



**DEPARTMENT: HOME AFFAIRS  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**APPLICATION FOR A PERMANENT RESIDENCE PERMIT**

**(Sections 26 and 27 of Act No. 13 of 2002: Regulation 33)**

**IMPORTANT. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

- (a) To be completed in detail in English. Please print in black ink or type.
- (b) For the various categories or grounds on which permanent residence may be acquired and a list of specific documents required in respect of each category, see pages 13 to 18.
- (c) Applicants are required to undergo an interview. Arrange for an interview with the nearest South African mission or regional office of Home Affairs before submitting the completed application with the prescribed fee, if applicable.
- (d) The completed form must be accompanied by the applicable documents listed on pages 13 to 18.
- (e) In the case of married couples, or spousal partners, both the applicant and the spouse must sign and date the form and attend the interview if the spouse is party to this application.
- (f) Applicants are advised to make and keep copies of all documentation submitted.
- (g) It is the applicant's prerogative to elect an immigration practitioner to apply on his/her behalf, subject to (c) above. However, this will not in any way influence the outcome, as any application is considered individually and on its merit.

**LIST OF APPLICANTS**

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REF. No. ....

SURNAME	FORENAMES	DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER	RELATIONSHIP	APPLICABLE SECTION OF ACT	PERMIT NUMBER

Persons interviewed: Applicant:  Spouse:  Other:  Specify .....

Place of interview ..... (Interview Report to be attached)

Date of interview and capturing..... Interviewing and capturing officer.....

Users BBS No. .... Rank..... Persal No. ....

BLOK

Application presented by (officer)..... Persal No. ....

Application considered by..... Persal No. ....

Date of consideration..... Approved/rejected.....

Reason(s) for rejection.....

Conditions (if any).....

Signature..... Rank..... Approval/ rejection captured.....

**OFFICE STAMP**

Date..... Office..... Officer.....

Users BBS No. ....

**1. DETAILS OF PRINCIPAL APPLICANT:**

1.1 Title..... 1.2 Surname .....

1.3 First name(s) .....

1.4 Maiden name (if applicable) .....

1.5 Other former surnames .....

1.6 Date of birth: Year  Month  Day

1.7 Country of birth.....

1.8 Nationality at birth..... 1.9 Present nationality.....

1.10 Passport No. .... Expiry date .....  
Issued by (country).....

1.11 Marital status:  
Never married:  Married:  Permanent spousal/relationship:  Divorced:  Widowed:  Legally separated:

1.12 Type of marriage/relationship: Civil marriage:  Customary marriage:  Notarial contract:

1.13 Date of marriage/notarial contract concluded: Year  Month  Day

1.14 Details of **previous** marriage(s) or permanent spousal relationship(s) (if any):  
Date and place of marriage/commencement of spousal relationship.....  
Date and place of divorce/separation .....

Details about any custody/maintenance of children subsequent to such marriage(s)/permanent spousal relationship:  
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1.15 Present residential address.....  
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Suburb/City/Town..... Country.....  
Since: Year  Month  Day

- 1.16 Postal address..... Suburb..... City..... Code.....
- 1.17 Tel. No.: Home..... Work..... E-mail address.....
- 1.18 Occupation .....
- 1.19 Type of temporary residence permit held (if applicable).....
- 1.20 Valid until..... Issuing office.....

**2. DETAILS OF PRINCIPAL APPLICANT'S PARENTS:**

- 2.1 **Father:** Surname.....  
 First name(s) .....  
 Birth place: City/Town.....  
 State/Province .....
- Country..... Nationality at birth .....
- Date of birth: Year     Month   Day

- 2.2 **Mother:** Surname..... Maiden name.....  
 First name(s) .....  
 Birth place: City/Town.....  
 State/Province .....
- Country..... Nationality at birth .....
- Date of birth: Year     Month   Day

**3. DETAILS OF APPLICANT'S SPOUSE (IF APPLICABLE):**

- 3.1 Title..... 3.2 Surname .....
- 3.3 First name(s) .....
- 3.4 Other former surnames .....
- 3.5 Date of birth: Year     Month   Day
- 3.6 Details of **previous** marriage(s) or permanent spousal relationship(s) (if any): (Use additional page if necessary.)  
 Date and place of marriage/commencement of spousal relationship .....
- Date and place of divorce/separation.....
- Details about any custody/maintenance of children subsequent to such marriage(s)/permanent spousal relationship .....
- Details of maintenance payments to ex-spouse.....

- 3.7 Birth place: City/Town..... 3.8 State/Province .....
- 3.9 Country of birth.....
- 3.10 Nationality at birth..... 3.11 Present nationality .....
- 3.12 Passport No./SA Identity No. .... Issued by (country)..... Expiry date .....
- 3.13 Present residential address.....
- 3.14 Since: Year..... Month..... Day.....
- 3.15 Postal address..... Suburb..... Code .....
- 3.16 Tel. No.: Home..... Work..... E-mail address .....
- 3.17 Occupation .....
- 3.18 Type of temporary residence permit held (if applicable)..... Valid until .....
- 3.19 Issuing office .....

**4. DETAILS OF SPOUSE'S PARENTS (IF SPOUSE IS PARTY TO THIS APPLICATION):**

- 4.1 **Father:** Surname.....
- First name(s) .....
- Birth place: City/Town.....
- State/Province .....
- Country..... Nationality at birth .....
- Date of birth: Year     Month   Day

- 4.2 **Mother:** Surname..... Maiden name.....
- First name(s) .....
- Birth place: City/Town .....
- State/Province .....
- Country..... Nationality at birth .....
- Date of birth: Year     Month   Day

**5. DETAILS OF BIOLOGICAL OR LEGALLY ADOPTED CHILDREN: UNMARRIED CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 21 OF BOTH APPLICANT AND SPOUSE, IF SPOUSE IS PARTY TO THIS APPLICATION, INCLUDING THOSE BORN OUT OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES OR OUT OF WEDLOCK AND CHILDREN, IF ANY, OF UNMARRIED DEPENDANTS OR PERSONS IN PERMANENT SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIPS:**

Surname	Forename(s)	Date of birth	Relationship to applicant and/or spouse	Country and place (town/city) of birth	Present Nationality	Occupation, e.g. studying etc.

**6. Names of unmarried children mentioned above who do not wish to apply for permanent residence and the reasons therefor:**

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**7. Names of children over the age of 21 who are still dependent on the applicant and give reasons for dependency:**

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Principal applicant: Describe briefly your present/last duties.....

\*Spouse's present/last duties (if applicable) .....

Principal applicant: What occupation do you intend following in South Africa? (If applicable) .....

\*Spouse: What occupation do you intend following in South Africa? (If applicable) .....

Principal applicant: What amount of money will you transfer to South Africa?.....

\*Spouse: What amount of money will you transfer to South Africa? .....

Principal applicant: Do you receive a pension or do you have a private income? If so, please give full details.....

\*Spouse: Do you receive a pension or do you have a private income? If so, please give full details .....

Principal applicant: Do you have any other assets, e.g. property/investments, etc.? Please give details .....

\*Spouse: Do you have any other assets, e.g. property/investments, etc.? Please give details.....

**10. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:**

What is your mother tongue? .....

What is your proficiency in other languages? (Answer "Yes" or "No" under the different headings):

	Speak	Read	Write
English.....			
Other.....			
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\* If party to this application.



**11. DO YOU HAVE ANY FAMILY MEMBERS REMAINING IN YOUR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN (FATHER, MOTHER, SISTERS, BROTHERS, HUSBAND, WIFE AND CHILDREN)?**

**Yes/No..... If yes, give details below.**

Name	Address	Relationship/Acquaintanceship
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**12. FULL DETAILS OF PREVIOUS AND CURRENT RESIDENCE (SINCE 18TH BIRTHDAY OR DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS TO DATE):**

(Complete in detail including postal district numbers, e.g. Bromley BR68ED, United Kingdom). If space is not enough submit separate list.

From: (Month/Year)	To: (Month/Year)	Number and street	City/Town	Country
12.1 Principal applicant:				
(i) .....				
(ii) .....				
(iii) .....				
(iv) .....				
(v) .....				
(vi) .....				
12.2 Spouse:				
(i) .....				
(ii) .....				
(iii) .....				
(iv) .....				
(v) .....				
(vi) .....				
12.3 Children (where applicable):				
(i) .....				
(ii) .....				
(iii) .....				
(iv) .....				
(v) .....				
(vi) .....				

**13. DETAILS REGARDING APPLICANT AND (IF APPLICABLE) SPOUSE AND CHILDREN:**

The following questions relate to you (the applicant) as well as to your spouse and children (if any) and must be answered "YES" or "NO".

- (a) Have you or any of the persons concerned ever been—
  - (i) convicted of a criminal offence even if such conviction is no longer on record against you or the persons concerned? .....
  - (ii) declared insolvent? .....
  - (iii) the subject of a civil action, including for failure to fulfil child/spousal maintenance obligations?.....
- (b) Will you or any of the persons concerned leave outstanding debts behind on your departure or, if you are already in South Africa, did you leave outstanding debts behind abroad? If so, what arrangements have you made to settle them?  
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- (c) Is there a civil or criminal enquiry pending against you or any of the persons concerned?.....
- (d) Have you or any of the persons concerned previously applied for permanent residence?.....
- (e) Have you or any of the persons concerned ever been refused permanent residence in or entry to or been removed or deported from South Africa or any other country?  
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- (f) Have you or any of the persons concerned ever previously been in South Africa? If yes, state period .....
- (g) Do you or any of the persons concerned suffer from any infectious disease/diseases or been treated for any physical or mental condition which may render you a public charge or a threat to others?  
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- (h) Are you and your spouse married or in any kind of spousal relationship of whatever nature with any person other than the person mentioned in paragraph 3 of this application?  
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- (i) Have you or any of the persons concerned ever applied for asylum in another country? Yes/No..... If yes, please state which person(s), the countries applied for and the year in each case and whether approved/rejected:  
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**NB:** If the answer to any of the questions (a) to (g) above is "YES", give FULL details below. In connection with question (a) (ii) state whether or not you or the persons concerned have been rehabilitated. In respect of question (f) actual periods and addresses of residence must be furnished.

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**14. GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Postal address and telephone number at which you can be contacted in South Africa .....

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Employment details of spouse if a South African citizen or permanent resident .....

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**NOTE:** Any incorrect or misleading information or false documents furnished in support of this application may result in the application rejected or if discovered after the issuing of permanent residence the applicant shall not be allowed to sojourn in the Republic.

I/We the undersigned, declare that the photograph(s) submitted in support of this application is/are a true likeness of the person(s) whose names appear on the reverse side thereof, that the details reflected in this application and supporting documents are true and correct and that it is my/our intention to reside permanently in South Africa. I undertake to inform the Department of any change of address whilst the application is being processed, with the understanding that in the event of failure to do so the Department will not be responsible for any resultant breakdown in communication. I/we, furthermore, undertake to inform the Department of any change in relevant information or circumstances that could influence the outcome of this application.

*Signature of applicant*.....  
(father or legal guardian if main applicant is a minor child)

**Date** .....

*Signature of legal spouse*.....  
(mother or legal guardian if main applicant is a minor child)

**Date** .....

<b>FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY</b>	<b>ONE PHOTOGRAPH IN RESPECT OF EACH APPLICANT OVER THE AGE OF ONE YEAR</b>
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**15. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- IMPORTANT:** (a) The documents listed below must be submitted with the application by the persons indicated.  
 (b) **“Applicants”** on this page includes all persons who intend to apply for a permanent residence permit.  
 (c) Documents which are not in English, must be accompanied by **certified translations** into English.  
 (d) The applicant and his/her spouse must sign the application. Where the applicant is a child both parents must sign.

15.1 Supporting documents required for all categories of applicants.				Attached		For official use
				Yes	No	
15.1.1	2 Passport photographs	All applicants one year of age and older	A recent, passport-type, full face photograph bearing the names of the applicant on the reverse side thereof. Machine-type or instant photographs are not acceptable.			
15.1.2	Valid passport or Identity Document	All applicants legally qualifying for such	Only original passport(s)/identity documents or certified copies are acceptable.			
15.1.3	Full birth certificate, or extract from birth record	All applicants	Only original documents or certified copies thereof are acceptable.			
15.1.4	Change of name document, i.e. Statutory Declaration or Deed Poll or legal Adoption Certificate	All applicants where applicable				
15.1.5	Medical report	All applicants	Report must not be older than six months at time of submission.			
15.1.6	Radiological report	All applicants 16 years of age and older (excluding pregnant women)	The report must not be older than six months at time of submission. (“Mass X-ray” cards and separate radiological reports acceptable.)			
15.1.7	Police certificate(s)	All applicants 21 years of age and older	In respect of all countries of residence in excess of 12 months ( <b>originals only</b> ) (only acceptable if issued by the relevant police authority).			
15.1.8	Marriage certificate, or extract from marriage record. Documentary proof of registration of customary marriage where applicable, prescribed affidavit and notarial contract where applicable in respect of a permanent spousal relationship	All married applicants/spousal relationships				
15.1.9	Final divorce decree(s) and proof of legal separation and all relevant court orders regarding custody and maintenance of children and previous spouse(s)	All applicants who are divorced/legally separated	Required irrespective of whether or not the person concerned has since re-married.			

				Attached		For official use
				Yes	No	
15.1.10	Written consent of both parents in the case of minor children where only one of the parents is emigrating	Where applicable				
15.1.11	Death certificate of late spouse	All widows and widowers				
15.1.12	Highest educational, trade and/or professional certificates evaluated by a South African qualifications authority	All applicants who will be employed or study in South Africa	<b>NB:</b> (a) Full details of both training and experience are essential to confirm an applicant's ability to perform the intended occupation in South Africa. (b) Documents submitted in support of this section must indicate the actual dates of training and/or employment and also the capacity or occupation in which trained and/or employed. (c) Present employer's work reference may be submitted at a later date if so desired.			
15.1.13	Work references or certificates of service (covering at least the last five years)	All applicants who will be employed in South Africa				

**15.2 Category 26 (a): Main applicant has been the holder of a temporary work permit in the Republic for the past five (5) years**

15.2.1	Proof of permanent employment offer and/or proof of 5 years continuous work permit status	All applicants who are employed in South Africa			
15.2.2	Certification by the prospective employer's chartered accountant setting out the job description and certifying that the job exists and is intended to be filled by the applicant				
15.2.3	Certification by the Department of Labour that the terms and conditions of the job offer are not inferior to those prevailing in the relevant market segment for South African citizens and residents				
15.2.4	Proof of registration with professional body, board or council in the Republic, if applicable				

15.3 Category 26 (b): Main applicant is the spouse of a South African citizen/permanent resident.		Attached		For official use	
		Yes	No		
15.3.1	Declaration of support for the application by the spouse who is the citizen or resident.				
15.3.2	Identity document of South African citizen or permanent resident spouse.	Permanent resident spouse may also submit his/her permanent residence permit.			

**15.4 Category 26 (c): Main applicant is the child, under the age of 21, of a South African citizen/permanent resident.**

15.4.1	Consent of both parents or guardian, together with an undertaking to provide financial support if applicant is deemed a minor by his/her country of origin.				
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**15.5 Category 26 (d): Main applicant is the child, 21 years of age or older, of a South African citizen.**

15.5.1	An undertaking by the parents to provide the required financial support if required.				
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**15.6 Category 27 (a): Main applicant has received an offer of permanent employment which falls within the yearly limits of available permits prescribed from time to time for each sector of industry, trade and commerce in regulation 33 (10).**

15.6.1	An offer of permanent employment	The work offer must state clearly the occupation to be followed and salary offered and must not be older than three months at time of submission. <b>Subject to confirmation by the Department of Home Affairs that the permit is accommodated within the yearly available permits prescribed in regulation 33 (10).</b>			
15.6.2	Certification by the (prospective) employer's chartered accountant that the position exists and that the position and related job description was advertised in the prescribed form as set out in regulations 28 (5) and 28 (6) and no suitably qualified citizen or resident was available to fill it.				
15.6.3	Certification from the Department of Labour that the terms and conditions of the work offer are not inferior to those prevailing in the relevant market sector for citizens or residents.				

15.7 Category 27 (b): Main applicant has extraordinary skills or qualifications.		Attached		For official use
		Yes	No	
15.7.1	Testimonials from previous employers, if applicable.			
15.7.2	A comprehensive curriculum vitae.			
15.7.3	A letter from a foreign or South African organ of state or from an established South African academic, cultural or business body confirming the applicant's exceptional skills or qualifications.			
15.7.4	Other proof to substantiate exceptional skills or qualifications, such as publications and testimonials.			

**15.8 Category 27 (c): Main applicant intends to establish a business or to invest in an existing business.**

15.8.1	Proof of availability of funds for transfer from abroad.			
15.8.2	A curriculum vitae setting out the applicant's expertise and experience in the type of business envisaged.			
15.8.3	Certification of feasibility/viability of the business by a chartered accountant.			
15.8.4	Certification by a chartered accountant that at least R2 500 000 (two million five hundred thousand rand) value origination from abroad shall be invested as part of the book value of the business.			If the applicant requests the Department to reduce the prescribed capitalisation requirement, a request from the Department of Trade and Industry or documentation supporting a claim of national interest must be attached.
15.8.5	Proof of planned registration with the appropriate statutory body, if required by the nature of business.			
15.8.6	Submission of at least one of the following: (a) Business track record to prove entrepreneurial skills. (b) Proof that the business contributes to the geographical spread of economic activity. (c) Proof that at least five South African citizens or permanent residents will be employed. (d) Proof that the business is or will be in one of the sectors set out in regulation 24 (2) (e). (e) Proof of the export potential of the business. (f) Proof that the business involves a transfer of technology not generally available in the Republic.			



		Attached		For official use
		Yes	No	
15.8.7	Where the application is in respect of an investment in an existing business, written shareholder's or partnership agreements containing full details of the partners/directors and their residential status in the Republic.			
15.8.8	<p>If the applicant has started his/her own business in the Republic submit the following:</p> <p>(a) Proof of registration with the appropriate statutory body, if applicable.</p> <p>(b) Proof of registration with the South African Revenue Service.</p> <p>(c) Certification by a chartered accountant that the existing value of the business amounts to at least R2,5 m (two million five hundred thousand rand).</p>	<p><b>Additional requirements if applicant has started an own business:</b></p> <p>The note under item 15.8.5 also applies to the capitalisation requirement here.</p>		

**15.9 Category 27 (d): Main applicant has refugee status in the Republic.**

15.9.1	Proof of five years continuous residence in the Republic from date on which applicant was granted asylum.	<b>NB:</b> In respect of applications on this ground the documentation requirements listed under item 9 (1) (e), (f) (in the case of a foreign marriage), (h) to (m), and (n) of Schedule A of the Regulations, if the original is not available, may be replaced with a sworn affidavit in respect of the country fled from only.			
15.9.2	Certification from the Standing Committee for Refugee Affairs that applicant will remain a refugee indefinitely.				
15.9.3	An affidavit regarding aliases used for refugee status application(s) by main applicant and/or family members, if applicable.				

**15.10 Category 27 (e): Main applicant intends to retire in the Republic.**

15.10.1	Certification by a chartered accountant that applicant has the right to a pension or irrevocable retirement annuity with a minimum value of R20 000 per month or a net worth of at least R12 000 000 (twelve million rand) providing a minimum income of R20 000 for the rest of his/her life.			
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**15.11 Category 27 (f): Main applicant complies with the minimum prescribed net worth.**

15.11.1	Certification by a chartered accountant that main applicant has a minimum net worth of R20 000 000 (twenty million rand).			
15.11.2	Payment of R100 000 fee to the Department referred to in section 27 (f) of the Act.			

		Attached		For official use
		Yes	No	
<b>15.12 Category 27 (g): Main applicant is the relative of a citizen or resident within the first step of kinship.</b>				
15.12.1	Proof of kinship/relationship confined to biological or judicially adoptive parents, biological or judicially adopted children or a spouse.			
15.12.2	Proof in the form of communal accounts or other documents reflecting cohabitation, where applicable.			
15.12.3	Undertaking by citizen/resident regarding financial, medical, physical and emotional responsibility for applicant. (Not applicable where the relative is the parent of a minor child of a South African citizen/resident.)			
15.12.4	Confirmation that the South African citizen/permanent resident did not himself/herself obtain residence in terms of section 27 (g) of the Act.			