

NEW ZEALAND IMPORT REGULATIONS – MOTOR VEHICLES

Important notes

- As a result of very strict safety regulations please ensure that the motor vehicle complies with New Zealand road safety standards and 'frontal impact standards' and 'emissions standards' prior to shipping. Should a vehicle not comply then it cannot be legally registered and driven on the roads of New Zealand. Thus failure to check may result in the re-exportation of vehicle at client's expense. Following is a link to the New Zealand Land Transport Safety Authority (LTSA) website to allow the client check.

www.ltsa.govt.nz/importing

- In order to register motor vehicles manufactured after 1990 (except Australian registered vehicles) the client must obtain a manufacturer's 'Statement of Compliance' from manufacturers appointed New Zealand agent. The client should start this process prior to shipping and contact the appointed agent as soon as possible. Following is a link to the New Zealand Land Transport Safety Authority (LTSA) website to allow the client to locate and contact the manufacturer's appointed agent.

www.ltsa.govt.nz/importing/mia-list.html

Documents required

Returning New Zealanders	First time immigrants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passport (Copy). - Purchase receipt / invoice (Copy). - Overseas registration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passport (Copy). - Visa (Copy). - Purchase receipt / invoice (Copy). - Overseas registration.

Please ensure clients have vehicle documents on them and that they are not left in the vehicle as this could cause delays with clearance.

Customs

- There is no duty on motor vehicles, however there is tax (GST at 12.5%). In order to import tax free the client must have...

Returning New Zealanders	First time immigrants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Been absent from New Zealand for a period of more than 21 months. - Owned and used vehicle for more than 1 year prior to shipping. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An Australian passport, or a Residence Visa, or a Returning Residence Visa, or a Work visa for a minimum of 12 months. - Owned and used vehicle for more than 1 year prior to shipping.

- If the client meets the above criteria then they must personally visit Customs to sign a 'Deed of Undertaking' confirming that if they sell the motor vehicle within 2 years of importation they will pay the GST that would normally be payable.
- If the client does not meet all of the above criteria then they will have to pay GST at 12.5% of the CIF value (purchase price + cost of freight + cost of insurance) of the vehicle. Please note that depreciation is given on the purchase price as per the following depending of the length of time the vehicle has been owned and used prior to shipping...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less than 90 days 0% - 3 months less than 4 months 13% - 4 months less than 6 months 20% - 6 months less than 9 months 27.5% - 9 months less than 12 months 35% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 year less than 2 years 50% - 2 years less than 3 years 60% - 3 years less than 4 years 70% - 4 years or more 75%
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Quarantine

- All motor vehicles must be cleared by the Quarantine service (MAF) and are ALWAYS subject to a physical inspection. Thus we do recommend steam cleaning and interior cleaning prior to shipping, however this is no guarantee that the vehicle will pass inspection. Following a physical inspection it may be determined that the vehicle may require treatment, i.e. steam cleaning, or vacuum cleaning. Thereafter a re-inspection will generally be required.
- Physical inspection and treatment will all result in additional charges and will be collected direct from client.

Approximate additional expenses

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manufacturers statement of compliance NZ\$500.00 - Quarantine inspection NZ\$265.00 - Steam cleaning & re-inspection/transport NZ\$600.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compliance & warrant fitness NZ\$500.00 - Registration NZ\$350.00 – NZ\$450.00
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