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Travellers Arriving in Fiji

ON ARRIVAL

Declarations

Before you arrive in Fiji , you will receive a Fiji passenger arrival card . You must tick 'yes' in the customs section of your arrival card if you are bringing any of the following into Fiji:

- Goods which may be prohibited. Click to access [Prohibited Imports and Exports Regulations](#) 1986,
- More than 200grams of tobacco products per adult (17 years and over) (200 cigarettes equals 200 grams)
- More than 2 x 1.125 litres of alcoholic beverages per adult (17 years and over)
- Goods for commercial purpose (such as sample for any goods intended for sale, lease, hire, or exchange)
- Any professional or technical equipment
- Any other personal goods the total value of which exceeds **FJ\$400** (NOTE: Exclude used personal effects that a passenger may reasonably be expected to carry in their baggage)

Please have any purchase receipts available

Everything you bring with you must be declared whether personal or business at time of clearance. Click [here](#) to access baggage declaration form

RED/GREEN WAYS OUT

After being cleared by Primary Line ([Fiji Immigration website](#)) you collect your baggage and clear through Customs control either:

- Walk through the nothing to declare way out (green exit) if you have not declared any Customs or agricultural goods on your arrival card or
- Go to the goods to declare way out (red exit) if you have declared any Customs or agricultural goods on your arrival card, or you are unsure which exit to use

Baggage Search

The baggage of any traveler may be searched as stated in Section 10, Subsection 2 of [Customs Act 1986](#) by

- Customs Officers
- Agriculture/Quarantine officers
- Security officer
- Military personnel

Import Restrictions

Screening out items harmful to Fiji's interests is an important border function. Importation of some goods is prohibited. Others may be admitted only after they have been subjected to treatment or if they are accompanied by the appropriate documentation.



Medicines

If you are carrying prescription medicines or controlled drugs you should have a prescription from your physician advising that the medicine is being used under a doctor's direction and is necessary for your physical well-being.

Agricultural Items

The following classes of goods must be declared:

- Food of any kind
- Plants or parts of plants (alive or dead)
- Animals (alive or dead) or their products
- Equipment used with animals
- Equipment such as camping gear, golf clubs, and used bicycles
- Biological specimens

Travelers who fill out the quarantine section of the arrival card incorrectly risk an instant fine of **FJ\$200**. Serious breaches of the Fiji Bio security laws may also result in a fine of up to **FJ\$100,000** or a prison term of up to five years.

Contact the ministry of agriculture and forestry and fisheries for more information at [Ministry of Agriculture](#)

Firearms and Weapons



The importation of firearms is strictly controlled and a police permit to import is required. Please declare to Customs officer on arrival any firearms and weapons for safe-keeping.

It is prohibited to import certain types of weapons such as flick knives, swordsticks, knuckle-dusters, and any weapon designed to give the appearance of another article.

Allowances

Personal Effects

Your clothing, toilet articles, personal jewellery (including watches), cameras, laptops that accompany you, are free of duty provided:

- you own them on arrival
- not intended as gifts or for sale or exchange
- used prior to importation
- must be of kind that a passenger may reasonable expected to carry in his baggage

Commercial quantities of individual items of apparel (including footwear) are not covered by this allowance.

Alcohol and Tobacco

A traveler may import tobacco products and alcoholic beverages free of customs duty provided that:

- the traveler must be above 17 years
- for goods not for sale
- the goods are accompanied by the traveler at the time of final disembark
- The goods are not being carried on behalf of any other person or persons

Cigarettes, Cigars, Tobacco Allowances

- Cigarettes not exceeding 250 sticks
- Cigars not exceeding 250g net weight
- Tobacco not exceeding 250g net weight

- Combination of the above but not exceeding 250g net weight
- Spirituous liquors not exceeding 2.25 litres
- Wine not exceeding 4.5 litres
- Beer not exceeding 4.5 litres
- Any combination provided that it does not exceed the equivalent quantity under liquor, wine and beer

Other Accompanied Goods

Travelers may import other dutiable goods provided:

- that value does not exceed **FJ\$400**
- the goods accompany the traveler on arrival
- the goods must be for personal use and not for sale

Currency

There are no restrictions on currency being brought into Fiji by passengers. However if a passenger is in possession of large amount of currency and wishes to avoid problems on his/her departure, he/she should declare them to Customs.

Customs Charges

Goods that do not qualify for allowances would be subject to Customs duty. The Customs duty rates are prescribed under the Customs Tariff Act . Normally duty is charged through ad valorem and specific rates.

All goods subject to Customs duty also liable to payment of Value Added Tax (VAT).

Where passengers are either unable or unwilling to pay duty, the goods would be detained pending formal abandonment and later disposal. [Link to Customs Act, Section 29.](#)

All Customs payments must be made in Fijian currency and all value for duty is calculated in Fijian dollars inclusive of insurance and freight (CIF value).

Drug Offences

It is prohibited to import dangerous drugs to Fiji . Dangerous drugs include:

- Raw or prepared opium
- Indian hemp
- Cocaine
- Methamphetamines
- Lysergide

Utensils

It is also prohibited to import utensils for preparation of drugs. Utensils include:

- Cannabis utensils (such as bongs, hash and head pipes, hubble bubbles, hookahs, and roach clips with a pincer or tweezer action)
- Opium pipes

It is a serious offence to smuggle drugs into Fiji. Heavy or severe penalties including fines and

imprisonment will be imposed on offenders.

Reporting Suspicions

If you have any information concerning the importation of drugs or suspect that drugs are being imported or smuggled into Fiji, please advise the authorities at:

CustomsEvasion@frca.org.fj

Money

Any person carrying substantial amount of money must accompany a letter from the Governor of the [Reserve Bank](#) of the last port of the monetary transaction.

Radio Transmitters and Telecommunications Equipment

Not all radio services have common frequency allocations throughout the world. Radio transmitters and telecommunications equipment that operate satisfactorily in one country may cause interference to other radio or television broadcast reception in the Fiji Islands.

Before considering the purchase and importation of radio transmitters, cordless and cellular phones, and similar equipment, check with the Telecommunications Authority that the devices meet Fiji technical standards.

Domestic Pets

Prohibitions and restrictions governing the entry of domestic pets (such as cats and dogs) into Fiji are strictly enforced.

Contact the [Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry](#) for more information.

Endangered Species (CITES)

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was formulated to regulate and monitor the trade in endangered species. CITES works by placing controls on international trade in specimens of CITES-listed species.

The following plants and species may be subject to CITES, as well as any products manufactured from them, for example, jewellery, ornaments, carvings, feathers and so on.

However whales teeth (tabua) unless license obtained from the [Ministry of Fijian Affairs](#).

Commercial Goods

All commercial goods, goods for resale, or goods for use in your business, will be subject to duty (where applicable) and Value Added Tax (VAT). You should declare these goods on your arrival card and go to the "Goods to Declare Way Out" (red exit).

If the value of the goods is less than **FJ\$100** or if it is a perishable item, or medicine urgently needed the goods can be cleared after payment of duty (if applicable) at the airport if prior arrangements have been made for a Customs agents to clear the goods. Customs officers will prepare the Customs paperwork on behalf of the importer.

If the value of the goods is more than **FJ\$100** and you have not arranged pre-clearance, the goods are held under Customs control until an Import Entry has been processed and cleared. You will not be able to take the goods with you from the airport. The goods has to be detained

and detention notice to be issued to the owner/agents.

Calculation of duty payable

To determine the value of the goods you are bringing in to the country and the related duty payable to FIRCA liaise with [Customs HelpDesk](#)

Household Effects

Information for travelers about importing household effects:

- Clearance procedures
- When customs charges are payable
- When no customs charges are payable
- Concession code 219/220 of part III [customs tariff](#) 1986

Clearance procedures

Customs Agents, airlines and shipping companies will usually provide arrival papers around the time your effects are imported. Some freight forwarders/Customs brokers or removal companies will assist you with customs formalities. To obtain clearance of the shipment you need to:

- complete an unaccompanied personal [baggage declaration form](#), which is the declaration for agriculture and customs.
- arrange an agricultural clearance for the shipment through the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry & Fisheries.
- obtain any permits that may be needed for (e.g. a police permit to import) if you have firearms in the shipment.
- arrange for a customs clearance.

To arrange a clearance, customs require:

- a completed unaccompanied [personal baggage declaration](#)
- the agriculture clearance
- permits from other agencies (where applicable)
- your passport
- an inventory of what is in the shipment
- an invoice of new items
- the shipping arrival papers (such as the bill of lading, airway bill, or arrival advice)

At the time your goods arrive, you will need to arrange one customs agent either to warehouse or to clear your goods after paying the duty and Value Added Tax (VAT) to Fiji Islands Revenue & Customs Authority, where applicable.

If you need further information, please contact any [Customs office](#)

When customs charges are payable.

Where the [criteria for duty free entry](#) of household effects are not met, customs charges may be payable. Where applicable customs duty is levied on the transaction value of the goods (the price actually paid for them) a depreciation allowance for length of personal ownership and use may also be given when the goods are valued at the port of entry in terms of GATT valuation.

Value Added Tax (VAT) of **12.5 percent** is then calculated on the duty inclusive value for duty. It is recommended that you retain your purchase documentation.

If you require further duty rate information, please contact any [Customs office](#) at the following ports Suva, Lautoka, Nadi, Nausori, Levuka and Savusavu or email at customshelp@frca.org.fj

When no customs charges apply

Your household ([refer to baggage declaration form for definition](#)) or other related effects (excluding motor vehicles, boats, aircraft, alcoholic beverages, tobacco goods, firearms, motor cycles and scooters) will be admitted free of duty and exempt VAT for a reasonable time after you arrive, provided you can meet all of the following requirements:

- you are coming to Fiji with the intention and legal authority to take up or resume permanent residence.
- you have lived outside Fiji for the whole of the **12 months** before the date of your arrival in Fiji .
- you have owned and used the goods before the date of departure for Fiji for **more than 12 months** .
- the goods are for your own personal use and not intended for any other persons or for gift, sale or exchange.

The following goods will not qualify for free entry unless you can establish that the items have had personal use prior to their arrival in Fiji :

- goods shipped directly after purchase to avoid local taxes in the country of export.
- replacement electrical equipment operating to Fiji standards.

Goods of a commercial nature (such as factory plant and office equipment) do not qualify as household effects. You can also refer to [baggage Declaration form](#)

Calculation of customs charges

Where applicable, Customs duty is levied on the transaction value of the goods (the price actually paid for them). Value Added Tax (VAT) of **12.5 percent** is then calculated on the duty inclusive value. If the goods are not imported as accompanied baggage and there are freight and/or insurance charges, these costs will also form part of the calculation for VAT.

In addition to the payment of duty and VAT, an Import Entry Transaction Fee of FJ\$7.00 (VAT inclusive) may apply. The fee is payable at the same time that duty and VAT is collected.

Payment of customs charges

Payments will only be accepted in Fiji currency.

Unaccompanied passengers' baggage

The owner of goods has to fill the [baggage declaration form](#) (C22) in the presence of persons as laid down in the baggage form.

The Customs will require the following documents to establish whether the person has actually traveled abroad and whether the person is entitled to clear the goods duty free in terms of concession code 219,220,203 and 204.

The Customs will see the value declared on the baggage by the owner is less than **FJ\$1,000** the Customs will facilitate the clearance on Air Way Bill (AWB).

When the declared value on the baggage declaration form is more than FJ\$1000.00 than the owners has to clear his goods through Customs Entry (SAD),IM4.

Motor Vehicles

Information for travellers about importing motor vehicles:

- Clearance Procedures
- Personal Belongings in Vehicles
- When Customs Charges are Payable
- When No Customs Charges Apply
- Tourist Vehicles
- Imports from Australia, Japan, UK
- Other Information
- Certification for Registration

Clearance Procedures

Shipping companies and Customs Agents will usually provide arrival papers around the time your vehicle is imported. Some freight forwarders/Customs brokers or Customs Agents will also assist you with the Customs formalities. If you are completing the Customs formalities yourself, it is recommended that you make an appointment with your local [Customs office](#).

To obtain delivery of the vehicle you need to:

- arrange an agricultural clearance for the vehicle through Quarantine department of [Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry](#).
- arrange for a Customs clearance.

To obtain delivery, Customs control requires:

- the quarantine/agriculture clearance.
- your passport.
- invoice receipt showing total price paid and date of purchase.
- registration papers or Certificate of Permanent Export (UK), Certificate of Title (USA), or De-registration Certificate (Japan).
- invoice showing export costs (Japan).

- invoice showing freight costs and insurance to Fiji .
- Bill of Lading.
- odometer reading at time of sale for export to Fiji .
- odometer reading at time of importation into Fiji .
- additional information if you are also clearing household effects .

After Customs clearance, the vehicle should be presented to a Lands Transport Authority (LTA) agent for inspection and a compliance audit for certification for registration.

Personal Belongings in Vehicles

It is recommended that you do not pack personal belongings in your vehicle when it is being shipped to Fiji for the following reasons.

If your vehicle is not containerised, items are very susceptible to pilferage and theft while the vehicle is on the wharf awaiting shipment or collection, or on the vessel carrying the vehicle to Fiji .

Many shippers or carriers will not accept your vehicle for shipment to Fiji if it is packed with personal belongings.

The shipper or carrier is required to present a complete list of what is being transported, including the contents of your vehicle, to the Fiji Islands Revenue & Customs Authority.

The complete contents of your vehicle must be declared at the time they are presented to the Fiji Islands Revenue & Customs Authority for entry into Fiji . If this is not done, you may be subject to a fine and the vehicle and its contents may be seized.

When Customs charges are payable

Vehicles which do not qualify for concessionary entry are subject to duty (where applicable) and VAT.

Valuation of privately imported vehicles

The Customs value of privately imported new or used motor vehicles is determined in accordance with the provisions of the Customs Tariff Act 1986 . In normal circumstances, the Customs value is determined as the price paid or payable. [Refer to valuation.](#)

- any overseas duties or taxes included in the price paid which have been rebated or refunded before the vehicle arrives in Fiji .
- an allowance for depreciation if the vehicle has been personally owned and used by the importer overseas for not less than 90 days prior to the arrival of the vehicle in Fiji.

Where an importer supplies insufficient or unsatisfactory information, the FIRCA may determine a value employing one of the alternative methods provided in the Customs Tariff Act 1986 . For example, an alternative method of valuation may be used when:

- the importer has purchased the vehicle overseas at an unrealistically low or token price
- the vehicle was acquired by the importer as a gift or prize
- the vehicle was constructed overseas by the importer
- the value of the vehicle has been altered significantly after the date of purchase, for example major restoration, modification or improvement
- use of the depreciation allowance results in an unrealistically high Customs value.

To determine an alternative valuation:

- the Fiji market value of the vehicle, as imported, is established
- a series of deductions is made for such things as overseas freight and insurance, duty (where applicable), VAT and normal mark-ups, until a nominal value for duty can be determined
- duty (if applicable) and VAT are calculated on the nominal value.

When no Customs charges apply

More detail below on:

- Eligibility
- Conditions

Eligibility

Concessionary entry for motor vehicles is available to immigrants and Fiji residents returning after an absence overseas of twelve (12) months or more , with the intention to take up or resume permanent residence.

Conditions

In order to qualify for concessionary entry, the following conditions must be met in full:

- you have arrived in Fiji with the legal authority to take up or resume permanent residence.
- for the whole of the period of twelve (12) months preceding your arrival, you have resided outside or have been domiciled outside Fiji . Brief holidays or exploratory visits do not exclude a person from qualifying for this concession.
- you have personally owned and used the vehicle for at least one (1) year before the date of your departure for Fiji .
- the vehicle is being imported for your own personal use and not for sale, gift or disposal in any other way.
- you give an undertaking that the vehicle granted duty/concession entry will not be sold or otherwise disposed of within five (5) years of importation.

These conditions are strictly applied and the Fiji Islands Revenue & Customs Authority has no discretionary license to adapt them to suit particular circumstances. If the above criteria cannot be met the vehicle will be considered a non-concessionary import and Customs charges are payable .

Boats and Aircraft

Information for travellers about importing boats and aircraft:

Customs Charges Payable

Boats and aircraft, which do not qualify for concessionary entry, are subject to duty (where applicable) and VAT. [Customs Contact](#)

More details below on:

Duty Rates

If applicable, the duty rate is calculated on the transaction value of the vessel (the price actually paid for it):

- boats vary in duty from **0-27%** . The rate of duty is dependent on the tariff classification of the boat. Refer to chapter 89 of Customs Tariff.
- duty on aircraft is also from **0-3%**. The rate of duty is dependent on the tariff classification of the aircraft. Refer to chapter 88 of Customs Tariff.

VAT

Boats and aircraft are subject to Value Added Tax (VAT), which is currently **12.5%**. VAT is calculated on the duty payable inclusive of value for duty (VFD).

Import Transaction Fee

In addition to the payment of duty and VAT, an import entry (SAD) transaction fee of **FJ\$7** (VAT inclusive) may apply. The fee is payable at the same time that duty and VAT is collected by Customs.

Travellers Departing Fiji

Help with customs formalities when you depart from Fiji.

- On departure
- Export restriction

On departure

Declarations

Before departing Fiji you may not need to declare your personal effects except:

- if you have in your possession currency in excess of **FJ\$5,000 in foreign currency and FJ\$500 cash** (approval from the Governor of the Reserve Bank of Fiji is required)
- if you have in your possession equipment that you may carry with you when you return to Fiji and which may exceed your arrival passenger allowance

Migration from Fiji to another Country

- any person who is migrating from Fiji has to obtain clearance from Revenue Collection Division of FIRCA.

Baggage search

The baggage of any traveler may be searched as stated in Section 10, Subsection 2 of [Customs Act 1986](#) by:

- Customs Officers.
- Security officers.
- Military personnel.

Export restrictions

Certain goods may have export restrictions like drugs, birds, Fijian artifacts etc. You will be required to fulfill certain requirements to enable you to export such. Contact the [Customs office](#) or email at customshelp@frca.org.fj for more information .

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES.

CITES Reference	Species	Common Trade	Permit Requirements
Appendix 1		Turtle shell and all products made from turtle shell	Import / Export Permit under CITES
Appendix 1		Live Bats, Blood of Bats	CITES Permit.
Appendix 1		Live Lizards, Blood of Lizards, Lizard eggs	CITES Permit
Appendix 1		Tabua and all teeth of sperm whales	Exit letter from Ministry of Fijian Affairs. CITES Permit.

Appendix 1		Live bird blood, Eggs of falcon	CITES Permit
Appendix 1		Whole plant, Cut flowers, Seedlings, Seed	CITES Permit.
Appendix 11		Live coral, dead coral.	Fisheries Export License, CITES permit.
Appendix 11		Live clams, Clam meat, Clam shell.	Fisheries Export license, CITES permit.
Appendix 11		Live fish, Dead fish, Frozen or chilled fish.	Fisheries Export License, CITES Permit.

Appendix 11		Live animals, Parrot feathers	CITES Permit
EPS Schedule 11		Live Bird	Dept. of Environment Permit.
EPS Schedule 1		Pink Billed Parrot finch	Dept. of Environment Permit.
Appendix 11		Whole or carved balabala	CITES Permit.

Appendix 11		Cycad Whole plant	CITES Permit
Appendix 11		Big Leaf Mahogany Timber, Timber Products	Forestry Export Department.
Fisheries Act CPIER (Customs)		Shell in any form <90mm at whorl	Ministry of commerce Permit Fisheries, CITES Permit.
Fisheries Act CPIER (Customs)		Triton Shell	Totally Prohibited
Fisheries Act CPIER (Customs)		Shell	Totally Prohibited

Fisheries Act CPIER (Custom)		Dri < 7.6cm	Fisheries' Export License
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Agricultural items

It is recommended that you visit the Agricultural Quarantine department should you intend to export or carry on hand the following classes of goods:

- food of any kind.
- plants or parts of plants (alive or dead).
- animals (alive or dead) or their products.
- equipment used with animals.
- equipment such as camping gear, golf clubs, and used bicycles.
- biological specimens.

Firearms and weapons

The exportation of firearms is restricted and a police permit to export is required. Please declare to Customs officer or security officer on departure any firearms and weapons for safekeeping and later collection.

Currency

There are no restrictions on currency being brought into Fiji by passengers. However if a passenger is in possession of large amount of currency and wishes to avoid problems on his/her departure, he/she should declare them to Customs.

Reserve Bank approval would be required for carrying currency **in excess of FJ\$5,000 in foreign currency and FJ\$500 cash**. Should excess currency be found in your possession it would be liable for seizure and for forfeiture to the Government of Fiji and you may also be prosecuted. Link to [Reserve Bank](#)



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