

Information for Models

According to the new Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002) in force since 7 April 2003 and Passport Control Instruction No. 91 of 2003 dated 3 October 2003 issued by the Department of Home Affairs, two categories of models can be distinguished:

CASE 1

Foreign models who intend to accept assignments in South Africa with a South African model agency and sign employment contracts for fixed period of time should apply for a general work permit, for they will be remunerated in South Africa. Please see the requirements on the website for "Work Permit General" except for requirement 12.7.4 (advertisement is not required).

The processing time may take 5 to 10 working days the fee is payable in euros, cash only with exact change.

CASE 2

Foreign models who practise their profession mainly based outside South Africa, but requiring activities within the RSA should apply for a Visitor's Visa prior to proceeding to South Africa. (Please note that models whose nationality is usually not required visas (eg. Netherlands do not need visas for tourism/business/family/transit for visits shorter than 90 days) must apply for visas properly endorsed.) Processing time is five to ten working days.

Requirements as follows

1. Model must complete and sign form **BI-84** (2 photos included) and pay the fee (if applicable, according to his/her nationality)
2. Copy of a contract signed between the model and a foreign agent, which stipulates the terms and benefits offered to him/her, including consent from the model that the agent may act on his/her behalf with a model agency in South Africa;
3. A letter on the original letterhead of the South African model agency, which explains the modus operandi in terms of which the model is practising his/her profession mainly based outside South Africa, but requiring activities in South Africa;
4. A copy of the contract signed between the foreign agent and the South African model agency, which clearly stipulates the terms and conditions agreed upon between the two parties and specifying all predetermined legal responsibilities of the South African model agency with regard to the model during his/her stay in South Africa