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NEW IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS FOR UNDER 18's TRAVELLING TO AND FROM BOTSWANA

Effective immediately minors travelling through the country's borders will be required to produce certified copies of unabridged birth certificates in addition to their valid passports.

In the event that one parent is not travelling with the child, the other parent's affidavit consenting to such travel should be availed. However, an affidavit will not be required if the father's name does not appear on the child's birth certificate.

The information below was received from the Ministry of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs in Botswana and is made available to assist all customers.



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DESCRIPTION	REQUIREMENTS
Minor accompanied by both parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Passport; • Valid visa, if required; and • Unabridged Birth Certificate (Birth Certificate containing the particulars of a minor and those of his or her parent or parents)
Minor accompanied by one parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid passport; • Valid visa, if required; • Unabridged Birth Certificate (Birth Certificate containing the particulars of a minor and those of his or her parent or parents) <p>Note: In the case of single parents, where only one parent’s particulars appear on the Unabridged Birth Certificate, a consent letter is not required.</p> <p>In the case where parents were never married but both parents’ particulars appear on the Unabridged Birth Certificate, a consent Affidavit by a non- travelling parent administered by any Commissioner of Oath is required.</p>
Minor travelling with one parent who is divorced or legally separated and who has been granted full parental responsibilities and rights (previously called —sole custody) or full legal guardianship in respect of the minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Passport; • Valid visa, if required; • Unabridged Birth Certificate (Birth Certificate containing the particulars of a minor and those of his or her parent or parents) • Court order granting full parental responsibilities and rights (previously called sole custody) or full legal guardianship in respect of the minor.
Minor travelling with one parent who is divorced or legally separated and who has been granted specific parental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Passport; • Valid visa, if required; • Unabridged Birth Certificate (Birth Certificate containing the particulars of a minor and those of his or her parent or parents)

<p>responsibilities and rights (previously called —joint custody) or legal guardianship in respect of the minor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court order granting specific parental responsibilities and rights (previously called joint custody) or joint legal guardianship in respect of the minor; and Parental Consent Affidavit from the remaining parent is required. <p>NOTE: Where the accompanying parent presents a Parental Consent Affidavit and both parents' names on the Unabridged Birth Certificate correspond with the names on the Parental Consent Affidavit and the travelling parent's passport, a court order granting specific parental responsibilities and rights or joint legal guardianship may be dispensed with.</p>
<p>Minor travelling with widow or widower parent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Passport; • Valid visa, if required; • Unabridged Birth Certificate (Birth Certificate containing the particulars of a minor and those of his or her parent or parents) • Death certificate of the deceased parent
<p>Orphaned minor where no formal order of guardianship or adoption has been granted as yet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Passport; • Valid visa, if required; and • Letter of Special Circumstances from the Department of Social Services.
<p>Minor accompanied by a person who is not his or her biological parent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Passport; • Valid visa, if required; • Unabridged Birth Certificate (Birth Certificate containing the particulars of a minor and those of his or her parent or parents) or Parental Consent Affidavit. • Where a Parental Consent Affidavit is presented, ✓ copies of the identity documents or passports of the parents or legal guardian of the minor; and ✓ Contact details of the parents or legal guardian of the minor; and contact details of the person in whose care the minor will be.

<p>Minor accompanied by his or her adoptive parent(s)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Passport; • Valid visa, if required; <p>NOTE: Where only one of the adoptive parents is travelling with the minor or where such a minor is travelling unaccompanied, the Parental Consent Affidavit will still be required by the absent adoptive parent(s) or in the case of a deceased adoptive</p>
<p>Unaccompanied Minor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Passport; • Valid visa, if required; • Unabridged Birth Certificate (Birth Certificate containing the particulars of a minor and those of his or her parent or parents) • Parental Consent Affidavit administered by any Commissioner of Oath • Letter from the person who is to receive the minor at the destination, containing his or her residential address and contact details where the minor will be residing; • Copy of the identity document or valid passport and visa or permanent residence permit of the person who is to receive the minor at the destination; and Contact details of the parents or legal guardian.
<p>Child in alternative care e.g foster care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Passport; • Valid visa, if required; • Letter from the Department of Social Development where the child resides authorizing his or her departure from the Botswana.