



## Visa for Film, Reportage and Documentary Shooting

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**The Embassy does not issue visas for filming without prior authorization from the relevant authorities in Madagascar.**

Type of visa: Short term visa (less than or equal to 90 days) or long-term visa.

### **List of documents to be provided:**

- Passport (valid for at least 06 months after the expected date of arrival in Madagascar)
- Copy of passport
- Recent identity photo (3.5cm x 4.5cm) to be pasted on the form
- Copy of return ticket or proof of booking
- Enough stamps (for applicant living in Germany) or prepaid 0.5kg DHL or UPS
- Proof of payment of visa fees
- Police record (less than 03 months)
- Certificate of yellow fever vaccination (for visitors who have stayed the last six days in countries infected by this disease, according to WHO recommendations)
- **Prior authorization for filming according to the regulations mentioned in the following pages**
- **Other additional documents may be required to process the request**



## **Legal and regulatory provisions governing the shooting of films, reports and documentaries, throughout the territory of the Republic of Madagascar**

The legal and regulatory provisions on the shooting of films, reports, and documentaries throughout the territory of the Republic of Madagascar are stipulated in:

- The law n°2016-029 of August 24, 2016 amended and completed by the law n°2020-006 of September 1, 2020 relating to media communication;
- Decree No. 2019-2210 of December 11, 2019 on the Malagasy Center for Cinema and the Animated Image named "*Ivontoeran'ny Sarimihetsika sy Sarimiaina Malagasy (ISSM)*»;
- Order n°5632/2021 of February 25, 2021 fixing the modalities of delivery of the authorization of filming, the visa of classification and the authorization of exploitation of the cinematographic works or the animated images.

According to these texts in force, any filming project carried out in Madagascar must be subject to prior authorization from:

- Either *the Ivontoeran'ny Sarimihetsika sy Sarimiaina Malagasy (ISSM)* for any filming project;
- Either jointly from the Ministry in charge of Communication and ISSM for any project of filming reports, documentaries and works for journalistic purposes.

To this end, the production company and/or television channel concerned must establish an application form in triplicate comprising the following documents:

- A request for permission to film addressed to the Minister of Communication and Culture;
- The duly filled-in corpus can be obtained from ISSM or requested by e-mail from [secretariat.issm@gmail.com](mailto:secretariat.issm@gmail.com) or downloaded from the website [www.mcc.mg](http://www.mcc.mg);
- The synopsis or script of the work to be shot;
- The detailed planning of the shooting;
- A letter explaining the destination of the work resulting from the shootings and the methods of financing the shootings with the relevant supporting documents (contract with a television channel, certificate from the television channel, etc.);
- The list of the film crew with their qualifications;
- Copies of the national identity card or passport of the members of the film crew;

- Copies of the press cards of the journalists on the film crew;
  - The list of filming equipment for temporary admission to customs subject to a compliance check by the air and border police on the arrival of the film crew;
  - If necessary, the authorizations of the concerned officials if certain sequences of the filming will take place in sites with restricted access (museums, protected areas, historical monuments, military camps, State palaces, etc.) or will involve shooting from a flying device (drone, helicopter) requiring an authorization from the Civil Aviation of Madagascar.
- For film projects, the application form is submitted to ISSM located at Immeuble Ex-Somacodis Analakely - Antananarivo - Madagascar or sent by email to [secretariat.issm@gmail.com](mailto:secretariat.issm@gmail.com).
  - For any other filming project, the application file is submitted to the Media Regulation Department of the Ministry of Communication and Culture in Nanisana or sent by e-mail to [drm@mcc.gov.mg](mailto:drm@mcc.gov.mg) with a copy to [spc.drmcomm@gmail.com](mailto:spc.drmcomm@gmail.com).
  - For any foreign production company and/or any television channel, the application form is approved beforehand by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
  - The application is examined within ten (10) days of receipt of the complete materials. The issuance of the permit may be subject to the payment of filming fees set by Order No. 5632/2021 of 25 February 2021.
  - The filming operations are assisted by the staff of the Media Regulation Department or the staff of the ISSM, at the applicant's expense.