

THE NETHERLANDS (SCHENGEN VISA)

- The Netherlands is a member of the Schengen agreement.
- Visas are required by South African passport holders
- **ALL APPLICANTS MUST APPLY FOR THEIR VISAS IN PERSON AT THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN PRETORIA IF THEY HAVE NOT HAD A SCHENGEN VISA ISSUED BY THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN THE LAST 3 YEARS.**
- **To avoid delays and queues, appointments can now be made on the Embassy's website www.dutchembassy.co.za**
- The country of your longest stay will issue your Schengen visa. Only if your stay in the Schengen states is the same number of days in each country would you apply through the country of the first port of entry.

TOURIST VISA REQUIREMENTS

- One application form
- Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after return date. If travelling on a temporary passport, please submit a certified copy of your I.D. **Temporary SA Passports will NO LONGER be accepted from 1 April 2007.**
- Two Colour passport size photos per application**
- If staying in a hotel that has been booked locally, a faxed confirmation from the hotel is required. Vouchers are not accepted as proof of booking.
- Letter of invitation by fax if staying with family or friends, E-MAILS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS PROOF OF ACCOMMODATION
- Original return air ticket plus a copy is required
- Proof of travel insurance is required even if tickets are bought on credit card
- Proof of foreign exchange is required. Either the original foreign exchange receipt plus a photocopy or an original letter from the Bank stating the amount ordered / changed. If using a credit card, an original letter from your Bank stating the credit card number, expiry date and the amount endorsed. The minimum amount required is R400 per person, per day with pre-paid accommodation or R700 per person, per day without pre-paid accommodation
- If employed or self-employed an original company letter is required stating your position held, period of employment, exact dates of your leave & expected date of return
- In the case of scholars or students a letter from the school is required stating the applicant is enrolled, will be returning & date of return
- Minors travelling with one parent require a **certified** letter of consent from the parent not travelling, minors travelling alone require a **certified** letter of consent from BOTH parents

PROCESSING TIME

- 3 Working days.

BUSINESS VISA REQUIREMENTS

- **ALL APPLICANTS MUST APPLY FOR THEIR VISAS IN PERSON AT THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN PRETORIA IF THEY HAVE NOT HAD A SCHENGEN VISA ISSUED BY THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN THE LAST 3 YEARS.**
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- Original return air ticket plus a copy is required
- Proof of travel insurance is required even if tickets are bought on credit card
- A company letter on an original letterhead is required stating the nature of the business to be conducted in The Netherlands, and that the company will be responsible for all expenses including medical
- A faxed letter of invitation from The Netherlands company to be visited is required
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