### GREECE

#### VISA REQUIREMENTS

#### **GAUTENG**

Schengen State requirements- As from the beginning of June 2013

Passengers over the age of 12 years will be required to have their fingerprints taken. (These fingerprints will remain on the system for 5 years but all clients must apply in person)

# NOTICE

## **Closure of Greece Visa Application Centre**

Effective 29 December 2017, VFS Global no longer accepts visa applications on behalf of the Embassy of Greece in South Africa. Visas are now done through GVCW. Appointments must be made on their website: <u>http://za-gr.gvcworld.eu/</u> Visa International can assist with this.

GVCW VISA APPLICATION CENTRES	PHYSICAL ADDRESS
Johannesburg	2nd Floor Harrow Court 1, 11 Boundary road, Houghton, Johannesburg,
Cape Town	47 Strand Street, 5th Floor, Cape Town, 8001
Durban	Unit 101A , 1st Floor , 91-123 Cowey Road(Problem Mkhize), Essenwood , Durban

#### Requirements

Valid passport (must be valid for six months).

Temporary passports WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

- Fully completed application form. The form needs to be loaded online, Visas can assist with this.
- Two recent identical passport size colour photographs with a white background (must be signed at the back) – NO STAPLE MARKS ON THE PHOTOS. Please note the use of earrings in the photo is not allowed.
- Confirmed Air ticket.
- ▶ Insurance and breakdown of insurance. Must state covered for Schengen countries.
- 3 months recent bank statements stamped by the teller in the bank. Credit card statements not allowed. Statements must not be older than 1 week.
- Proof of accommodation.
- Children letter from school.

#### **Special requirements for Tourists**

- Original South African employment letter.
- If applicant stays with family member or friend, proof of private accommodation invitation from the host (provide a sworn affidavit stamped by an official in Greece) along with certified copy of host passport. Click <u>HERE</u> to download Sworn Affidavit. If host is in South Africa then Sworn affidavit from the police station. (dates, names and address must be stated
- If applicant is being sponsored then the person sponsoring must give a certified letter stating that him/her will be covering all costs including their bank statements stamped by the teller.

#### **Special requirements for Business**

- Original letter from the company in South African stating that travel costs, medical insurance, accommodation are covered. Must be signed in Original ink.
- Letter of invitation from the Greek company (no emails).

#### 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 Greece need to submit full-unabridged birth certificate.
- Extra form to be completed by both parents whether minors are travelling with or without parents stamped by Police.

#### **Processing Time**

➤ 15 working days.

#### CAPE TOWN

- $\succ$  As above.
- Visa application form different. Please make sure question "37. Signature (for minors signature of parental authority/legal guardian)" AND bottom of form is signed
- Credit card statements and foreign exchange receipts are the only proof of funds that will be accepted. If you submit the normal savings account or cheque account then you must provide a copy of the front and back of the card.
- ➢ If visiting family/friends in Greece extra form to be completed.