

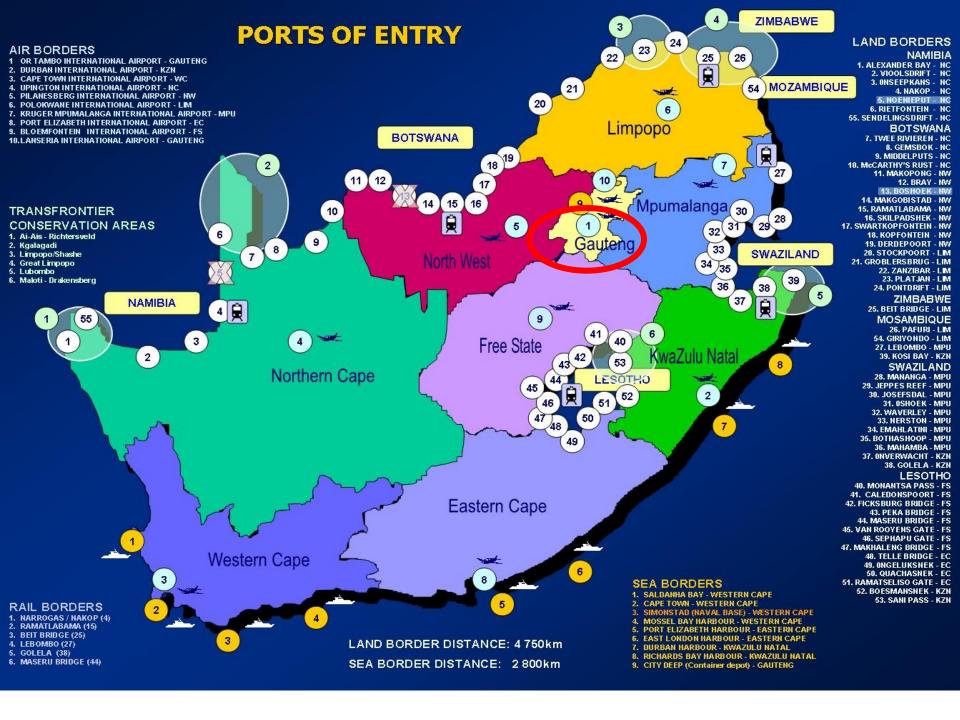
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BUILDING A SECURE HOME AFFAIRS

CAPSA PRESENTATION HANDLING OF MEDICAL EMERGENCIES AT PORTS OF ENTRY

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MANDATES

Travel documents and passports

- South African Passports and Travel Documents Act, 1994 (Act no. 4 of 1994) as amended.
- South African Passports and Travel Documents Regulations, 1996 as amended.

Citizenship

- The South African Citizenship Act, 2010 (Act no. 17 of 2010) as amended.
- The Regulations in terms of the South African Citizenship Act, 1995 as amended.

Identification

- Identification Act, 1997 (Act no 68 of 1997)
- Regulations made in terms of the Identification Act 1997
- Alteration of Sex Description and Sex Status Act, 2003 (Act no 49 of 2003)

MANDATE - continue

IMS functions within the parameters of the following Acts and Immigration Legislation:

- The Refugees Act, 1998 (Act No 130 of 1998)
- Immigration Act, 2002
- Identification Act, 1997
- Criminal Procedure Act, 1997
- Refugees Amendment Act, 2008
- The Regulations promulgated in terms of the Refugees Act, 1998
- The Immigration Regulations as Amended made under the Immigration Act 2002
- Immigration Delegations
- The Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act 51 of 1977)
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 15 December 1948
- International Conventions and Agreements;
- The basic agreement between the government of the republic of South Africa and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, 6 September 1993;
- The 1951 United Nations Conversion relating to the Status of Refugees;
- The 1967 protocol on specific aspects of refugees protection
- The Organization for African Unity Governing Specific Aspects of Refugee problems in Africa, 1996, and
- The UNHRC handbook on criteria and procedures for the determination of refugee status

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Conditions

- In terms of the Immigration Act a person entering the Republic should be in possession of a valid passport and any foreigner who enters the Republic shall on demand produce a valid visa to an immigration officer. An immigration officer may, on humanitarian grounds, admit a person(s) for medical emergency, if not in possession of a valid passport or visa
- Alert IO/Inspectorate of medical emergency admission
 - An immigration officer may issue these patients and the persons accompanying them with visitor's visa in terms of section 11 of the Act

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- Inform conveyor
 - The immigration officer must satisfy himself or herself of the medical emergency; that the person(s) being conveyed are alive and obtain the minimum information i.e. name, passport/identification information (if available) and contact details of the conveyor, passport/identification information (if available) of person(s) conveyed, the name(s) of the person(s) being conveyed (if available), the registration details of the conveyance and the destination details.

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Endorse visa

- The immigration officer will endorse the visitor's visa as "medical emergency" or "acc medical emergency" for a period not exceeding 90 days
- Should there not be enough time to conduct a full examination, the immigration officer will facilitate admission by not applying the clearance procedures immediately but obtain the information as indicated

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- Endorse visa continue
 - The admission information must be recorded on the MCS.
 Where the movement could not be recorded the gathered information will be handed over to Inspectorate to complete the examination process.
 - O Where it is known that the medical emergency is not facilitated through a Port of Entry, but evacuated directly to the medical facility, the immigration officer must inform the person in charge of the conveyance to report and provide the prescribed information to the nearest Port of Entry within twelve (12) hours.

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