

Moving to Australia

Transworld International Removals

Although geographically close, when moving to Australia you still need to be prepared and make some important and informed decisions to ensure that your relocation will run smoothly for you and your family.

Choosing your removal company is obviously one of the most important decisions when relocating overseas. At Transworld we specialise in international relocations of household and personal effects, corporate relocations and private motor vehicles worldwide.

We have an active quality assurance programme ensuring we offer the very best service at all times. Our quality assurance programme includes membership of the NZOMA (New Zealand Overseas Movers Association) and FIDI (Federation of International Furniture Removers) based in Brussels. FIDI is the world governing removal association who require quality and financial criteria that are among the highest in the world.



All Transworld branches follow our quality assurance programme with the Auckland head office being audited by Ernst & Young, checking 453 areas for quality including staff training, removal resources and financial stability therefore becoming FAIM accredited (FIDI Accredited International Mover). With this we can assure you that by moving with Transworld you are choosing a removal company that meets the highest standards.

Transworld and our sister agents are equipped to accommodate all your removal requirements having trained staff, a modern fleet of vehicles and Customs Bonded warehousing.

On behalf of our team at Transworld we look forward to assisting you with your removal in the very near future.

Our Service

In general, we offer an all inclusive door to door service incorporating professional packing, export documentation, insurance, customs/quarantine clearances in Australia, unpacking and removal of the waste packing materials at your new home. Additional services can also be offered to assist with other requirements you may have including: storage, airfreight, house cleaning, shipping of vehicles, pet transport

and maid services to set up your new home. Our goal is to assure you of a smooth and stress free relocation, with the help of our friendly and professional team of sales consultants and customer service staff to offer advice on any concerns you may have.

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www.transworld.co.nz/testimonials



"Your Pathway to the World"

Customs

Personal Effects

Personal and household effects may be imported into Australia free of Customs Duty and GST (Goods Services Tax), providing they have been owned and used for a period of at least twelve months prior to their departure for Australia and the owner of the goods is eligible to live in Australia. If you do not have the correct authority to live in Australia, or you are intending to arrive on a visitors permit, short term student visa or temporary work visa, you may be required to pay Customs Duty and GST on your personal and household effects.

Should duty be applicable, the rate will vary widely depending on the items being shipped and will be calculated on the individual values of the items concerned. Customs will usually request purchase receipts, invoices or similar documentation so they can verify the value of the items. To avoid any delays with the Customs process, it is recommended that these documents are carried in hand luggage rather than contained in your seafreight/airfreight shipment.

A copy of a current "Unaccompanied Personal Effects Statement" (B534) will be supplied to you for your completion to assist with clearance procedures of your effects. Also required will be a clear copy of your passport (photo ID page with signature). If you are moving to Australia as a tourist or to take up temporary residence you will be required to provide your length of stay in Australia. Visas are not required by nationals of Australia or New Zealand who hold valid passports for these countries, they are required however, by citizens of all other countries. Applications should be made to the nearest Australian Consulate.

You must declare any goods belonging to any person other than yourself, or those who accompany you on your arrival in Australia. You must also declare any goods for commercial purposes, including goods for sale, lease, hire or exchange. Australian Customs will charge duty and tax on all alcohol shipped (the duty free allowance is only applicable when imported as accompanied baggage on your arrival by airplane/cruise liner). The owner's goods may be cleared through customs in advance of their arrival provided the owner arrives in Australia within six months following the arrival of the shipment.

Legacies can be imported by Australian domiciled residents so long as it can be proved that the legacy is a genuine bequest and that the recipient is a legal beneficiary. Proof of this can be supplied by obtaining a statutory declaration and a copy of a Will or letter from the solicitor or trustee handling the estate or a death certificate. The legacy cannot be used for trade or business purposes.

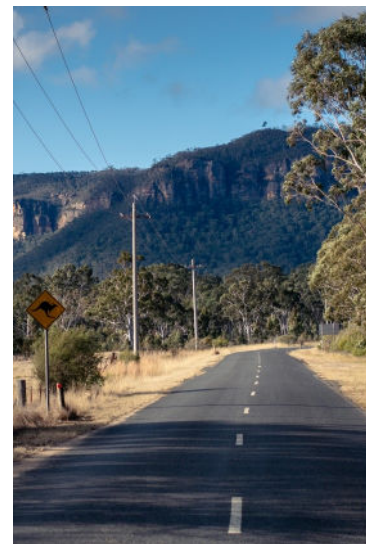


Motor Vehicles

Private motor vehicles and motor bikes can be imported into Australia but there are several requirements and regulations to comply with. In general, there is no duty free or GST (Goods Services Tax) free concession so all vehicles are subject to duty and/or GST. This is calculated by the Australian Customs Service on the value of the vehicle and with some high value luxury vehicles there is also an additional Luxury Car Tax.

To export your vehicle to Australia you must meet the following criteria:

1. The vehicle must have been owned and used by the applicant for a continuous period of at least 12 months.
2. At the time the vehicle is imported, the applicant must be an Australian citizen, an Australian permanent resident or a person who has at least applied to become an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident.
3. The applicant is of an age that entitles them to hold a licence or a permit to drive a road vehicle of that type.
4. The applicant undertakes to comply with any requirements as to road safety that are imposed in respect of the vehicle by the administrator in Australia.
5. The applicant has not imported another vehicle within the previous 5 years.
6. Ensure the vehicle complies with the Australian Asbestos regulations and sign a declaration



If you meet this criteria, then you will need to apply for a "Vehicle Import Approval" from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications based in Canberra, and pay the application fee. Any vehicle shipped without approval will be destroyed or returned to the point of origin at the owners expense. Non motorized caravans and trailers will also need an import approval although there is no duty or GST if owned and used for more than 12 months and you intend to take up permanent residence in Australia. The following documents are also required with the "Vehicle Import Approval" application: clear copy of your passport (Photo ID page with signature), itinerary of travel, purchase documents and registration documents in your name.

You may also be required to demonstrate your credentials as a genuine migrant by supplying at least three of the following:

- a. Letter from employer stating where you are working
- b. Rental/purchase agreement for property in Australia
- c. Opening of an Australian bank account
- d. Australian telephone/electricity accounts
- e. Australian tax file number
- f. Medicare card
- g. Enrolment of children in an Australian school
- h. Sale of New Zealand property/cancellation of rental
- i. Resignation from work in New Zealand

Once your vehicle arrives in Australia it must comply with the Australian Design Rules. Vehicles are tested to ensure they meet ADR rules and if they do not comply they are to be modified at the owners expense. Vehicles for use on Australian roads need to be registered as roadworthy with a State or Territory vehicle registration authority. For further information on importing vehicles into Australia visit our website:

www.transworld.co.nz

Quarantine

Personal Effects & Motor Vehicles

Australia's unique environment and important agricultural industries are free from many pests and diseases found in other parts of the world. The movement of personal effects is one way these could be introduced. For example, outdoor furniture could harbour timber pests or be contaminated with soil or exotic weed seeds, while animal products such as meat, eggs, milk or cheese could contain diseases that could be transmitted to humans and other animals. When preparing for your removal you need to ensure that all garden tools, outdoor furniture, lawn mowers, bicycles, sporting equipment, shoes and boots are free of soil and seed contaminants. Your vacuum cleaner should be thoroughly cleaned, the bag emptied and disposed of (where necessary). If your motor vehicle is being shipped, the vehicle will need to be thoroughly cleaned inside and out, taking special care under the vehicle including the wheel arches. Australian Quarantine is in force to ensure Australia's natural and economic assets are protected from these risks while facilitating the international movement of people and goods. Because of the risks involved, you must advise on the Customs and Quarantine (B534) form of specific items in your consignment.

Please be aware that penalties are in place for providing false or misleading information on this form. We advise that you talk to your sales consultant if you are unsure about any of the questions.

A Quarantine examination is mandatory on all shipments of personal effects and motor vehicles arriving in Australia. The examination needs to be carried out at a quarantine approved depot and our nominated destination agent will facilitate this examination at their quarantine approved furniture warehouse. An additional cost will be charged for quarantine examinations and further treatment if required. Treatment may include steam cleaning for the removal of soil contamination, fumigation of timber items to destroy insect pests, heat treatment to devitalize plant material or seizure and destruction of prohibited items. On packing your effects for shipping, a detailed inventory is compiled. This inventory assists Quarantine in finding specific 'at risk' goods. For Packed by Owner effects, second hand cartons should not be used that originally contained fruit, vegetables, flowers, eggs, straw or sawdust, these are all prohibited imports. For further information on Quarantine visit our website: [Moving to Australia](#)

Quarantine

Prohibited Items <i>Prohibited unless accompanied by a valid permit</i>	Restricted Items <i>These items will need to be inspected and if necessary—treated</i>
<p>EGGS & EGG PRODUCTS All whole, dried and powdered eggs, any egg products that contain more than 10% egg as an ingredient, such as mayonnaise.</p> <p>DAIRY PRODUCTS All dairy products. Whole and dried products that contain more than 10% dairy product as an ingredient. (Dairy products that contain 100% New Zealand ingredients are allowed).</p> <p>MEAT PRODUCTS All animal species - fresh, dried, frozen, cooked, canned, smoked, salted or preserved meat, including salami and sausages.</p> <p>LIVE PLANTS All potted/bare rooted plants, cuttings, roots, bulbs, corms, rhizomes, stems, and other visible plant material (flowers that may be propagated e.g. roses, carnations and chrysanthemums).</p> <p>LIVE ANIMALS All mammals, birds, bird eggs and nests, fish, reptiles, amphibians, arthropods and insects.</p> <p>SEEDS & NUTS Cereal grains, popping corn, raw nuts, chestnuts, pine cones, birdseed, unidentified seeds, and some commercially packaged seeds and seed ornaments.</p> <p>FRESH FRUIT OR VEGETABLES All fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables.</p> <p>SALMON & TROUT PRODUCTS Fresh, canned and dried.</p> <p>SOIL & SAND Includes all items filled with soil or sand.</p> <p>PACKING MATERIALS & STUFFING That include used fruit cartons (e.g. apple or banana), egg cartons, straw, sawdust, raw cotton and raw wool.</p> <p>DRINKS Containing milk, honey and eggs are prohibited.</p> <p>BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL Includes human and animal vaccines, veterinary therapeutics.</p> <p>PET FOOD All pet food is prohibited including dog chews.</p> <p>CITES (<i>Convention on International Trade in Endangered species</i>) an international agreement between Governments to stop international trade in endangered animals and plants. Including products or souvenirs made from a CITES protected Species ie. jewellery made from coral, animal & reptile skins, ivory, traditional medicines containing wildlife, items made from turtle etc.</p>	<p>FOODS All dried and canned food, noodles, rice, herbs, spices, snack foods, biscuits, cakes, confectionery, tea, coffee and other beverages.</p> <p>BAMBOO, CANE, RATTAN, WOODEN ARTICLES OR CARVINGS All baskets and furnishings including painted or lacquered will be inspected to make sure they are free from insect damage.</p> <p>FEATHERS, BONES, HORNS & TUSKS All must be clean and free from any tissue, blood, faeces or soil.</p> <p>SKINS, HIDES, FURS, WOOL & ANIMAL HAIR Rawhide including drums, shields, fleece, yarn and craft items.</p> <p>STUFFED ANIMALS & BIRDS A taxidermy certificate is required. Some may be prohibited under the CITES international agreement of endangered species.</p> <p>USED ANIMAL EQUIPMENT Including veterinary equipment, shearing or meat trade tools, saddlery, all animal/bird cages.</p> <p>SHELLS Including jewellery, curios and souvenirs.</p> <p>BEE PRODUCTS Including pollen, honeycomb and beeswax.</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Including wreaths and ornaments.</p> <p>POT POURRI & OTHERS Coconut shells, wheat bags, goods containing cereal grain, corn husks and seeds, craft or hobby items made from animal or plant material.</p> <p>FLOWERS FRESH / DRIED & LEIS</p> <p>ARTEFACTS, HANDICRAFTS, MATS, BAGS & OTHERS Made from plant material, palm fronds or leaves.</p> <p>HERBAL/THERAPEUTIC MEDICINES Remedies, tonics and herbal teas. Some may require a permit to import biological material.</p> <p>SPORTING & CAMPING EQUIPMENT, FOOTWEAR OR CLOTHING Including tents, footwear, hiking boots, golf equipment, bicycles, fishing equipment. Any clothing or footwear used in rural areas or carrying contamination from soil, faeces or plant material.</p>

Customs

Prohibited Items	Restricted Items <i>These items will require inspection and approved permits</i>
<p>OBJECTIONABLE/INDECENT recorded material which is likely to cause offence to a reasonable adult.</p> <p>CONTROLLED DRUGS of any kind including but not limited to LSD, methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, cannabis and cannabis/drug paraphernalia (whether used or not), ecstasy, steroids, DHEA or performance-enhancing drugs.</p>	<p>PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES are restricted, must be in their original container and evidence provided to prove they were prescribed by a medical practitioner.</p> <p>TRADITIONAL OR HERBAL MEDICINES containing plant or plant products</p>

Pets

Transportation can be arranged for your pet to travel from New Zealand to Australia. Cats and dogs do not require an import permit however, import conditions apply. The animal must be accompanied by a health certificate signed by a veterinarian approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Primary Industries. The health certificate must be an original document, and copies will not be accepted. The exporter/owner must also sign a Statutory Declaration for each pet confirming that they meet the criteria, including: must be microchipped, be over two months of age, resident for a minimum 90 days in New Zealand prior to shipping and not more than 40 days pregnant at time of travel.

If a dog has been imported into NZ from any country other than Australia, blood tests are required for Leishmania Infantum & Ehrlichia Canis. These can take up to 2 weeks to process. An additional treatment is required for dogs originating from South Africa.

Both Cats and Dogs cannot be imported into Australia if of an ineligible breed such as:

Dogs: Pitbull type, Dogo Argentino, Wolfdog cross etc.

Cats: Savannah, Chausie, Bengal etc.

A full list is provided on: www.agriculture.gov.au/cats-dogs

Firearms & Weapons

All firearms are subject to the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956 and require an import approval prior to the goods arriving in Australia.

The importer will need to apply to the Police Firearms or Weapons Registry in the State or Territory of where the importer will reside by obtaining an Importation of Firearms – Police Confirmation and Certification Form. This form must be presented to the Australian Border Force on arrival of the firearms into Australia.

Customs will seize the items and hand over to State Police for a ballistics inspection. The firearms can only be retrieved when passed by inspection and the import approval has been sighted by Police. Ornamental and decommissioned antique guns will be treated as though they are working firearms until they have been inspected by Customs officials.

The importation of other types of weapons, including flick knives, daggers, swordsticks, knuckle dusters, replica guns, BB guns and unsafe firearms is prohibited.

Foreign Exchange

When transferring funds there are many options but typically you get much better conversion rates using a specialist foreign exchange company.

Transworld International Removals has partnered with XE, a trusted global payments and foreign exchange specialist to provide highly competitive exchange rates and tailored currency advice to both private individuals and businesses alike.

Benefits include: preferential rates, no TT fees, personalised guidance from expert dealers, simple secure money transfers.

To set up a FREE, no obligation account with XE Money Transfer simply [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Simon Kelly on 09 306 3705 or 021906855 or email simon.kelly@xe.com



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