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Pretoria, South Africa

To Whom it Concerns:

The Embassy of Ireland in South Africa hereby confirms that South African passport-holders do not require a visa in order to enter Ireland. South African passport-holders in possession of a valid residence permission for Ireland will in general be permitted to enter Ireland at this time. South African passport-holders in possession of a valid employment permit or study permit, and their family members, will also in general be permitted to enter Ireland at this time, as will South African passport-holders exercising their EU Treaty rights as the family member of an Irish citizen. Full details of immigration requirements, including special measures in place during the COVID-19 pandemic, can be found on the website of the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service at www.inis.gov.ie.

In all cases, South African passport-holders travelling to Ireland must be able to satisfy the Immigration Officer at the Port of Entry that they have a valid reason to enter Ireland, and the final decision to permit entry to Ireland lies with the Immigration Officer.

In all cases, travellers to Ireland at this time are subject to further requirements. Travellers must complete a Public Health Passenger Locator Form before arrival in Ireland and must undertake to self-isolate on arrival for a period of 14 days. Full details of the requirements for travellers arriving in Ireland can be found on the website of the Health Service Executive of Ireland at www.hse.ie.

