



CHAD

Capital: N'Djamena

President: Idriss Déby

Currency: Central African CFA franc

Population: 14.45 million (2016) World Bank

Capital and largest city: N'Djamena; 12°06 ' N 16°02 ' E / 12.100°N 16.033°E

Doing Business in Chad

A knowledge of French is essential as there are no professional translators available. Best months for business visits are between November and May.

Office Hours

Mon-Sat 0700-1400, Fri 0700-1200.

Keeping in Touch in Chad

Mobile Phone

Roaming agreements exist with some international mobile phone companies, but travellers should check with their service provider. Coverage is good to variable around N'Djaména and the southwest and patchy to non-existent elsewhere.

Internet

Limited access; available in N'Djaména but speeds are very slow and connection is difficult to establish. *Progres* is a daily newspaper; *Le Temps* is a weekly publication. State-owned Teletchad is the only TV channel.

VISA INFO

Note: visa information is not guaranteed. Kindly confirm details with the relevant authorities.

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Important Note

Note: Bank account is not operational at the moment and the website is under construction therefore online applications are unavailable until further notice. Please contact the Embassy directly regarding visa applications.

Persons in transit: Persons applying for transit visa must submit proof of their final destination and they must be in possession of onward/return tickets.
No fixed travel arrangements must be made prior to issuing of the visa.

Delay	<p>Normal visa: 3-5 working days Express visa: 1-3 days</p>
Cost	<p>Cost: Business visa - R1300 (1-3 months-multiple entry) Urgent visa - R1500</p> <p>Fees are levied per applicant and are not refundable should the applicant be refused.</p>
General Requirements	<p>Physical presence at the Embassy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form to be completed • Passport and must have at least 2 blank pages • Copy of passport • Proof of accomodation or hotel from Chad • 2 passport size photos (colour and recent) • Employment letter from employer • An invitation or business letter for those going to Chad for business reasons • Copy of return ticket or confirmed flight booking • Proof of means of subsistence <p>Electronic Application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form to be completed • Scan passport • Employment letter from employer • An invitation or business letter for those going to Chad for business reasons • Copy of return ticket • Proof of means of subsistence in Chad. • 2 Passport size photos • Bank details will be provided on request - currently not operational <p>Additional required documents for minors (under 20 years old)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A certified letter of consent signed by both parents • A copy of the applicant's birth certificate
Health requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of a yellow fever certificate
Days Closed	<p>2017: South African and Chadian public holidays including 01 Jan / 20 Mar / 17 April / 01, 08 May / 21 June / 11 Aug / 22 Sep / 28 Nov / 01, 21, 25 Dec Eid Dates TBA</p>
Office Hours	<p>Mon & Thurs: 09h00 - 11h00 (visa submission) Tue & Wed: 09h00 - 11h00 (visa collection)</p>
Contact Details	<p>The Embassy of the Republic of Chad (Pretoria)</p> <p>Telephone No : (012) 346 6054 / 072 261 6717</p> <p>Fax No : (012) 460 1596</p> <p>Street Address : 157 Banket Street, Cnr Dely Road & Club Avenue, Waterkloof, Pretoria</p> <p>Postal Address : P.O. Box 12648, Hatfield, 0028</p> <p>E-Mail Address : chadembassy@telkomsa.net</p>

Chad Health Care and Vaccinations

Diphtheria	Yes
Hepatitis A	Yes
Malaria	Yes
Rabies	Sometimes
Tetanus	Yes
Typhoid	Yes
Yellow Fever	Yes*
* A yellow fever certificate is required from travellers over one year of age.	

Medical facilities are poor, particularly in the north, and health insurance (to include emergency repatriation) is essential.

Food and drink

All water should be regarded as being potentially contaminated. Water used for drinking, brushing teeth or making ice should have first been boiled or otherwise sterilised. Milk is unpasteurised and should be boiled. Powdered or tinned milk is available and is advised. Avoid all dairy products. Only eat well-cooked meat and fish. Vegetables should be cooked and fruit peeled.

Other Risks

Bilharzia (schistosomiasis) is present, but only in the south and southeast of the country; avoid swimming and paddling in fresh water. Meningococcal meningitis occurs, particularly in the savannah areas during the dry season (November to May). Immunisation against hepatitis B and tuberculosis should be considered for longer visits. Hepatitis E is widespread in the region (especially in the north and east of Chad). HIV/AIDS is prevalent. Rabies is present. For those at high risk, vaccination before arrival should be considered. If you are bitten, seek medical advice without delay.

Where to stay in Chad

Hotels

There are several good hotels in N'Djaména, but accommodation elsewhere is very limited. There are some small hotels at Sarh, a modern hotel complex in Zakouma National Park, and various small hunting hotels in the southwest. It is advisable to book in advance and prospective travellers should contact the Embassy of Chad in Paris for the latest information (see *Contact Addresses*).

Getting Around Chad

Road

Travel by road outside N'Djaména is possible by 4-wheel drive vehicle and permits are usually needed. In rural areas drivers should watch out for livestock. There are no emergency services, so drivers should exercise extreme caution. Security conditions and a lack of housing, food, petrol and vehicle repair facilities have resulted in the government restricting travel, especially in the central and northern areas of the country. Petrol is expensive and petrol stations are not widely available.

Many roads urgently need repair, and are impassable during the rainy season, especially in the south. It is advised to travel in convoy, keep doors locked, carry spare fuel and supplies, and not travel after dark, due to the potential for highway bandits. For travel to all areas outside N'Djaména, authorisation from the Ministry of the Interior is required, which is usually granted without difficulty after a few days.

Side of the road

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Documentation

International Driving Permit required for car hire (which is expensive) as well as an official autorisation de circuler.

Towns and cities

The city of N'Djaména has an adequate road system and there are limited self-drive and chauffeur car hire facilities. Minibuses and taxis operate in N'Djaména, with a flat fare charged. A 10% tip is expected by taxi drivers.

Money and duty free for Chad

Currency & Money

Currency information

CFA (*Communauté Financière Africaine*) Franc (XAF) = 100 centimes. Notes are in denominations of XAF10,000, 5,000, 2,000, 1,000 and 500. Coins are in denominations of XAF250, 100, 50, 25, 10, 5 and 1.

Chad is part of the French Monetary Area. Only currency issued by the *Banque des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale* (Bank of Central African States) is valid; currency issued by the *Banque des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest* (Bank of West African States) is not. The CFA Franc is tied to the Euro.

Credit cards

Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are accepted at two hotels in N'Djaména. It may not be possible to obtain cash advances at banks on credit cards.

ATM

Travellers cheques

May be exchanged at one or two banks in N'Djaména. To avoid additional exchange rate charges, travellers are advised to take traveller's cheques in Euros.

Banking hours

Mon-Sat 0700-1300, Fri 0700-1030.

Currency restriction

Currency exchange

It is advisable to bring US Dollars or Euros rather than Sterling into the country. CFA Francs can be difficult to exchange outside the French Monetary Area.

Chad duty free

The following goods may be imported into Chad by travellers over 18 years of age without incurring customs duty:

- 400 cigarettes (or cigarillos) or 125 cigars or 500g of tobacco (women are permitted to import cigarettes only).
- 3 bottles of wine and 1 bottle of spirits.

There is free export of 1,000 cigarettes or 250 cigars or 1kg of tobacco.

Contact our office for any information not supplied above



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