

New Zealand



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Introduction

We at World Moving & Storage would love the opportunity to assist with your relocation to New Zealand. We are very proud of our reputation as a hardworking, honest and fair partner to many relocation companies, in all countries around the world. If you have any further questions about the New Zealand portion of your move, or special needs when you get to New Zealand – please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our very best to quickly answer your queries, or create a special plan to suit your needs. We wish you and your goods a safe journey and look forward to being of service.

As of 1st June, 2015 all shipments of Household goods are now required to be devanned from the shipping container at a MPI approved transitional facility. New Zealand Customs and MPI (Quarantine) inspections will take place at the Transitional facility prior to delivery out to residence. **No consignment, be it via sea or air, FCL or LCL is allowed to go directly from the port of arrival to residence any longer.**

Customs Duties and Taxes

General Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Providing you are taking up permanent residence or have a work visa valid for at least one year, you may import your household goods into New Zealand without paying duty provided you have owned and used them overseas for a reasonable time before you leave for New Zealand. Duty and/or tax may be payable on alcoholic drinks, tobacco and new goods.

A returning New Zealander who has been absent for more than 21 months is eligible for the duty free concession. If you are returning to New Zealand with your personal effects less than 21 months, you must prove that you took those goods out of New Zealand with you to be exempt from duty and GST. i.e. proof of export and copy of the export inventory

Documents Required:

- Detailed and numbered Inventory of shipment in English
- Unaccompanied Personal Baggage Declaration
- MPI Supplementary Declaration
- Copy of your Passport picture page (please ensure you have signed your passport)
- Receipts for new items
- Copy of prescriptions for prescribed drugs
- List of wine collection with evidence showing the wine has been collected over time

Please be aware, Duty/GST concession is based upon the clients issued visa status at the time of import of the goods. If the client does not have one of the following, at the time of arrival, Duty/GST will be payable to NZ Customs;-

- New Zealand / Australian Passport
- New Zealand Residence Visa / Permit / Returning Resident's Visa or Permit
- New Zealand Work Visa / Work Permit issued for a minimum of 12 months
- Permanent Residence Visa / Returning Resident Visa issued by the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia
- Work Visa / Work Permit (minimum of 12 months / Skilled Migrant / Long-term Business Visa or Permit)
- Visitor's Visa / Permit issued for a minimum of 3 years

New/Unused goods will incur Customs taxes based upon the following:

- Duty will be applicable to furniture, kitchenware and some electrical and household goods at 5% on the "landed value" of the goods. Landed value is the cost of the items plus freight and insurance.
- GST of 15% will then be charged on the landed value including the duty
- Therefore final amount payable to NZ Customs will be Duty + GST
- Personal jewellery, books and clothing are not subject to duty or GST
- Please see following web site for more information:

<http://www.customs.govt.nz/incommercial/importcharges/dutiesandcharges/Pages/default.aspx>

Wedding Trousseaux

Duty and tax free in line with the regulations for normal used household effects.

Inheritance

If you are permanently domiciled in New Zealand you may import inherited goods free of duty.

Documents required:

- Copy of Death Certificate or letter from Solicitor
- Copy of Will or certified copy of relevant extract of Will showing the name of the beneficiary and his/her legacy

Antiques

Bona-fide antiques (i.e. items over 100 years old) can be imported into New Zealand free of duty and GST provided they are not for re-sale and have been owned and used for 12 months or more.

If the goods were recently purchased they are subject to Duty (aprox 7%) plus 15% GST on their landed value. If they are certified to be over 100 years old and a letter to support that accompanies the documents – the duty is not applicable, but 15% GST is.

Documents Required;

- 'B.A.D.A. Certificate' of authenticity (obtainable from approved Antique Dealers)
- Commercial invoice (if recently purchased)

Alcohol collections

Alcohol collections (even opened) can be brought to New Zealand tax and duty free. You must complete a detailed inventory of the collection showing that the collection was obtained time.

Packaging material

Any wood packaging used in shipments must be constructed of approved treated timber and must meet and display the internationally recognised IPSM 15 standard. Any non-compliant material will be fumigated / destroyed or re-exported to the country of origin at the owners expense.

Quarantine Inspection

All household goods are subject to inspection by the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI). Any items contaminated with soil, vegetation, insects or containing borers (woodworm) will be cleaned and/or fumigated at your expense.

Further information on specific items can be found on the MPI website at www.mpi.govt.nz

Common items that are inspected and of Biosecurity interest include but are not limited to:

- Food of any kind
- Animal products such as meat (fresh or dried), eggs, dairy products, honey, skins, fur, feathers, bone, wool, hair, hunting trophies, fish/shell fish (fresh, dried, or frozen), Chinese traditional medicines, shells and coral, ivory
- Plants or plant products such as fresh or dried fruit and cones, vegetables, plants/flowers live and dried, plant cuttings and bud wood, bulbs or roots, seeds, pine antique and/or handcrafted wooden ornaments/carvings, cane, bamboo, basket ware, straw, Chinese traditional medicines
- Equipment used with animals and/or plants such as veterinary equipment/products, fishing gear, fish farming equipment, saddlery, work boots/clothing, pet bedding, gardening equipment/products and forestry equipment
- Miscellaneous items such as vacuum cleaners, spiked, studded or sprigged footwear (e.g., golf shoes, soccer boots), hiking boots, soiled footwear, water sports equipment, bicycles, boats, vehicle parts, camping equipment/tents, barbeques, Christmas and/or Easter decorations, Pooja items

Some items may be required to be cleaned or treated for fumigation.

Items are subject to Customs discretion for seizure, destruction, or shipped back to the origin country at the owner's expense.

It is recommended that all items that have come into contact with soil, grass, leaves, vegetation, water, seeds, animals, and insects should be thoroughly cleaned and free from any contamination.

Cars and Motorcycles

The importation of motor vehicles into New Zealand is strictly controlled however, you can import a motor car or motorcycle free of duty and Goods and Services Tax (GST) provided that you are taking up permanent residence for the first time, or are a returning resident and you have owned and used the vehicle for a minimum one year prior to departure to New Zealand. You will also be asked to sign a Deed of Undertaking to confirm that the vehicle is for your own use and it will not be sold for two years. GST @ 15% will be charged on private vehicles that have not been owned and used for 12 months or more.

Duty and GST may be applicable on some other vehicles and motor homes, please see the New Zealand Customs Service website at www.customs.govt.nz for further information.

Vehicles entering New Zealand must comply with Ministry of Transport Vehicle Standard regulations and a Statement of Compliance from the vehicle manufacturer should be obtained. It is strongly recommended that this is verified by the Land Transport Safety Authority (LTSA) in New Zealand prior to shipping. The LTSA can be contacted at the following website; <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/vehicle/importing/index.html>

Upon arrival, The New Zealand Ministry of Primary Industries inspects all vehicles to ensure that they have been cleaned to an appropriate standard. If not they will arrange for the vehicle to be steam cleaned at your expense. For further information refer to the MPI website at www.mpi.govt.nz
Documents Required

- Registration papers to prove length of ownership
- Car condition report
- Copy of Passport
- Receipted sales invoice
- Statement of Compliance
- Client Code form
- Supplier Code form

Pets

Restrictions apply and an Import Permit may be required to import domestic pets depending on the type of animal and the country of origin. Some of the prohibited breeds include: American Pit Bull Terrier, Brazilian Fila, Dogo Argentino and Japanese Tosa.

A vaccination record and veterinary Health Certificate will be required in all cases.

Further information can be found on the website for the Ministry of Primary Industries at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/live-animals/pets/> e-mail: animalimports@mpi.govt.nz

Firearms

To import firearms, including deactivated and air weapons, into New Zealand you must have a Permit to Import which is issued by the New Zealand Police. To obtain an import permit you must first hold a New Zealand Firearms License which may take up to six months to obtain. The level of Firearms License obtained will dictate the type of firearms you will be allowed to import.

If the License or Permit has not been applied for or has been declined when the firearms arrive they will be liable to seizure and destruction by the New Zealand Customs Service. More information can be found at www.police.govt.nz/service/firearms

You must not import ammunition of any kind.

Prohibited Items

You must not import narcotics, drugs, any items made from endangered species, any pornographic books and magazines or those that promote, incite, or instruct in matters of crime or violence, or misuse of drugs. Any weapons that are designed or disguised to give the appearance of something else such as flick knives or swordsticks. <http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-prohibited-offensive-weapons/prohibited-offensive-weapons>

There are also strict regulations and restrictions on the import of canned or dried meat, spices, honey, dairy and egg products, feathers, fish, fruit, vegetables, seeds, live plants and live insects.

Live species of eagles, hawks, owls and parrots, many cacti, orchids, cycads, cyclamens and carnivorous plants are also restricted. <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/>

These items should not be imported without seeking professional advice. If any of the above items are found in the consignment they can be destroyed at owner's expense. In some cases, court action could follow.

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