



SOUTH AFRICA TRAVELLER DECLARATION:

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR TRAVELLERS

As of 01 July 2026, all travellers entering or leaving South Africa will be required to complete an online Traveller Declaration, no more than 24 hours before departure.

The declaration forms part of the Customs process and helps travellers meet their legal obligation to declare goods, currency and other relevant items in their possession.



RECOMMENDED ADVICE FOR CLIENTS:

We recommend that travellers download the app and register well before travel.

Within 24 hours before departure (once their details have been saved), they can simply add their arrival/departure travel details and submit the declaration. The declaration itself is simple and should only take a few minutes once the traveller profile has been created. Travellers should keep their passport and flight details handy when completing the declaration.



For arrivals with connecting flights, this is calculated from departure on the final leg directly to South Africa.



*Travellers only transiting through South Africa without leaving the designated transit area are excluded from completing the online Traveller Declaration form.



CLICK HERE TO FAQ'S FOR ONLINE TRAVELLER DECLARATION

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:



PASSPORT
DETAILS



TRAVEL
DETAILS



CONTACT
DETAILS



DETAILS OF
TRAVEL COMPANION

WHAT TRAVELLERS NEED TO DO BEFORE TRAVELLING

STEP 1

Well before travel - Download the SATMS / SA Traveller Management System app – free of charge from the Apple app store or Google Play Store. The declaration can also be completed via the SARS website under [Customs Online Traveller Declaration](#).



Traveller Management System

SARS

South African Revenue Service

Traveller Details

Travel Details

Currency Details

Possession Details

Payment Summary

Captcha

Declaration Type

Please select the type of declaration.

I HAVE GOODS AND / OR CURRENCY TO DECLARE (FULL)

I HAVE NO GOODS AND / OR CURRENCY TO DECLARE (NIL)

Mode of Travel

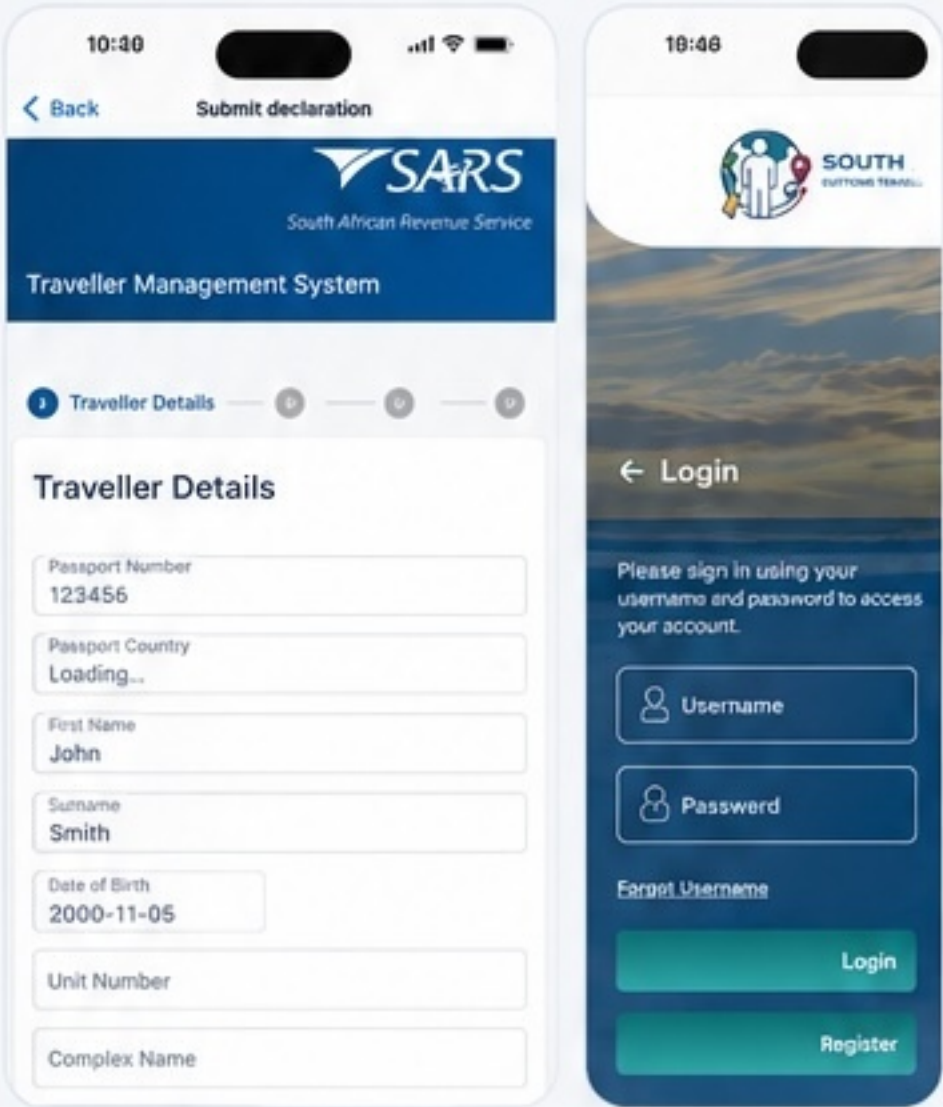
Mode of Travel Type*

Air

Port*

Mode of Transport*

Traveller Details



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STEP 2

Register your profile - well before travel.
Register your profile and add each travellers (over age 18's) personal details including children under 18.

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REGISTER

Please create your login credentials

Username*

Email Address*

☐ Use email as username

Password*

Confirm Password*

Add Traveller

SARS

South African Revenue Service

STEP 3

24 hours prior to travel - log in

Log in to the app using your username and password. Once pre-registered (Step 1 & 2), the system saves key details such as:

Full name, Passport details, Date of birth, Contact details, Republic of South Africa Address (use your hotel/lodge information provided by your LATITUDE VENTURES Travel Consultant). This means travellers do not need to re-enter all their personal information every time they travel.

On the dashboard, click on each traveller listed and "complete travel declaration".

Complete a declaration before each border crossing.

Every time a traveller enters or leaves South Africa, they need to complete a new digital declaration.

This is similar to the old paper arrival or departure form that travellers previously completed by hand, but now it is done electronically.

The screenshot shows the 'Login' screen of the 'SOUTH AFRICAN CUSTOMS TRAVELLER DECLARATION' app. It features a header with the app's logo and title. Below the header, there is a 'Login' button with a left arrow. A text prompt asks the user to sign in with their username/email and password to access their SATNS account. There are input fields for 'Username' and 'Password', each with an icon. Below these fields are links for 'Forgot Username' and 'Forgot Password'. A green 'Login' button is at the bottom, with the SARS logo underneath. The bottom of the screen shows standard Android navigation icons.

The screenshot shows the 'Dashboard' screen of the app. It has the same header as the login screen. Below the header, there is a 'Dashboard' button with a left arrow. A section titled 'Primary Traveller' shows a list with one entry: 'Jane Goods' with a checked checkbox. Below this is a section titled 'Secondary Traveller list' which is currently empty. At the bottom, there is a large green 'Submit' button and the SARS logo. The bottom of the screen shows standard Android navigation icons.

STEP 4

Traveller declaration & mode of travel

Select "I have no goods and/or currency to declare".

If you are unsure as to if you have goods and/or currency to declare please [click this link to check](#).

The screenshot shows the 'TRAVELLER DECLARATION FORM' (TD-01) from the SARS South African Revenue Service. It features two large buttons for declaration: 'I have goods and / or currency to declare' and 'I have no goods and / or currency to declare'. The form is titled 'TRAVELLER DECLARATION FORM' and 'TD-01'.

The screenshot shows the 'TRAVELLER DECLARATION FORM' (TD-01) from the SARS South African Revenue Service, continuing from the previous screen. It features a section titled 'Mode of Travel Details' with a dropdown menu for 'Mode of Travel*' set to 'Air'. Below this is a dropdown for 'Port of Entry / Exit' set to 'Cape Town International Airport'. Another dropdown for 'Mode of Transport*' is set to 'International Aircraft'. At the bottom, there is a 'Cruike Number R' field and three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Save', and 'Submit'. The bottom of the screen shows standard Android navigation icons.

STEP 5

Complete traveller details

Travellers will need to confirm: Travel type, Reason for travel, Country travelling from, Country travelling to, Travel date. Traveller personal details should be pre-populated from the saved profile details. Travellers can add any companions already loaded onto the app. A declaration must also be completed for any children under 18 travelling with them.

Travel Details ^

Travel Type

Travelling in my personal capa... ✓

Travel Reason

LEISURE ✓

Travelling From

SOUTH AFRICA ✓

Transit Via / Travelling Via

▼

Travelling To

NAMIBIA ✓

Departure Date *

2026 / 07 / 01 ✓

Cancel

Save

Submit

Are you travelling with companion(s) * Y ☐ N ☒

Traveller Details ^

Travel Document Type

Ordinary Passport ✓

Travel Document Number *

C12345678 ✓

Travel Document Country

SOUTH AFRICA ✓

Date Of Birth *

1971 / 04 / 01 ✓

Occupation

Professional ✓

Cancel

Save

Submit

STEP 6

Complete travel details

Travellers will need to confirm: Travel type, Reason for travel, Country travelling from, Country travelling to, Travel date.

STEP 7

Complete the declaration section

Travellers will be asked whether they have goods or currency to declare.
If they have nothing to declare, they can complete the declaration and submit form
Click Yes Y

2026 / 07 / 01 ✓

Declaration

I hereby declare that the information provided is true and correct.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Please ensure you sign over the 2 lines of "X"s above

Date
2026 / 07 / 01 ✓

For enquiries go to www.sars.gov.za or call 0800 00 7277

Yes/No Y ☒ N ☐

W Version - 0.3.6 S Version - 0.2.6 Form Version - 2025.00.28 Schema Version - 3.8

Cancel Save Submit

CLICK SUBMIT

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Your Declaration has been submitted

Ok

YOU WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION VIA SMS OR EMAIL :

Dear XXXXXX,

Thank you for submitting your traveller declaration for ORDINARY PASSPORT XXXX on 01-07-2026.

Please present yourself to customs office at departures upon arrival at the port for further processing.

Sincerely,
THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE

WHAT NEXT?

On arrival/departure proceed to the usual customs processing area – customs can retrieve the submitted declaration using the passport number used for the declaration.



What if I complete the declaration just before I board and do not receive an email prior to departure and I have an international cellphone number?

On arrival customs officer can retrieve submitted declaration with the passport number used.