



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION

MEDIA RELEASE

Travelling to and from Namibia with children

Due to the increasing incidents and threats of child trafficking and to assist travellers to meet requirements of the laws of Namibia and some countries of their destinations, the Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration as per the Regulations 7 of the Immigration Control Acts 7 of 1993, strongly advises travelers as follows:

1. Parents travelling with children under the age of 18 should in addition to their passports, carry full birth certificate.
2. Adults travelling with children that are not their biological children are advised to provide an affidavit from the child's biological parents or legal guardians that the child is traveling with consent of the biological parents and legal guardians internationally; and have contact details of the biological parents or legal guardian of the child.
3. If a child is travelling with only one parent, the other parent (registered as a parent of the child on the birth certificate) must provide consent for the child to travel with the other parent.
4. Where applicable, provide a copy of a death certificate of the other parent registered as a parent of the child on the birth certificate.
5. Any unaccompanied minor shall produce proof of consent from one of or both his or her parents or legal guardian, as the case may be, in the form of a letter or affidavit for the child to travel; a letter from the person who is to receive the child; containing his or her residential address and contact details where the child will be residing; a copy of the identity document or valid passport and visa or permanent residence permit of the person who is to receive the child; and the contact details of the parents or legal guardian of the child.

Although the implementation check is sometimes done on risk approach basis, it is strongly advised to comply with the above requirements to avoid any travelling inconveniences.

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It is currently common practice at Namibian border inspection posts, at the entry and exit of underage children, to examine the custody situation. Persons under the age of 18 must have an unabridged international birth certificate in addition to the passport, in which the parents are listed. In order to avoid difficulties in entering and leaving the country, it is therefore recommended for the time being to carry international birth certificates or, where appropriate, certified English translations.

Short-term changes to the provisions or deviating interpretations by individual departments cannot be ruled out. Detailed and binding information can be obtained from the Namibian diplomatic mission responsible for your place of residence (Status of this information: July 2018).

Please have the necessary documents ready for travel with children to be prepared in the case of control at entry and exit. The documents must be legible in English.

Entry of minor children accompanied by both parents

- Each child requires their own passport.
- Unabridged international birth certificate in English, from which both parents of the child are visible.
- Copy of air tickets, round trip.
- The itinerary of the holiday trip.
- Passports must be valid for 6 months from departure from Namibia.
- Do not use poorly legible or wrinkled documents.
- Ensure at least 4 free pages in passports.

Entry of underage children accompanied by only one parent

- Each child requires their own passport.
- Agreement explanation of non-traveling parent (in English), with contact details.
- A certified copy of the non-traveling parent's passport.
- Unabridged international birth certificate in English, from which both parents of the child are visible.
- Copy of flight tickets, round trip.
- The itinerary of the holiday trip.
- Passports must be valid for 6 months from departure from Namibia.
- Do not use poorly legible or wrinkled documents.
- Ensure at least 4 free pages in passports.

Entry of minor children without parents

- Each child requires their own passport.
- Agreement of both parents (in English) and who is traveling with the child as well as the contact information of the parents.
- Unabridged international birth certificate in English, from which both parents of the child are visible.
- An authenticated copy of the passports of both non-traveling parents.
- The person who is traveling with the children must be documented with a certified passport copy.
- In the case of adoptive children, the corresponding certificate to the adoptive parents.
- The itinerary of the holiday trip.
- Copy of air tickets, round trip.
- Passports must be valid for 6 months from departure from Namibia.
- Do not use poorly legible or wrinkled documents.
- Ensure at least 4 free pages in passports.

The accreditations do not have to be done by a notary. Certification by the local authority is sufficient.

The documents do not have to be sent in advance to consulates / embassies.

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