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Dear Colleague

### **VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF ORDINARY PASSPORTS OF HUNGARY, SLOVENIA, ROMANIA, LATVIA, ESTONIA AND CROATIA**

On 27 August 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 Hungary, Slovenia, Romania, Latvia, Estonia and Croatia 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 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 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: 03 September 2025



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TO: ALL OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT  
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**IMMIGRATION CIRCULAR NO 18 OF 2025: EXEMPTION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF ORDINARY PASSPORTS OF ESTONIA**

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 Estonia 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 17 OF 2025: EXEMPTION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF  
ORDINARY PASSPORTS OF LATVIA**

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 Latvia 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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