

PHASA recommends that where possible the actual temporary import permit is obtained prior to your arrival. When you make use of our service and your application(s) are successful, your Temporary Importation Permits will be available for collection at the SAPS Office on arrival at Johannesburg International Airport.

This service cost \$110 US per application. (PHASA ONLY accepts, Credit Cards, Cheques or Cash)

Should you wish **PHASA** to obtain the temporary import permit prior to your arrival, please send the following certified/notarized documentation to the PHASA Office by registered mail/courier to reach the PHASA Office **at least 25 days prior to your arrival in the RSA. Please note that no documents by email or fax will be accepted.**

a. A SAP520 form – completed in black ink

Complete page 2 – E 2.1 to E 25.4 – Natural person's details
Complete page 4 – G 1 to G 5 & G 8 to G9.2 – Import/Export details
Complete page 5 – I 1.1 to I 5 – Details of firearms and ammunition
Complete page 6 – J – Signature of applicant or

Complete page 8 – N – Signature of nominee/authorized person. (Client should give written permission for this **if he does not fill in SAP520 himself and want PHASA or his/her outfitter to fill it in**).

b. Notarized copy of passport

c. Copy of airline ticket or itinerary

d. Notarized copy of proof of export

This is proof that your firearms have been legally exported from your country of residence. If your country does not have an official export permit the SAPS require a letter from a government agency of your country of residence stating this. For USA citizens the 4457 form is acceptable.

e. Notarized copy of firearm licenses.

The SAPS realizes that some countries, e.g. the US do not issue gun licenses. In this event the USA form 4457 is acceptable for USA citizens.

US Citizens: contact your nearest airport to obtain the form 4457. It gets issued by the Dept. of Homeland Security U.S. Customs and Border Protection

UK Citizens: only need the UK Firearm and/or Shotgun Certificate for point d and e above

f. Original Invitation letter of Hunting Outfitter to include:

Letter to be on Outfitter's official letterhead -

Name of person being invited;

Duration of the hunter's stay;

PH's details – name, surname, license number and the province he is licensed in;

Hunting Outfitter Details – same as above;

The physical address(s) and telephone number(s) of the farm(s) where the hunt(s) will take place;
Type of animals being hunted e.g. big game, bird shooting etc. ;
The recommended calibers required for hunt(s);
State that firearms will only be used for hunting purposes on mentioned properties;
Date and signature of Outfitter.

The following firearms and ammunition will not be allowed to enter South Africa:

- Any automatic or semi-automatic firearms,
- More than one firearm per caliber per person,
- More than 200 rounds of ammunition per person per firearm,
- Any pistol or revolver. **(Unless specified for hunting)**

Reasons why your application will not be approved:

- If you have any of the abovementioned firearms and/or ammunition,
- If any of the supporting documents as required in # 3 (a) – (f) cannot be produced,
- If you are less than 21 years of age,

BE WARNED!!

Should a firearm not be declared and a temporary import permit not issued, and you proceed through customs without declaring a firearm, you will face severe penalties and possible arrest on departure from South Africa.

Please take note that only the Central Firearm Registrar in Pretoria, South Africa can authorize special applications for the above restrictions. These applications have to be made in advance and must reach them not later than 3 (three) weeks before arrival. Please contact the PHASA office for more info and assistance.

Also, please ensure that your firearms arrive on the same flight as you do. This must be done with the airline company on departure. **Your firearm/s may only be signed for by you and will not be released to your outfitter or professional hunter should it arrive on a separate flight.** In this case, the firearm/s will be held by the SAPS until such time as you claim ownership **in person**.

The temporary import permit serves as your firearm license in South Africa and enables you to buy ammunition in South Africa for the calibers noted on the permit.

At all times while you are in possession of your firearms, you must have the temporary import permit on your person.

When you are not using your firearms, they must be locked in a safe.

4. On arrival at the Johannesburg International Airport:

- a. Disembark from aircraft and clear passport control in whichever Terminal the flight arrives. (Generally, SAA and its co-partners at Terminal 2, and all other airlines in Terminal 1).
- b. Proceed to baggage claim at the respective carousel. Pick up general baggage.
- c. For visitors with firearms **arriving at Terminal 2:**

Proceed to the SAPS Firearms Office. Look for office signage. Location of the SAPS Firearms Office – in Terminal 2 – in front of the Post Office.

For visitors with firearms **arriving at Terminal 1:**

Proceed to the firearm office that is situated in Terminal 2 in front of the Post Office.

d. On arrival at the SAPS Firearm Office collect your issued temporary import permit at the PHASA desk.

e. **The actual firearms and ammunition will be physically inspected to verify details against the already issued temporary importation permit and those of the licenses.**

f. Once this is established you are free to leave with your weapons.

Please note:

1. PHASA only offers this service to hunters entering South Africa at Johannesburg International Airport (OR Thambo Airport).
2. PHASA can only meet hunters in the SA Police office and not at the airplane.
3. PHASA can not be held responsible for any connection flights missed when there is not enough time left for connections (at least three hours)
4. In-transit passengers (passengers **not clearing customs** in Johannesburg, connecting to other countries), can not be met by PHASA. Passengers must make sure with their airline whether their luggage and firearm(s) will be checked through to their final destination.

PHASA Physical address for **courier services only:**

**71 Lobelia Lane
Irene, Centurion
1675
South Africa**

PHASA Postal address for postal services:

**PO Box 10264
Centurion
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