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PERMANENT RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

Section 27 (d)

(Refugee – after 5 years continuous residence as a refugee in RSA)

1. Two recent passport size photographs.
2. Valid passport.
3. Full birth certificate.
4. In case of change of gender or names, provide change of name or gender documents (i.e. Statutory Declaration, Deep Poll or legal Adoption Certificate).
5. Medical Report. **(BI-811). *The certificate must not be older than 6 months at the time the applicant submits an application.***
6. Radiological report **(BI-806) *(This does not apply to pregnant women and children under 12 years.) The certificate must not be older than 6 months at the time the applicant submits an application.***
7. Police clearance certificate for all applicants 18 years of age and older in respect of all countries of residence for one year or longer. (Only originals issued by the relevant security authority will be accepted). Certificates may not be older than six months at the time of submission of the application. Individuals who hold a passport of a certain country that they have not been to must also submit a police clearance from that country.
8. A copy of yellow fever vaccination certificate if that person travelled or intends travelling from or transiting through a yellow fever endemic area: (Provided that the certificate shall not be required where that person travelled or intends travelling in direct transit through such area)
9. Certified copy of marriage certificate, or extract from marriage record / proof of registration of customary marriage in terms of Recognition of Customary Marriages Act, 1998 (Act No 120 of 1998), where applicable / Spousal affidavit.
10. Divorce decree or proof of legal separation and all relevant court orders regarding custody and maintenance of children and previous spouses. *(All applicants who are divorced or legally separated).*
11. Written consent of both parents in the case of minor children where only one of the parents is immigrating.
12. Death certificate of late spouse, where applicable. All widowed persons.
13. Proof of five years continuous refugee status in the Republic.
14. Certification from the Standing Committee for Refugee Affairs that the applicant will remain a refugee indefinitely.
15. An affidavit regarding aliases used for refugee status application(s) by principal applicant or family members, if applicable.
16. Payment of prescribed fee. **P1262.00 non-refundable.**