

(12 May 2015 – to date)

IMMIGRATION ACT 13 OF 2002

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COPORATE [sic] ACCOUNTS UNIT

DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

IMMIGRATION SERVICES

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BACKGROUND

The Department of Home Affairs through the Directorate: Corporate Accounts has established a partnership with the Gauteng Growth and Development Agency (GGDA), the Gauteng Investment Centre (GIC) and VFS Global which renders Visa Facilitation Services (VFS). The purpose of this partnership is to establish a premium One-Stop-Shop for visa and permit renewals and a [sic] put in place a shorter, more efficient process for visa applications of foreign nationals employed by corporate companies. The service will also include Immigration Advisory services to applicants and further manage stakeholder relations. This initiative will help to alleviate the pressure of visa application management for senior executives of companies who are holders of temporary residence visas as well as other foreign employees within these corporates. The Department of Home Affairs invites corporate companies and businesses recognised and affiliated to the various chambers of commerce to apply for membership for the Corporate Account status with the Department. This membership will be at no cost to the qualifying corporates.

SELECTION CRITERIA

In order to ensure that the selection process of companies is fair, ethical and transparent, the Department of Home Affairs will make use of the following score card system:

1. The number of visas required in key positions - this will be counted in man-years over the coming three years - Twenty points.
2. Magnitudes of the incremental Capex spend over the coming three years - Twenty points.
3. National priority/relevance of the visa requested to the development of national infrastructure - Twenty points.

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4. Critical skills component - percentage of visas contained in the notice contemplated in section 19(4) of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002) - Twenty points.
5. Transfer of skills - related efforts by the relevant corporate applicant to transfer imported skills to locals - Twenty points.
6. Proof that at least 60% of the total staff complement employed, in the operations of the business are South Africans or permanent residents employed permanently in various positions- Twenty points

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Corporate companies within South Africa interested to be considered for registration with the Corporate Account Unit in collaboration with GGDA are required to submit applications to the secretary of the Director: Corporate Account, Mrs Nomvuzo Vilakazi by email nomvuzo.vilakazi@dha.gov.za.
2. The cut-off date for submission of applications is ten working days after the date of publication of this notice.
3. Applications must be submitted in writing and should not exceed 2 A4 pages in length.
4. Applications must be signed by the corporate applicants (companies) or their Human Resource Directors.
5. Applications must contain all information specified in the Selection Criteria set out above.
6. The scored results will be validated by a selected Advisory Committee composing of various Government Departments.
7. The Department of Home Affairs will make the final selection and the applicants will be advised of the outcome.
8. The decision of the Advisory Committee is final and the Department reserves the right to grant or not to grant a Corporate Account status to any company.