

JOURNALIST VISA CHECKLIST

- Please note that journalists should apply for a journalist visa irrespective of the purpose of visit to India, including for *Tourism*. If applicant is making a documentary or advertising film in India; intending to make a feature or commercial film for TV cinema should seek prior approval for filming in India must submit all supporting documents and required forms. Journalists who wish to visit India more than 3 months must report to the **External Publicity Division , Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi for initiating accreditation procedures.**

<u>DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICANTS:</u> PLEASE NOTE ALL DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN ENGLISH ONLY, INCLUDING BANK STATEMENTS.	v/X
1. Original Passport valid for 6 months after return date as well as a minimum of three blank pages reflecting with no ink stamps. Applicants, whose passports have been issued after January 2018, should submit their previous passport along with the visa application (Applicable for the Johannesburg Centre only).	
2. 2 Passport sized photographs 5cmx5cm on a white background (please follow photo specifications)	
3. Online Application form submitted to the correct Indian Mission, signed both places originally(ensure no errors as this will result in completing the form over) https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/	
4. Full return flight reservation with name reflecting(itinerary of entire trip)	
5. Copy of Passport bio page.	
6. Proof of stay in South Africa – Bank statement/utility bill/FICA document/full lease agreement/paid invoice. (foreign nationals to provide proof of stay till flight date)	
7. Applicable for the Cape Town Centre only: Latest 3 months bank statement (clearly reflecting name and account number) with a minimum amount of R5000 reflecting positively in the closing balance. No Credit card statements are accepted. Applicable for the Durban Centre only: Latest 3 months bank statement (clearly reflecting name and account number) with a minimum amount of R5000 reflecting positively in the closing balance. Statements are required to be bank stamped / E-Stamped. No internet statements are accepted. Applicable for the Johannesburg Centre only: Latest 3 months bank statement (clearly reflecting name and account number).	
8. Applicants of Indian origin require proof of surrendered documentation (if previous nationality was Indian)	
9. Payment can be made with either a credit/debit card on the day of submission OR Original cash deposit slip from the bank to be brought upon submission. NO Cash and EFT's accepted.	
10. Signed letter from employer stating the purpose of your visit and duration of stay in India. This letter should be on a company's letterhead stamped by the company and in English.	
11. A letter from the company/organization in India specifying the exact purpose of your visit and expected start and end dates.	
12. Any/all relevant documentation for assignment in India- detailed day to day itinerary	

of filming program(must state locations) as well as signed and completed J1 form(which can be found on the website and at VFS Centre's)	
<u>FOREIGN NATIONALS ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION</u>	
1. Proof of Valid South African Visa/permit	
2. Foreign National Form(located on our website and found at the visa application Centre's)	
3. Motivational letter stating reason for applying from SA for foreigners residing in SA for less than 2 years.	
<u>IF APPLICANT HAS DUAL NATIONALITY</u>	
1. A signed declaration of holding more than one passport if any (located on our website)	
2. A copy of second passport if any.	
3. In case there is a valid Indian visa in the second passport both passports must be submitted in order to cancel the existing visa.	
<u>PROCESSING TIME</u>	
1. South African Nationals takes a minimum of 10 WORKING DAYS	
2. Foreign Nationals takes a minimum of 10 WORKING DAYS	
3. Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Nigerian Origin nationals can take a minimum of 6 – 8 weeks processing time.	

- Each applicant to have their own set of documentation.
- If Sponsored or proof of stay is being confirmed by someone else – applicant needs a signed letter confirming the needful as well as a copy of their identification and the necessary document with the sponsor's name clearly reflecting.
- If filming in India necessary clearance must be obtained from necessary ministries allowing applicants to film (should be obtained by inviter)

PLEASE NOTE:

1. There should be two signatures on the form one is on first page below photograph and second is on next page below declaration.
2. Please use passport number as a reference on Cash Deposit payments.
3. **Appointments are Mandatory**. Kindly schedule individual appointments or contact the call centre on 012 425 3007 / info.inza@vfsline.com for group bookings.
4. Please select the Indian mission as per the jurisdiction mentioned below.

JURISDICTION	PROVINCES
JOHANNESBURG	GAUTENG, LIMPOPO, NORTH WEST & MPUMALANGA PROVINCES
CAPE TOWN	WESTERN & NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES
DURBAN	KWA-ZULU NATAL, FREE STATE & EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES

PLEASE NOTE ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE MISSION AT ANY GIVEN TIME

I hereby certify that I have submitted a complete application and that I know and accept the minimum processing times required for my visa application

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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