



St Helena  
Government

**ADVICE TO ST HELENIAN PASSPORT HOLDERS**

**TRAVELLING TO SOUTH AFRICA**

The Immigration Office would like to inform St Helenians that due to a change in South African immigration regulations, **the older type St Helenian passport will no longer be accepted for entry into South Africa.**

This type of passport can be identified as follows:

- It does not have a Machine Readable Zone (see images below)
- The passport number will start 6240...
- The passport was issued prior to May 2012

**Persons holding this type of passport who are intending to travel to South Africa will need to apply for a new passport prior to travelling. This will be provided at a reduced rate.**

***For further information please contact the Immigration Office at Ogborn House (tel: 22236).***

This regulation change **does not affect:**

- Anyone holding a passport with a Machine Readable Zone
- Anyone holding a current full British type passport
- Anyone holding a St Helenian passport where the passport number starts 6241...
- Anyone wishing to travel to Ascension Island or the UK (**the older passport is still acceptable for travel to the UK and Ascension**)

Below are samples of the current St Helenian passport which is accepted for travel to South Africa and also the older version which is not accepted for travel to South Africa.



This is a sample of the current St Helenian passport with the Machine Readable Zone. **This is accepted for travel to South Africa**

Machine Readable Zone present



This is a sample of the older St Hellenian passport without the Machine Readable Zone. **This is NOT accepted for travel to South Africa**

No Machine Readable Zone

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