

South African Volunteer Visa – Required Document Checklist

Use this checklist to ensure that all required documents are prepared correctly before submitting a South African Volunteer Visa application. Missing or non-compliant documents are a common cause of refusal.

- Valid passport (minimum 30 days validity beyond intended stay, with at least two blank pages)
- Recent passport photographs meeting Department of Home Affairs specifications
- Completed and signed Form DHA-1738
- Formal invitation letter from the host South African NPO or NGO (on official letterhead, signed, confirming unpaid volunteer activities)
- Police clearance certificate issued within the last six (6) months
- Medical report (Form BI-811) completed within the last six (6) months
- Proof of sufficient financial means (recent bank statements)
- Travel itinerary or flight reservation (if required by the mission)
- Proof of accommodation in South Africa (if required)
- Certified translations for any documents not issued in English (if applicable)

Important Notes:

- All documents must be clear, legible, and consistent with the information in the application form.
- Additional documents may be requested by the South African embassy, consulate, or VFS Global depending on the applicant's nationality and circumstances.
- Final acceptance of documents and visa approval are at the discretion of the Department of Home Affairs.