

Global Immersion Experience **South Africa**: Visa Information*

*Subject to updates

<h2>Flights</h2>	<p>The FT MBA P3 February exam period will end on <u>Thursday, February 9th, 2023</u> at 10 PM. Do not book flights until after the exam period is completed. International flights require passengers to arrive 2 hours before departure; therefore, flights leaving before midnight on February 9th, 2023 will not be an option. Missed exams will not be re-scheduled.</p> <p>Be sure to purchase tickets that arrive on location by Sunday Feb 12th. Your ticket to the destination should be for the duration of the program. The program will start on Monday Feb 13th and the last program day in location will be Friday, February 24^h, so you can depart anytime from Saturday, February 25th. FT MBA students must return to Vancouver before Period 4 begins at 8:00 AM on March 6th, 2023.</p> <p>We highly recommend purchasing trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance and flexible airfare. In the event of a medical emergency, illness, travel advisory from the Canadian Government not recommending any travel, or natural disaster, you could be refunded for some/all of your flight purchase. The type of coverage may vary depending on the policy you choose to purchase. The cost is often determined by the price of your ticket and may range between \$100 – \$150 CAD.</p>
<h2>Hotel</h2>	<p>Due to the logistical challenges and safety requirements students on GIE will stay at the same hotel in each destination. Booking information will be made available by the RHL Office. You will be notified of the details and costs in the upcoming weeks.</p>
<h2>Visa Requirements & Type</h2>	<p>For the purposes of the GIE, students should apply for a visitor visa for stays less than 90 days.</p> <p>Some citizens are not required to have visa for entry to South Africa. A complete list can be found here.</p> <p>Visa applications must be submitted in person only, irrespective of where you live. This is not negotiable. Appointment is necessary.</p> <p>Visas are not issued the same day and you are required to bring an Express post Canada Post envelope for the return of your passport.</p> <p>From 07 February 2022, all applications for immigration documents (Visa and Permits) should be lodged at the South African Consulate General in Toronto.</p> <p><i>Note: The RHL Global Learning Team has collected this information based on the information available to us. You are advised to contact your GIE country Consulate/Embassy (information at the end of this document) to verify your specific visa requirements.</i></p>

Processing Time & Cost

Processing time is 5 working days if all the requirements are met.

Processing fee: CAN \$45.00(Non-refundable) Pay by money order or certified cheque. No personal cheques will be accepted.

The fee is non-refundable even if you do not meet the requirements.

Documents Needed

Basic requirement for visa application: (Less than 90 DAYS): Details can be found [here](#)

1. **Application form:** [DHA-84](#) completed and signed in black ink only.
2. **Photo:** Two passport-size photos
3. **Financial Information:** Applicant's three months to date bank statements reflecting the account holder's name and available balance
4. If the applicant is sponsored, provide Notarized financial support letter from parents/spouses and certified copies of the front page of their valid passports and bank statements of guarantor. Do not blot out the account number or names on the bank statement. Please print your bank statement at least a day before visiting our offices.

5. Letter of Invitation: Signed letter of invitation from your host or from the company you are going to. Letters from organization should be on the organization's letterhead, signed, stamped with designation, must reflect physical address (not P.O.Box).

- Letters should state specific dates of intended stay and their responsibility in terms of the applicant's travel, like accommodation or expenses, if any. Any business trips applications should be accompanied by official letters from the company in South Africa and the company in Canada.

6. Proof of accommodation: Valid confirmed proof of accommodation reservation for the full duration of stay if it is at a hotel

7. Visa processing fee is CAN \$ 45.00

8. Yellow fever certificate: Provide Yellow fever certificate the applicant will be traveling or intends traveling or traveled from or through the yellow fever endemic area. See [Tables 4-23](#) and [4-24](#) for a list of countries with risk of YF virus transmission.

[Recommendations](#) from Canadian government

9. Proof of status in Canada A copy of a permanent resident card, work permit or study permit;

10. Original passport: valid for no less than 30 days after the expiry of intended visit with at least THREE (3) unused blank visa pages;

11. Proof of return air tickets

12. Express post Canada Post: self-addressed envelope for the return of your passport;

Steps of Application

1. Book an appointment:
Email: ImmigrationC@dirco.gov.za OR toronto@dirco.gov.za (Do not send email to both)
2. Fill out the application form:
<http://www.southafrica-canada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/DHA84.pdf>
3. Assemble all required documents outlined above (**double check against this link**):
<http://www.southafrica-canada.ca/visitor-visafor-stays-less-than-90-days/>
4. After application, get self-addressed envelope ready for the return of your passport;

Consulate General of South Africa in Toronto

Location (check the website):

<http://www.southafrica-canada.ca/contact-us-2/>

South African Consulate-General (Toronto)
110 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 600
Toronto, Ontario M2N 6Y8

Contact

Tel: (416) 944 8825

Email: Toronto@dirco.gov.za for **authentication**

For **all other inquiries**: ImmigrationC@dirco.gov.za

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Hours

Mon to Thu: 09:30 AM – 16:00 PM