

SOUTH AFRICA TO MOZAMBIQUE - LEBOMBO / RESANNO GARCIA BORDER ADVICE

GENERAL TIPS

This pamphlet is a tool for holiday makers and first time border crossing passengers to take the uncertainty out of the border crossing experience; it may not always work out 100% as stated here, but should give you advice and make the whole thing a bit less daunting.

Do not pay any fees without insisting on an officially stamped receipt. You will be approached by “unofficial” helpers at the border, just say no thanks and get on with things – do not hand over your passport or papers to anyone – there are plenty of uniformed officials wandering around should you need to ask any questions.

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It is advisable to buy your currency (MTn) and road users insurance (R150) before the border, the last place to do this is a BP garage situated just before the border, having all of this done will speed up your border crossing. You will need MTn 26.50 for your vehicle fee. It is illegal to obtain foreign currency other than from a registered financial institution. MTn can also be drawn from the ATM at the Mozambican Frontier.

Note that the toll fees in Mozambique are only payable in cash. You can pay in SA Rand, US\$ or Mtn.

South African Frontier

1. An official at the gate will fill in a gate pass for you, upon which the following is recorded - Car registration and the number of people in the vehicle; collect your gate pass and head for the parking area.
2. Park in designated area, all passengers proceed to the frontier office.
3. If you have any questions go to the Customer Services Help Desk.
4. If you have any export goods to declare, go to the Customs Desk where your original invoices must be shown to be stamped.
5. The driver of the vehicle reports to the Vehicle Registration desk and presents the original car registration document or an authorizing letter, if not the owner of the vehicle.
 - The driver collects a DA 341 form and completes it.
 - The driver presents the completed DA 341 form and the gate pass to the official at the Car Registration Desk
 - The official will stamp the form and gate pass.
6. All passengers then go to the SA immigration / Home Affairs Desk with their passports and the stamped gate pass where the passports will be stamped.
7. If you are not a South African citizen and want to reclaim VAT, present the goods and original invoices at the VAT counter for a VAT refund.
8. Get back in your vehicle and drive to the gate where you will hand in your gate pass to an official who will keep it.
9. Drive to the Mozambican Frontier area.

Mozambican Frontier

10. Again, an official at the gate will fill in a gate pass for you, recording the same details as before; collect your gate pass and head for the parking area.
11. Park in the designated area. All passengers proceed to the frontier office.
12. If you do not already have a visa (if required), report to the second Migracao desk and apply for a visa. (Non South African and Mozambican Citizens).
13. Report to the first Migracao desk with your passport and R17.00 cash, per passenger. Try to have the correct money as they normally do not have change.
14. Individuals are required to complete a form which you will receive from the immigration official
15. The passport is stamped, R17.00 is paid you will be given a receipt – if not you should request one.
16. If you have import goods to declare, go to the Customs Desk for the necessary declaration and present the original invoices.
17. The driver of the vehicle reports to the Vehicle Registration Desk, with the original vehicle registration document or an authorizing letter, if not the owner of the vehicle.
 - Present DA341 and gate pass at Car Registration Desk

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- The official should stamp the form and your gate pass
- Pay the MTn 26.50 (+/- R7.00) the stamped form is your receipt. Please ensure that you have the correct cash as small change is not always available.

18. Return to your vehicle. Request an inspection officer to inspect the vehicle and stamp your gate pass.
19. Embark your vehicle, proceed to the gate and again hand in your gate pass.

You are now in Mozambique – Enjoy! You will probably be pulled over by police at some point, but so long as you abide within the speed limits and were your safety belt, they will probably just ask to see your license and ask where you are going, then send you on your way! Note: never pay policemen fines by the road – they may let there colleagues along the road who may stop you and expect you to pay them too – so make sure they take you to the police station and give you an official receipt.

Golden Rule: If in doubt ask an official.

This map is designed to give a rough guide to where things are at the border gate, the numbers match up with the points above. When you drive from point 9 – 10 it is just straight through, however so that we could fit the map in at a decent size we have put one above the other.

