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CONSULADO DE PANAMÁ
Pretoria, Sudáfrica

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT AND JUSTICE
NATIONAL IMMIGRATION SERVICE
AUTHORIZED VISA

English Information

Per the current regulations, based on the **Executive Decree No. 591** of December 28th, 2016, which dictates that any person regarding his or her nationality, holding a valid visa or temporary residence permit of one of the following countries:

- 1). - United States of America,
- 2). - Australia,
- 3). - Canada,
- 4). - United Kingdom,
- 5). – Schengen Visa European Union.

That has been previously used to enter the issuing country at least once and still valid at least one year at the moment the its planned to travel to Panama (not a transit visa, it need to be multiple entrances), is allowed entry to Panama without having a stamped visa. The duration of stay under this decree is granted for 30 days, which can be extended at the Immigration Offices in Panama City.

If you do not fulfil the above-mentioned requirement, you need to apply for an Authorized Visa. This means you can apply troughs the Consulate of Panama based in Pretoria South Africa. We will receive the visa fee and issue the correspondent receipts. We take 5 working days to process your application form (pre-analysis) and if everything is in order we send the documentation to the Authorized Visa Section of the National Immigration Service. If it is missing one requirement, we will not be able to start the process. The waiting period for the approval is approximately two months if everything is correct. If the Security Council requests more information, it could take up to two months.

List of **Countries that need an authorized visa** to enter under the category of tourists to the territory of the Republic of Panama:

Afghanistan	Iraq	People's Republic of Korea
Albania	Iran	Rwanda
Algeria	Jordan	Senegal
Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Sierra Leone
Bahrain	Kyrgyzstan	Syria
Bangladesh	Laos	Somalia
Benin	Lesotho	Sri Lanka
Burkina Faso	Liberia	Sudan
Burundi	Libya	Surinam
Chad	Mali	Tanzania
Ivory Coast	Morocco	Tajikistan
Cuba	Mauritania	Tunisia
Djibouti	Mozambique	Turkmenistan
Egypt	Myanmar	Uganda
Eritrea	Nepal	Uzbekistan
Ethiopia	Niger	Yemen
Gambia	Nigeria	Zambia
Guinea	Oman	
Guinea Bissau	Pakistan	
Equatorial Guinea	Palestine	
Haiti	Democratic Republic	
Indonesia	Congo	

Instructions: Filling in the Application form

The applicant must carefully read the form. Do not delete, nor scratch out anything. Do not leave blank spaces. In the instance that a question does not apply to you, write "Not Applied" (N/A). Please fill in the application with handwriting using a Black Ink Pen.

The application form must be presented with the following documents:

Note that a sworn translator must translate all the requirements into Spanish. If the proof of solvency is a bank statement, you have to ask for a letter of the equivalent balance in US Dollars (head letter) from your bank. Also, if you do not have the original copy, you must present a certified copy with a Notary that the document is a true copy of the original.

Also, be knowledge that for this type of visa you need to apply at least 60 days before you have planned to visit Panama to be ad hoc with the provisions of Executive Decree No. 863 June 21, 2011 concerning applications for a tourist visa.

Please be advise that you need to come to South Africa to apply because we *comply with the Rule enclosed with the Note Number SNM-DG-857-2017 issued by the Migration Service of Panama about the apparition of the applicant to submit his application to the General Consulate of Panama based in Pretoria, South Africa, no scanned documents or DHL will be allowed.*

Note: The tourist visa may be extended in cases the National Immigration Service considers it convenient, add for a term of time not greater than sixty (60) additional days, but under ninety (90) days, except for restrictions established by law.

The Visa Fee: The Visa Fee is R. 990.00 Rands (ZAR) but it may change depending on the currency exchange rate of the day that you submit your application.

The visa fee may be EFT deposited or Swift (the swift charges must be covered by you, it must be reflected in our account the amount of R990.00 without any deduction) in the Consular Account in Rand, the **Banking Details** are:

Bank: First National Bank
Name: Embassy of the Republic of Panama
Account No.: 62169966771
Currency: South African Rands
Branch Code: 251345
SWIFT: FIRNZAJJ (international Transfers)
Reference: Name and passport number

N.B. If you are doing an international transfer please advise your bank that the amount of R. 990.00 (ZAR) must be deposited into our account without any banking deduction for the transfer. Deposit the fee one day before or the same day of your appointment to submit your visa application.

For the **Submission**, you need to make an appointment with Mr Villegas, from Monday to Friday, 9h00 to 13h00, telephone number for appointments 012 346 0703 or send an email visas@panamaembassy.co.za

Address: 239 Kloof Avenue, Waterkloof Ridge, 0181, Pretoria, South Africa. (On the intersection of Kloof Avenue and Rigel (30)).

Conditions of the stamped Visa on arrival at Panama Airport:

*. Provide, upon request of the immigration authorities, valid travel passport and valid entry visa. .
Have sufficient funds to cover their expenses while in Panamanian territory, which were established as follows:*

• U.S. \$500.00 cash or credit card, that proves to be more than \$500.00. (Bank statements of the credit card)

I certify that I have read and understood all questions in this request, and that answers I have given in this form are correct, to the best of my knowledge and comprehension. I understand that any false, or dubious, can produce, as a result, a permanent denial of the visa or my entrance to Panama. I understand that having a visa does not guarantee the bearer the right of entrance to the Republic of Panamas, when arriving to a port of entrance, it is determined I does not have such right.

Signature

(I hereby declare that I have read and understand the information for the