

South Africa's Remote Work Visitor Visa

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Quality score: 29/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

South Africa's remote-work visa, gazetted in May 2024 after a two-year delay, had drawn only 24 approved visas ten months later, the Home Affairs minister told parliament — a cautionary case despite South Africa ranking among the world's top digital-nomad destinations.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	0/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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