

FEES

Our fees are determined large in accordance with the amount of time involved in preparing, lodging and the procurement of such permit. Our experience has over time allowed us to determine the correct time accorded to any specific matter and thus the reasonable fee for such attendance.

Our consultations and advices are included in the fee save for extraordinary circumstances.

Note that disbursement for advertising, courier, acquisition of supporting documents and other extraordinary attendances required by the legislation are additional and for the client's account.

Fee Structures

Our fee structures are not cast in stone. This is a guideline, which may be amended form time to time to accommodate specials needs of clients for special relationships or needs that will allow us to personalise out rates to clients.

Visitors (technical categories), Study, Retired Persons, Relatives, Renewals

From R2 500.00 per applicant renewal and for visitor's permit extension

From R5 000.00 per main application

From R3 000.00 additional per applicant lodging temporary residence in tandem

Own Business and Work Permits/Change of Employer

From R3 000.00 per applicant renewal

From R6 000.00 per main application

From R3 000.00 additional per applicant lodging temporary residence in tandem

Corporate Permits and Permanent Residence

From R4 000.00 for Minor Children

Form R8 000.00 per main application

Immigration Waivers, Representations

R 2 500.00

Court Attendances / Bail / Representations with Inspectorate

Fee is R750.00 – R1000.00 per hour

Our fees include consultation fees unless agreed otherwise.

WHY US

Craig Smith & Associates is first and foremost a professional law firm compliant and committed to a Professional Code of Conduct that compels all lawyers to ascribe to. All our work is regulated by the Law Society of the Cape of Good Hope. All our work is thus is thus measured and quality controlled.

As a law firm all communications with our clients remain confidential and privileged and not subject to the scrutiny of any third party save in exceptional circumstances.

We are fully committed to providing total transparency and cost-effective services in all our immigration work, which is justifiable and value-for-money. Since we are highly efficient, professional and knowledgeable we are able to ensure that there is never additional time spent on matters that may impact on our fees.

Where we are truly unique is that, as lawyers, we are able to attend on both the Magistrates and the High Court to intervene on any immigration matter that warrants such action whether attributed to legitimate challenges in law or undue delays or unreasonable administrative actions by the authorities.

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ABOUT

Craig Smith & Associates is a highly accomplished specialist immigration law firm and continues to raise the standards of immigration law in South Africa.

The firm remains the provider of choice to a variety of blue-chip corporate clients, multi-national law firms, large financial concerns, consular offices, learning institutions and foreign individual clients wishing to enter South Africa to live, work or study.

Located in Cape Town, with associate offices in Johannesburg, the firm is dedicated exclusively to the field of immigration and associated legal adjudication matters and court intervention with the Department of Home Affairs.

We are extremely proud of our professional reputation with the Department of Home Affairs and hence find ourselves well positioned to provide productive outcomes for our clients.

We boast high volume processing capabilities with innovative case management systems and highly skilled administrative staff to ensure that our operational processing quality standards are never compromised.

LEADERSHIP

Our firm is managed and ably led by Craig Smith, an attorney with almost 15 years standing and specialisation in the field of immigration law.

On a daily basis, together with his management team, Craig provides the necessary oversight and direction to support staff and processing standards in addition to technical permit matters and communications with the Department of Home Affairs.

OUR SERVICES

Our immigration services are regulated and determined in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Act 13 of 2002, as amended in 2004, and the Immigration Regulations, which took effect on the 1st of July 2005.

The specific statutory regime has simplified the permit categories and eligibility requirements for prospective applicants. Consequently, permit processing has become predictable, prescriptive and simplified, creating greater certainty in all permit applications.



TEMPORARY RESIDENCE CATEGORIES

Visas and Visitor's Permit

- 90 day permit renewals
- Accompanying spouse and dependents of main applicant
- Short-stay (work authorisation)
- Academic sabbatical, volunteer / charitable work / research – 3 Years
- Foreign spouse (work, study or own business authorisation)

Study Permits

- Primary and high school, approved higher / training institutions – 3 years
- Renewals and part-time work authorisations - where applicable

Business Permits

- Investment or establishment of business venture with proof of investment
- Chartered accountant certificates

Relative's Permit

- Maximum of 2 years for member of immediate family of SA citizen or permanent resident

Work Permits

- Quota work permit – special skills identified - SAQA
- General work permit / Change of employer – Work offer
- Exceptional skills work permit – Distinguished in field of academics, cultural or business
- Intra-company transfer work permit - SA office of International Business

Corporate Permit

- Determined number of employees as corporate workers for Corporate Applicant
- Work Permits to Corporate Permit Holder

Retired Person Permit

- No age restriction - Ability to demonstrate a defined monthly income / minimum net worth through various financial and retirement instruments
- 4 years renewable

Permanent Residence Categories

Defined categories to acquire permanent residency:

- Work permit for 5 years
- Spouse of SA partner for 5 years
- Child of SA citizen
- Business investment
- Refugee status for 5 years
- Retirement and financial status
- High net worth individuals
- Relative of SA citizen or permanent resident

Immigration Adjudication, Legalisation and Court Matters

- Representations and Appeals to the Department of Home Affairs
- Status authorisations
- Waivers and exemptions
- High Court interventions on legal cause
- Criminal attendance on immigration offences in Magistrates Courts

