

Child Visa Checklist app provides easy-to-understand checklist

To help would-be travellers understand South Africa's new child visa laws better, Drive South Africa created the Child Visa Checklist app. These new child visa laws came into effect on 1 June.



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The app provides an easy-to-understand checklist of documents required by anyone travelling to or from South Africa with children, for their particular child-travel scenario.

The South African Department of Home Affairs published standard operating procedures for airlines and the tourism industry to follow. The department also published a leaflet on their website, intended to help would-be travellers.

According to David Frost, CEO of the Southern African Tourism Services Association (SATSA), the documents needed are 'shockingly complicated'.

Difficult to access

"The regulations are complex, daunting and not easily accessible for local and international travellers," says Russell Jarvis, head of communication at Travelstart South Africa. "Travellers need to know exactly what documents they require for a seamless and stress-free entry into our country's borders."

Drive South Africa's web-based app - which works on mobile and desktop - helps users see precisely what travel documents they need, in three quick clicks or taps. According to Andre van Kets, creator of the Child Visa Checklist App, there are 15 different possible documents and 37 unique scenarios for children travelling in and out of South Africa.

"We initially create the app so that our travel consultants could fully understand the new child visa requirements, and better serve our clients. The app was so well received, that we've decided to go 'open source' with it and let anyone in the tourism industry - and travellers themselves - access the information," says Van Kets.

Go to [Drive South Africa's Child Visa Checklist](#)

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