



GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

This document addresses guidelines and recommendations for:

- Staff and Students travelling abroad
- Travel Registry for Staff and Students
- Incoming Visiting Delegations and Incoming International Student Mobility

STAFF AND STUDENTS TRAVELLING ABROAD:

International travel is permitted with a lifting of the SU institutional travel ban from the 1st of November 2020.

If you are planning to travel internationally, please consider:

- Visa requirements for the country you are travelling to;
- Some countries require self-quarantine upon arrival; make sure you get the detail on the destination country.
- Some countries have banned flights from South Africa; please consult with your airline operator;
- Note additional requirements such as a valid certificate of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result within 72 hours of travel, required for departure and re-entry to SA; (Some countries are also requiring a negative rapid test, Antigen / LAMP. Please consult with your airline operator if this is a requirement before you travel.)
- Complete the [exist screening questionnaire](#) 2 days before your departure.
- Ensure that you have sufficient medical and travel insurance.
- Plan for contingencies, especially possible delays or cancellation of flights, a change in risk status of the country you have travelled to and possible repercussions in terms of returning to South Africa and other possible contingencies.
- For staff, a motivation regarding travel (i.e. that the purpose of the visit cannot be achieved through remote or virtual working) must be provided to RC Head.
- Consult the list of COVID high risk countries and try to avoid travel to countries identified as COVID high risk countries. This [CDC list](#) is updated regularly.¹
- Contact Campus Health should you suspect that you are ill, show any symptoms or to find out where to get a COVID- test. Visit their [website](#) or call 021 808 3494/6.

Travel Registry for Staff and Students

All students and staff travelling abroad must complete the travel registry before their departure.

Please see the following website: www.sun.ac.za/english/SUInternational/current-students/travelregistry

Students:

- Student Mobility is to resume once students are able to get the necessary visa and other clearance required to enable mobility.
- Please consult the Global Education Office (exchange@sun.ac.za) regarding the status of applications and nominations to your chosen university as many partner universities are

¹ The CDC is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a US federal agency.

cancelling incoming exchanges up until August 2021.

- Students returning from a flight abroad, should meet the requirements as set out by the regulations from the returning country (s) and SA regulations/ directions as applicable before returning to campus and work.
- Students (going through the GEC) on an exchange or attending a summer school must complete a student mobility agreement.

Staff:

- Staff must complete the travel registry, see link:
www.sun.ac.za/english/SUInternational/current-students/travelregistry
- And consult the HR staff pages
- Staff must provide proof of medical and travel insurance.

INCOMING VISITING DELEGATIONS AND INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOBILITY

Stellenbosch University will accept visiting delegations and international students, subject to visitors and students having the required visas/permits and having met the national regulatory requirements on immigration and entry.

Requirements to enter South Africa:

- Land borders: International students will be able to travel over country borders with a valid study permit/visa. All enquiries regarding permits and visas can be sent to immigration@sun.ac.za.
- Travellers must provide a valid certificate of a negative COVID-19 PCR test on arrival, recognised by the World Health Organization, obtained within 72 hours of travel.
- Visitors who enter through a South African border and who do not have a valid PCR test will be required to do an antigen test on arrival at their own cost and in the case of a positive test they will be required to quarantine at their own cost.
- Complete the [entering South Africa questionnaire](#) 2 days before your departure.
- Everyone must install the [Covid Alert app](#) on arrival and show proof of a confirmed accommodation booking.
- All staff, students and visitors must complete [the Higher Health screening test](#) before they come to campus.
- Please refer to the [Covid-19 South African Online Portal](#) for more information about regulations in place in South Africa.
- International travellers are required to have mandatory travel insurance that covers the cost of a COVID-19 test (for those showing symptoms) and quarantine costs.
- South African missions abroad will open for visa applications, and all long-term visas will be reinstated. Contact the local South African Representative in your country for more information. Please see the list of South African Representation Abroad [here](#).
- Contact Campus Health should you suspect that you are ill, show any symptoms or to find out where to get a COVID- test. Visit their [website](#) or call 021 808 3494/6.

Take note that South Africa is on [the CDC list](#) and that this may impact incoming travel (international delegations, staff appointments, semester mobility and other non-degree mobility)

Government Documents:

Link to the gazette: [Gazette 43752 of 1 October 2020](#)

Link to the gazette: [Gazette 43897 of 11 November](#)

Link to the gazette: [Gazette 43956 of 3 December](#)

Link to the gazette: [Gazette 44051 of 29 December 2020](#)

Link to the gazette: [Gazette 44066 of 11 January 2021](#)

Link to the gazette: [Gazette 44130 of 1 February 2021](#)

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