

International Students

(An individual over 18 who does not possess a South African identity document)

The following information is pertinent to students who wish to study full-time at the Cornerstone campus in Cape Town, South Africa. It is vital to read the section regarding admission information, study permit requirements, immigration matters and working while studying in South Africa, before proceeding to the section Applying to Cornerstone Institute. Please follow the link below for information about medical insurance for international students:

https://www.uwc.ac.za/files/files/medical_cover_guide.pdf

How Do International Students Apply to Study at Cornerstone Institute?

- www.cornerstone.ac.za
- Complete the online application and submit all supporting documents.

Admission Requirements

Undergraduate

- Applicants must have passed the equivalent of a South African Grade 12 and meet the admission requirements specific to their programme of choice

Postgraduate

- See the admission requirements of your programme of interest under 'programmes' on our website: www.cornerstone.ac.za

For further enquiries regarding admission requirements please contact: info@cornerstone.ac.za

Feedback and Acceptance Letters

- On receipt of your Acceptance Letter, please request a tuition fee quotation.
- Before a visa letter can be issued, a deposit of 60% of the total tuition fee is required.

Visa Letters

Once you have received an Acceptance Letter from Cornerstone Institute, 60% of the annual tuition fee must be paid to Cornerstone Institute. The registrar will hereafter issue you with a visa letter which you will need when applying for a study permit.

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In adherence to South African Government rules and regulations, your final registration is subject to you producing a valid study permit. Please apply for your study permit from the nearest South African representative in your home country or country of residence. For this purpose, use the official visa letter issued by the Cornerstone Registrar.

The issued visa letter must be presented to a South African diplomatic mission abroad, which has the authority to process study permit applications.

The South African Department of Home Affairs and South African diplomatic offices abroad are responsible for administering visa regulations and procedures.

Do not proceed to Cornerstone Institute without having obtained the necessary study permit or study visa!

Assistance with Accommodation

Should you require assistance with finding accommodation please view our website and contact our information desk or Student Development Support Services at:

Email: sdss@cornerstone.ac.za

Tel: 27 +21 448 0050

Email: info@cornerstone.ac.za

Study Permit Requirements

The following are required:

- Acceptance Letter from Cornerstone Institute
- Proof that sufficient funds are available for the proposed duration of your stay in South Africa that will cover your full tuition fees, maintenance and incidental costs
- Details of your arranged accommodation, which should be in Cape Town or its surrounding areas.
- The Embassy requires proof of residence, i.e. a formal letter with a lease agreement from the owner of the residence. Cornerstone cannot supply this!
- A police Clearance Certificate

The expiry date of your study permit is very important. It is your own responsibility to apply for an extension 30 days before it expires.

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Repatriation Guarantee

You will need to provide the following:

- A medical certificate as provided for on the study permit application form and particulars of, or arrangements made with regard to medical insurance/cover in South Africa.
- Medical and radiological reports, which is less than six month's old
- Relevant certificate if you are married, widowed, divorced or separated
- If the duration of your studies is longer than one year, you will have to lodge a cash deposit or bank guarantee equivalent to the airfare or transportation costs to your country of origin for repatriation purposes. Please keep the receipt issued for the guarantee for a possible extension of your study permit in South Africa. The cash deposit will only be reimbursed once you are back in your home country or country of residence.

Immigration Matters

- Formal admission to Cornerstone Institute does not guarantee the issuing of a study permit
- Students without valid study permits cannot be registered at Cornerstone Institute
- Permit Applications should be made at least 30 days prior to the date of departure
- All documents required when you apply for a study permit or visitor's visa, must be originals or certified copies. A certified copy is a photocopy of the original document with an original certified stamp that the authorised person (Commissioner of Oaths) has seen the original document.
- **Important:** An uncertified photocopy of the original or a photocopy of a certified copy **is not** sufficient.

Work while Studying in South Africa

The holder of a study permit may:

- Conduct part-time work as long as the period does not exceed 20 hours per week.
- Conduct full-time work during academic vacations.

Practical Training in South Africa

A holder of a study permit may also be granted permission to conduct work in the form of practical training in a field related to her/his studies, on submission of the following documentation:

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- A letter from Cornerstone Institute confirming that practical training is required or advantageous to complete the intended study
- A letter from the prospective employer offering practical training if writing the National Benchmark Tests(NBT) is a requirement for her/his studies. Please follow the link below to apply to write the NBT in your country of residence:
<http://www.nbt.ac.za/content/register-remote-writer>