

FINLAND

VISA REQUIREMENTS

GAUTENG

Schengen State requirements- As from the beginning of June 2013

Passengers over the age of 12 years when submitting for the 1st time will be required to have their fingerprints taken. (These fingerprints will remain on the system for 5 years)

Visas International can do the following:

- Collection of Visa Applications and dropping off as Normal
- Checking and preparing the documentation (making sure all the correct requirements are there)
- Making and paying for appointments if applicable.(Depending on appointment availability)
- Meeting and assisting the passenger at the Embassy as well as handing over the Correct documentation in order for the passenger to submit
- Collection of the passport once the Embassy has finalised the application

Visas International will always go the extra mile to support you in order for your passengers travel.

Applicants must apply through VFS and appointments must be made. <http://visa.finland.eu/> Visas International can assist to do this.

➤ Valid passport (must be valid for 3 months from date of return).

***Please make copies of all used pages in the passport which includes visas and pages with exit and entry stamps as well as copy of the biometric page of the passport.**

- Original, fully completed application form which must be loaded online at <https://www.vfsglobal.com/Finland/SouthAfrica/online-application-form.html> or Visas International can assist at an additional charge. **Please make sure question “37. Signature (for minors signature of parental authority/legal guardian)” AND bottom of form is signed**
- Two recent passport size colour photographs (must have a white background). NO STAPLE MARKS ON THE PHOTOS.
- Detailed itinerary.
- Original airline ticket plus one copy.
- Proof of accommodation.
- Proof of medical insurance and breakdown of insurance which must state “Schengen”.
- All passengers travelling via the UK will be required to first obtain a valid British visa.

Special requirements for Tourists

- South African employment letter.
- [Tourist Checklist](#)

Special requirements for Business

- South African business letter.
- Letter of invitation from the Finnish company (no emails).
- [Business Checklist](#)

Special requirements for Family / Friends Visit

- [Checklist](#)

Special requirements for Conference / Scientific Research / Study

- [Checklist](#)

Minors

- Notarised parental consent is required for persons under 18 years of age if they are not travelling with a parent or legal guardian, OR if they are travelling with one parent only.
- Minors travelling to Finland need to submit full-unabridged birth certificate.

Processing Time

- Up to 15 working days.

For more information log on to the following websites:

www.southafricanembassy.fi

www.finland-tourism.com