

What You Need To Know About South Africa's New Laws When Travelling With Children



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Q: Why are the laws changing? **A:** To curb child trafficking across South African borders

CHILD + BOTH PARENTS

Documents required:

- unabridged birth certificate
- valid passport



CHILD + 1 PARENT

Documents required:

- **affidavit** granting permission to travel from absent parent
- and/or **court order** giving travel parent full responsibility
- legally separated parents provide a **court order** when other parent does not give consent
- death certificate if one parent is deceased



Supporting documents must be no more than 3 months old original or certified

Certificates NOT in English must be translated into English by official entity in country of origin

Effective from 01 JUNE 2015

Applies to children

UNDER 18

TRAVELLING TO SOUTH AFRICA
TRAVELLING FROM SOUTH AFRICA

NOT applicable when travelling within SA.

UNABRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATE, VISA (if required) & VALID PASSPORT

COMPULSORY when submitting all other documents for travelling with Children Under 18

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CHILD + GUARDIAN only

Documents required:

- **affidavit** from the parents or legal guardian to state child is allowed to travel – name guardian
- **contact details of the parents or legal guardian**
- **copies of the identity documents and passports of the parents or legal guardian**
- if both parents deceased **Director-General must approve guardian to accompany child**
- if adopted provide **adoption certificate**

CHILD UNACCOMPANIED

Documents required:

- **affidavit or court order with contact details** signed by both parents or legal guardian giving permission to travel,
- **contact details, certified copies of the identity document or passport of the person** the child is staying with (necessary if person receiving child not same as person child is staying with)
- **letter from the person receiving the child** (to include contact details and physical address)

