# PORTUGAL

### VISA REQUIREMENTS

AllpassengersmakinguseoftheVisasInternational Johannesburg and Durban officestosign"StandardTradingConditions form" – click hereAll passengers making use of the Visas International Cape Town office to sign"Standard Trading Conditions form" – click here

Schengen State requirements- As from the beginning of June 2013

Passengers over the age of 12 years when submitting for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

From 28<sup>th</sup> July visa applications for Portugal must be submitted through VFS. Appointments must be made on <u>http://www.vfsglobal.com/portugal/southafrica/</u>

Applicants living in Pretoria can apply directly at the Portuguese embassy in Pretoria. There is no appointments required. Hours are 08:00-13:00.

### GAUTENG - CAPE TOWN - DURBAN

Valid passport, (must be valid for six months). Temporary passports <u>WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED</u>

> \*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.

- Application form fully completed. Please make sure question "37. Signature (for minors signature of parental authority/legal guardian)" AND bottom of form is signed
- One recent passport size colour photographs (must have a white background). NO STAPLE MARKS ON THE PHOTOS.
- Detailed itinerary.
- Original air ticket plus one copy.
- Proof of medical insurance and breakdown of insurance.
- Proof of accommodation.
- 3 months Original bank statements stamped by the bank teller, and not from the ATM.
- > If old Schengen visa in previous passport, it must be submitted.
- Children letter from school.
- All passengers travelling via the UK will be required to first obtain a valid British visa.

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

- South African employment letter.
- If visiting family or friends then they must fill out the "Terms and Responsibility" form attached and authenticated at the Notary offices in Portugal or if the

invitation is done by a person in South Africa, signature authenticated at the Consulate. **ONLY ORIGINALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** 

### **Special requirements for Business**

- South African business letter.
- Letter of invitation from the Portuguese company (no emails).
- Foreign exchange receipt (copy accepted).

### 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 Portugal need to submit full-unabridged birth certificate.

### **Processing Time**

- ➢ 2 Weeks
- Please allow 2-3 days for collection and delivery

### Visa fee

Passenger's married to EU passport holders will have to pay if they are NOT travelling with their spouses. Spouses of EU/EEA citizens and their children, under 18 must present original of spouse's EU/EEA passport, Full Marriage/Full birth Certificates as proof of relationship.

## **CAPE TOWN**

- $\succ$  As above.
- ➢ Bank letters will not be accepted as proof of funds.
- If you reside in Cape Town the Portuguese Consulate in Cape Town requires a personal interview however if you reside in an outlying area e.g. Port Elizabeth, Visas International can submit on your behalf.

## **DURBAN**

- $\succ$  As above.
- Passengers can submit and Visas International can collect on their behalf or visa versa.

For more information log on to the following website: www.compustyle.co.za/portugal