or service passports, the necessary documents requested to issue the visa from the

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- Verbal Note from the applicant's institution
- 3 (three) color passport-size photographs

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The permission of entering the country for visiting purposes is granted to the citizens of 33 countries without the need of obtaining a visa beforehand. The specified countries are:

Andorra  
Australia  
Austria  
Belgium  
Brunei



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Malaysia  
Monaco  
New Zealand  
Norway  
Portugal  
San Marino  
Singapore  
South Korea  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
United Kingdom  
United States of America  
Vatican City

## **STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS**

### **GENERAL**

CVCS is a company trading under the name of Cape Visa Courier Solutions with registration number 2016/14102307. CVCS is a visa courier company and act as a disclosed agent for third party suppliers, such as, but not limited to Consulates and Embassies based in South Africa. The supplier is solely responsible for the issuing of any and all visas. CVCS only assist in the Visa Application. Therefore the contract for the visa is between the customer and the embassy. The Consulates and Embassies have their own terms and conditions and can be obtained on request from the Embassy/Consulate concerned. As agent, CVCS, has no contractual liability to the customer in respect of the visa being issued.

1. Consulates/Embassies have a guideline of the number of days in which visas are issued but that it does not guarantee that the visa will be issued in that time.
2. CVCS advises that there may be delays on visas being issued which are beyond CVCS's control.
3. CVCS cannot be held liable if the relevant Embassy Consulate or Government Institution does not issue a visa before intended departure date.

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4. Any costs incurred due to date changes on tickets, accommodation, car hire etc. in respect of the travel bookings made, cannot be claimed from CVCS.
5. CVCS does not accept responsibility for any consequences whatsoever due to the applicant failing to ensure that they comply with the necessary health, passport and visa requirements.
6. The applicant is responsible for providing the applicable Embassy, Consulate or Government Institution with all documents in order to process the visa application.
7. The responsibility to obtain correct, current and valid passports, visas, vaccinations, inoculations and reentry permits where required, is that of the applicant.
8. CVCS shall not be liable for any direct and/or consequential damages or losses, which may occur due to no visa or inadequate travel documentation.
9. The applicant indemnifies and holds harmless CVCS against all suits, actions, claims, judgements, direct and/or consequential damages or losses or other liabilities, and all costs and expenses which may arise from the services or the omission of supplying the services by any third party supplier or the unsuccessful or late Visa Application.
10. CVCS advises that in some cases the relevant Embassy, Consulate or Government Institution will only release the visa 24 (twenty four) hours prior to departure or even on the day of departure.
11. Service fees and Visa fees are non-refundable.
12. CVCS will not be held responsible for any visa fee increases or changes to fees made by the Embassies at time of submission. These additional charges will be borne by the applicant. While every effort is made to provide accurate information, visa and passport requirements are constantly changing and there may be a delay before we are advised of such changes. We are therefore unable to guarantee complete accuracy at all times. Processing times and charges given are solely for guidance purposes and cannot be guaranteed.