



Business Visa

The initial process of the investment journey particularly for a foreign business commences with the application for a business visa. For legal trade in South Africa, foreigners who are contemplating investing in the country by establishing a business or investing in an existing business must apply for a business visa on top of applying for temporary residency (DHA-1738).

The Department of Home Affairs (DHA) requires an applicant to submit a certificate issued by a South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) registered Chartered Accountant to the effect that:

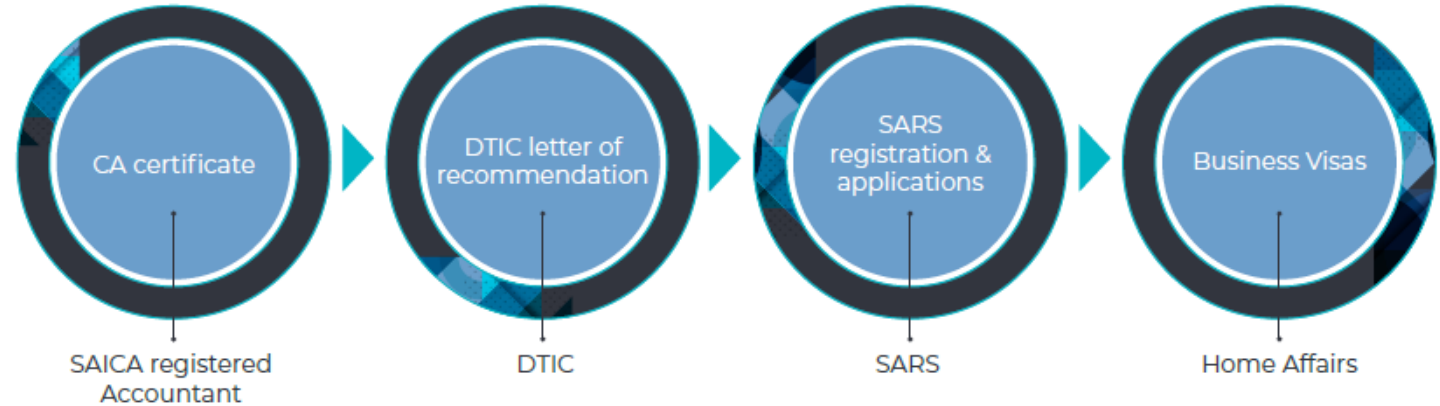
- At least an amount in cash to be invested and capital contribution;
- 60% of staff are South Africans/permanent residents;
- Register with:
 - South Africa Revenue Services (SARS);
 - Unemployment Insurance Fund;
 - Compensation Fund for Occupational Injuries;
 - Companies & Intellectual properties Commission, where required;
 - Relevant professional body, board or council recognised by South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), where applicable;

- Police clearance including Department of Trade Industry and Competition (DTIC) letter of recommendation for business feasibility;
- A yellow fever vaccination certificate if you have travelled through a yellow fever endemic area;
- Medical and radiology reports;

The capital requirements above may be reduced or waived in respect of the following types of industries/businesses:

- Information and Communication Technology
- Clothing and textile manufacturing
- Chemicals and bio-technology
- Agro-processing Metals and minerals refinement
- Automotive manufacturing
- Tourism Crafts

Business Visa application process information and support



The Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber's Trade and Investment Desk through its partners and stakeholders such as BDO South Africa (CA certificates; and SARS registrations and applications), regional DTIC (letter of recommendation), and DHA (Visa applications), can facilitate a seamless registration and application process for potential investors. The Desk further facilitates interaction between businesses and their respective foreign consulates, ensuring proper support to investors.

For more and to assist with the application process, you can contact:

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