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Dear Dr Masiapato

**VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF ORDINARY PASSPORTS OF BULGARIA,
SLOVAK REPUBLIC AND LITHUANIA**

Attached, for your information please, are copies of Immigration Directives numbered 23, 24 and 25 of 2025, exempting holders of ordinary passports of Bulgaria, Slovak Republic and Lithuania from the requirement to be in possession of port of entry visas for a period not exceeding 90 days per visit.

The contents of the Immigration Directives are effective immediately.

It would be appreciated if you could inform the officials under your control accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

**DR. L. A. SCHREIBER, MP
MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS**

DATE: 15/10/25



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Dear Colleague

VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF ORDINARY PASSPORTS OF BULGARIA, SLOVAL REPUBLIC AND LITHUANIA

On 07 October 2025, Dr L A Schreiber, MP, Minister of Home Affairs exercised the discretion bestowed upon him in section 10A(4)(a) of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 10 of 2002) and exempted ordinary passport holders of Bulgaria, Slovak Republic and Lithuania from the requirement to be in possession of port of entry visas for a period not exceeding 90 days per visit.

Attached, for your information please, are copies of my Immigration Directives numbered 23, 24 and 25 of 2025.

It would be appreciated if your Department could inform the diplomatic representatives of these countries accordingly by means of *Notes Verbale*.

Kind regards

L T MAKHODE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 14 October 2025



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TO: ALL OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT
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IMMIGRATION CIRCULAR NO 23 OF 2025

EXEMPTION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF ORDINARY PASSPORTS OF BULGARIA

1. The purpose of this circular is to inform all officials that the Minister of Home Affairs has, with immediate effect, decided to exempt ordinary passport holders of Bulgaria from the requirement to be in possession of a port of entry visa for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days per visit.
2. This visa exemption is applicable to visits other than those for which a visa for temporary sojourn as contemplated in sections 13 to 24 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002) is required.
3. The visa exemption enters into force with immediate effect.
4. The contents of this Immigration Directive must be brought to the attention of all immigration officers and consular officials.

L.T. MAKHODE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 14 October 2025



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IMMIGRATION CIRCULAR NO 24 OF 2025

EXEMPTION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF ORDINARY PASSPORTS OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

1. The purpose of this circular is to inform all officials that the Minister of Home Affairs has, with immediate effect, decided to exempt ordinary passport holders of the Slovak Republic from the requirement to be in possession of a port of entry visa for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days per visit.
2. This visa exemption is applicable to visits other than those for which a visa for temporary sojourn as contemplated in sections 13 to 24 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002) is required.
3. The visa exemption enters into force with immediate effect.
4. The contents of this Immigration Directive must be brought to the attention of all immigration officers and consular officials.

L.T. MAKHODE
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IMMIGRATION CIRCULAR NO 25 OF 2025

EXEMPTION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF ORDINARY PASSPORTS OF LITHUANIA

1. The purpose of this circular is to inform all officials that the Minister of Home Affairs has, with immediate effect, decided to exempt ordinary passport holders of Lithuania from the requirement to be in possession of a port of entry visa for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days per visit.
2. This visa exemption is applicable to visits other than those for which a visa for temporary sojourn as contemplated in sections 13 to 24 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002) is required.
3. The visa exemption enters into force with immediate effect.
4. The contents of this Immigration Directive must be brought to the attention of all immigration officers and consular officials.

**L.T. MAKHODE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 14 October 2025