NEW SOUTH AFRICAN IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

Travelling abroad with children

Familiarise yourself with SA's new requirements for travelling with children.

1. Where Parents Are Travelling With A Child.

Requirements:

(i) Such parents must produce an unabridged birth certificate of the child reflecting the particulars of the parents of the child.

(ii)

Adopted children to provide proof of adoption by means of an adoption certificate

2. Where One Parent Is Travelling With A Child. Requirements:

- (i) Such parent must produce an unabridged birth certificate of the child reflecting the particulars of the parents of the child
- (ii) 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 with the child he or she is travelling with
- (iii)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
- (iv)Where applicable, a death certificate of the other parent registered as a parent on the death certificate
- (v)Legally separated parents should also provide a court order when the other parent does not give consent.

3. Where a person is travelling with a child who is not his or her biological child, he or she must produce.

Requirements:

- (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

All documents must be original or copies certified as a true copy of the original by a commissioner of oaths or the equivalent Commissioning authority.