

Customs Requirements

Household Effects Customs Requirements

To qualify for a duty-free import of household goods to South Africa the client needs to be a citizen or a permanent resident that was abroad for more than six months.

OR

The client can be a first-time immigrant that has obtained permanent residence prior to arriving in South Africa.

OR

The client must have obtained a work/study permit valid for at least 1 year.

All the above require the client to come to our offices and fill in a DA304 form, P1.160 form and Affidavit form (were required). They will also need to produce their passport that we need to take to customs to have the above mentioned documents stamped.

If the client has applied for residency or a work/study permit and it is pending, they may pay a provisional payment (deposit) of 50% of the second-hand value of the goods. Which will be refunded once their relevant permit is issued. If the permit is not issued the funds will be used to cover the import duty and the balance returned.

If the client does not qualify for any of the above, import duty will be payable. The duty depends on the commodities, but normally balances out to just under 50% of the second hand value with the VAT included.

Bequeathed Goods

Bequeathed goods are duty free. We require death certificate, a final will and testament and a letter from lawyer/solicitor/attorney stating that the goods are bequeathed to the importer in South Africa



