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Travelling with kids? Be aware that children under the age of 18 travelling in and out of South Africa will be required to carry an **unabridged birth certificate** as well as a **valid passport** under new regulations aimed at improving the safety of children.

CHILD + BOTH PARENTS



Parents must produce an unabridged birth certificate and a valid passport.

CHILD + 1 PARENT



Parent must produce an unabridged birth certificate, a valid passport and a court order/death certificate/affidavit confirming the absent parent has given permission for the child to travel.

CHILD + GUARDIAN ONLY



Guardian must produce an unabridged birth certificate, a valid passport, court order/death certificate/affidavit confirming the parents have given permission for the child to travel.

CHILD UNACCOMPANIED



Child must produce unabridged birth certificate, a valid passport and an affidavit confirming permission to travel from both parents or legal guardians and letter from person who will receive child in South Africa, including their full contact details and a certified copy of their Passport or ID.

Following the Department of Home Affairs - decision to implement new requirements for minors (persons under the age of 18 years on day of travel) emigrating or immigrating through a South African border post after 30 September 2014 - **this deadline has now been extended to being required for travel as from 01 June 2015.**

Please ensure the following information is communicated to clients allowing sufficient time for the necessary documentation to be obtained from the relevant government department/s.

Should the legal guardians or biological parent/s not be able to produce the required documentation travel will be denied with no compensation to the passengers. Should a minor not be travelling with a legal guardian or biological relative (i.e. UMNR), guidance on the requirements of such a scenario would need to be obtained directly from the Department of Home Affairs.

Regulation 6 (12) (a): Where parents are travelling with a child, such parents must produce an unabridged birth certificate of the child reflecting the particulars of the parents of the child.

Regulation 6 (12) (b): in the case of one parent travelling with a child, he or she must produce an unabridged birth certificate and:

(i) Consent in the form of an affidavit from the other parent registered as a parent on the birth certificate of the child authorizing him or her to enter into or depart from the Republic of South Africa with the child he or she is travelling with

(ii) A court order granting full parental responsibilities and rights or legal guardianship in respect of the child, if he or she is the parent or legal guardian of the child; or

(iii) Where applicable, a death certificate of the other parent registered as a parent of the child on the birth certificate, provided that the Director-General may, where the parents of the child are both deceased and the child is travelling with a relative or another person related to him or her or his or her parents, approve such a person to enter or depart the Republic with such a child.

Regulation 6 (12) (c): where a person is travelling with a child who is not his or her biological child, he or she must produce:

(i) A copy of the unabridged birth certificate of the child;

(ii) An affidavit from the parents or legal guardian of the child confirming that he or she has permission to Travel with the child;

(iii) Copies of the identity documents or passports of the parents or legal guardian of the child; and

(iv) The contact details of the parents or legal guardian of the child, provided that the Director-General may, where the parents of the child are both deceased and the child is travelling with a relative or another person related to him or her his or her parents, approve such a person to enter or depart the Republic with such a child.

Regulation 6 (12) (d): Any unaccompanied minor shall produce to the immigration officer:

(i) Proof of consent from one or both his or her parents or legal guardian, as the case may be, in the form of a letter or affidavit for the child to travel into or depart from the Republic: Provided that in the case where one parent provides proof of consent, that parent must also provide a copy of a court order issued to him or her in terms of which he or she has been granted full parental responsibilities and rights in respect of the child;

(ii) A letter from the person, which is to receive the child in the Republic, containing his or her residential address and contact details where the child will be residing;

(iii) A copy of the identity document or valid passport and visa or permanent residence permit of the person who is to receive the child in the Republic; and

(iv) The contact details of the parents or legal guardian of the child.

Please contact the Department of Home Affairs concerning any further queries pertaining to the above. Or contact the South African Embassy in your home country for more information.

