



# home affairs

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Home Affairs  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## CRITICAL SKILLS WORK VISA

### SECTION 19(4) OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT

Documents Required	Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duly completed and signed application form.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof of payment of the applicable fee.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A valid Passport that expires in no less than 30 days after expiry of the intended date of departure from the Republic in terms of regulation 9(1)(a).</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the case of an application for extension, the application must be submitted in person, no less than 60 days prior to the expiry date of the applicant's visa and if the visa was issued for less than 30 days, not later than seven working days before the expiry of the visa.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A medical report, signed by a medical practitioner, reflecting the practice number of the practitioner and their address and contact details, which report shall not be older than six months at the time of its submission.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police clearance certificate issued by the police or security authority of a country where the applicant resided for longer than 12 months in the last 5 years prior to submitting the current application, which certificate shall not be older than six months at the time of its submission.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A yellow fever vaccination certificate if an applicant travelled or intends travelling from or transiting through a yellow fever endemic area, provided that the certificate shall not be required where an applicant travelled or intends travelling in direct transit through such area.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A valid offer of employment or contract of employment stipulating the conditions of employment and signed by both the employer and the applicant.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A written undertaking by the employer to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensure that the passport of his or her employee is valid at all times for the duration of his or her employment; and</li> <li>accepting responsibility for the costs related to the deportation of the applicant and his or her dependent family members, should it become necessary.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof that the applicant falls within the critical skills category by <u>specifically</u> selecting <u>one</u> occupation/critical skill for which the application is being made. The occupation/critical skill must be on the latest Critical Skills List. Selection must be done with a black pen.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmation, in writing, from a relevant professional body, council or board recognised by SAQA in terms of section 13(1)(0) of the National Qualifications Framework Act, or by any relevant government Department confirming the skills or qualifications of the applicant and appropriate post qualification experience.</li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If required by law, proof of application for a certificate of registration with the professional body, council or board recognised by SAQA in terms of section 13(1)(i) of the National Qualifications Framework Act. (Not required for Senior University Lecturers).</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome of foreign qualifications evaluated by SAQA and translated by a sworn translator into one of the official languages of the Republic; or proof of application submitted to SAQA for evaluation of foreign qualifications if the outcome of the evaluation is not yet available.</li> </ul>		

**Notes:**

- a) A critical skills work visa shall be issued for a period not exceeding five years at a time. In the case of an application where the outcome of an evaluation of foreign qualifications by SAQA is not yet available and the applicant submits proof of application to SAQA, the critical skills work visa shall be issued for a period of one year and will subsequently be extended to the full term provided that the applicant submits a positive outcome of foreign qualifications evaluated by SAQA within one year.
- b) For all Corporate General Manager (CGM) and Director occupations, check the additional requirements in Table 10 of the Critical Skills Technical Report available on <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/notices>
- c) University Lecturers must specify the classification of education subject matter as per Annexure 2 of the Critical Skills Technical Report available on <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/notices>
- d) Engineering applicants, and others similarly graded in the occupations listed above, who are registered as a "Candidate" with a professional body recognized by SAQA, will qualify for a critical skills work visa provided that they meet all other requirements and that, upon receipt of the critical skills work visa, they will be working under the supervision of a qualified professional.
- e) All supporting documents will be verified, including employment and qualifications. While optional, the submission of a MIE Report will assist with verification.
- f) Whenever it appears to the Director-General that a visa or permanent residence permit was acquired through misrepresentation or fraud, he or she shall withdraw the visa or permanent residence permit and, where applicable, cause criminal charges to be laid against all parties implicated in the misrepresentation or fraud.
- g) The applicant is personally responsible for all supporting documents submitted with the application.

**I have read and understood the above and wish to continue with my application.**

**Applicant Name:**

**Applicant Signature:**

**VFS Staff Name:**

**VFS Staff Signature:**

**Date of Submission:**