



# How to apply for your first ID

Applying for your first ID is free, however you will need to pay for your photographs.



You need to be 16 years or OLDER



1 Complete and submit the BI-9 form available at your nearest Home Affairs office.

Take two identical recent photographs with when you apply.

33mmx45mm



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3 Take a certified copy of your birth certificate, reference book or Transkei, Bophutatswana, Venda or Ciskei identity or travel documents.



4 Have your fingerprints taken by Home Affairs officials.



5 Provide your cellphone number in your application. You will be notified by SMS when your ID is ready for collection at the Home Affairs office where you applied.

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