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VISA INTELLIGENCE / VERIFIED TRAVEL ENTRY DATA

South Africa Visa Checklist — India Passport (Visa Required)

VISA REQUIRED

Tourist - ETA/eVisa (online) available

Tourist/visitor visas issued for up to 90 days

— India listed as a live pilot; standard visa requi

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS / VISA CHECKLIST

1. Valid passport/travel document
2. Passport valid for at least 30 days after the expiry of the intended visit
3. At least one blank page in the passport for endorsements (one mission page references three blank pages)
4. Valid visa OR approved ETA/eVisa notification (India is included in the live ETA pilot according to Home Affairs)
5. Create eHome/ETA profile, upload documents and make secure payment (profile tied to passport for 14 days while processed)
6. Two colour passport photographs (per visitor-visa guidance)
7. Proof of sufficient funds (examples: bank statements, salary slips, host undertaking, bursary, medical cover, cash/credit cards/travellers cheques); mission guidance: recently certified bank statements for last 3 months and a suggested benchmark of ZAR 3,000 per month per person
8. Return or onward ticket
9. Documentation confirming purpose and duration of visit (e.g. itinerary, invitation letter, hotel booking with address and contact details)
10. If applying/arriving with a visa/ETA, carry the e-visa notification printout with your passport
11. Complete Traveller Card (DHA-CTC 01) on entry/exit as required by immigration regulations
12. Enter through the port of entry selected on the ETA/application (not all ports support ETA processing)

Passport validity
Passport must be valid for at least 30 days after the expiry of the intended visit; some mission guidance also requests three blank pages

Photo requirements
Two colour passport photographs (as listed in BMA visitor-visa guidance)

Disclaimer: Visa and entry requirements can change. Final admission, visa issuance and immigration decisions remain subject to the relevant government, embassy, consulate or immigration authority. Check the official source again before travel.

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Financial proof
Proof of sufficient financial means (e.g. recent bank statements — mission: certified last 3 months; suggested benchmark ZAR 3,000 per month per person); medical cover may be accepted as proof

Travel insurance
Medical cover is listed as an acceptable form of proof of financial means on mission guidance; no universal explicit travel-insurance mandate found in the core official pages provided

Travel / stay proof
Return/onward ticket; documentation confirming purpose/duration; hotel booking or host invitation with address and contact details

For minors
Unabridged birth certificate; proof of guardianship/custody; parental consent if unaccompanied. Missions note a child-related declaration may be required on entry/exit

Processing / application note
South Africa's ETA/eVisa is the government’s digital channel (profile creation, document upload and secure payment). Profile is tied to the passport for 14 days during processing. Applicants must enter via the selected port of entry; not all ports are enabled for ETA processing.

Additional notes
Official sources indicate India is not visa-exempt; Home Affairs referenced India as part of the live ETA pilot (August 2026 launch speech). The supplied official guidance was used for all items; no official visa fee amount was stated in the provided material.

OFFICIAL SOURCES

Primary official source
https://eta.dha.gov.za/?glintcmp=inmodal_sectiontitle_cardtitle_electronictravelauthorisationeta

Additional official source
https://ehome.dha.gov.za/epermit/questions

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