

Lesotho Border Formalities

The following hours of operation are for the Lesotho posts.

Boesmansnek	08h00-16h00
<u>Caledonsproort</u>	<u>06h00-22h00</u>
<i>Most convenient border crossing from Johannesburg</i>	
Ficksburg Bridge	24 Hours
Makhaleng Bridge	08h00-18h00
Maseru Bridge	24 Hours
Monantsa's Pass	08h00-16h00
Ongeluksnek	08h00-16h00
Peka Bridge	08h00-16h00
Quacha's Nek	07h00-20h00
Ramatsilitso	08h00-16h00
Sanipass	08h00-16h00
Sepapus Gate	08h00-16h00
Tele Bridge	06h00-22h00
Van Rooyens Gate	06h00-22h00

Passport Validity

Passports must be valid for a minimum 6 months

Visa General

The following DO NOT require a visa:

- 1) Nationals of Lesotho
- 2) For stays up to 14 days
- 3) Nationals of United Kingdom
- 4) Nationals of Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Iceland, Ireland Rep, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Samoa, San Marino, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Swaziland, Switzerland, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, Tuvalu, United States, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia & Zimbabwe

Visa Notes

- 1) All visitors must hold documents and tickets required for their return/onward journey and sufficient funds to cover their stay.
- 2) Visitors who wish to stay longer than 14 days should apply for extensions at the Lesotho Immigration Authorities within the initial 14 day period

Due to changes in South African Immigration law, All minors under the age of 18 years are required to travel with and produce, in addition to their passport, an Unabridged Birth Certificate (showing the particulars of both parents) when exiting and entering South African ports of entry.

An Unabridged Birth Certificate may be attained at a Home Affairs Office.

In cases where the Unabridged Birth Certificate is in a language other than English, it must be accompanied by a sworn translation issued by a competent authority in the country concerned.

Children travelling with only one parent

A child travelling with one parent will require in addition to their Unabridged birth certificate, an affidavit in which the absent parent gives consent for the child to travel, a court order granting full parental responsibilities or legal guardianship of the child, or the death certificate of the absent parent. The affidavit should be no more than 3 months old from date of travel.

Children travelling without either parent

In the case of a child travelling with a person other than a parent, the Unabridged Birth Certificate must be supplemented by affidavits from the parents or legal guardians confirming that the child may travel with that person, copies of the ID documents or passports of the parents or legal guardian, and the contact details of the parents or legal guardian.

Children travelling as an unaccompanied minor

Similarly, a child travelling as an unaccompanied minor would have to produce not only the Unabridged Birth Certificate, but also proof of consent from both parents or legal guardians and contact details, plus documentation relating to the person receiving the child in South Africa. The latter documentation should include a letter stating the person's contact details and residential address, contact details where the child will be residing, plus a copy of his or her ID document, passport or residence permit.

Minors travelling in school groups or with their grandparents are not exempt from the requirement.

Information sourced from Travel Start and subject to change:

<http://www.travelstart.co.za/lp/travel-tips/unabridged-birth-certificate-for-minors>