



# Application for a Personally Imported Vehicle

The Personal Imports Scheme allows migrants settling in Australia, and expatriate Australian citizens returning permanently to Australia after a long period overseas, to bring their personal vehicles with them. The Personal Imports Scheme is outlined at regulation 13 of the *Motor Vehicle Standards Regulations 1989*.

Use the Department's information brochure *Importing Vehicles to Australia* to complete this form. Download it from [www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/vehicle\\_regulation/bulletin/importing\\_vehicles/index.aspx](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/vehicle_regulation/bulletin/importing_vehicles/index.aspx).

You will need an Import Approval to take delivery of your vehicle from Customs Control at the Australian port of entry.

**Do not ship your vehicle until after you receive an Import Approval.**

Please note that incomplete applications or missing documents will delay the issue of an Import Approval.

## Part 1, The applicant

Is this your first application? Yes  No

Title: Mr  Ms  Mrs  Miss  Other

Full name of vehicle owner:  
(The Import Approval will be issued to the vehicle owner.)

Your date of birth:  /  /

Your address:

  


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Postcode:

Email:

Phone:  Fax:

Are you an Australian citizen? Yes  No

Are you an Australian permanent resident? Yes  No

Have you applied to become an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident? Yes  No

Do you hold a visa that allows you to apply to become an Australian permanent resident? Yes  No

Are you otherwise entitled to remain in Australia indefinitely? Yes  No

Please state your previous country of residence:

Were you born in your previous country of residence? Yes  No

If not, what is the date you arrived in your previous country of residence?  /  /

## Part 2, Your agent

You may nominate a Freight Forwarding Agent or other Agent to act on your behalf. Please note that, if any further information is required, your Agent will be contacted.

Contact name:

Company name:

Phone:  Fax:

Email:

## Part 3, Your vehicle details

Car  Motorcycle  Truck

Trailer  Caravan  5th wheeler

Other

Make:  Model:

Date of manufacture (if known):  
Month  Year

Vehicle Identification Number or Chassis Number:

Current physical location of the vehicle:

Country in which the vehicle was first offered for sale:

## Part 4, Your Australian residency

Do you intend to become an Australian resident and remain in Australia indefinitely?

Yes  No

Date you arrived / are arriving in Australia:

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**Note.** Applications may be made before you arrive in Australia. Alternatively, applications may be made up to 6 months after you arrive in Australia. Please refer to pages 16-19 of *Importing Vehicles to Australia* for further details.

## Part 5, Vehicle ownership and use

Do you currently own the vehicle?

Yes  No

Date you acquired ownership of the vehicle overseas:

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Date of first overseas registration of the vehicle (in your name):

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Date you stopped / intend to stop using the vehicle overseas:

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Have you owned the vehicle (while overseas) for a continuous period of at least 12 months?

Yes  No

During this period of ownership, was the vehicle available to you for use in transport?

Yes  No

**Note.** To be available for use in transport, the vehicle should be registered (in your name) and garaged (at or near your overseas residence) so that you could, if needed, drive the vehicle. In addition, you should have held an appropriate licence to drive the vehicle overseas. The period of ownership and use should occur immediately before you arrive in Australia. Please refer to pages 16-19 of *Importing Vehicles to Australia* for further details.

## Part 6, Documents attached to this application form

You should attach the following documents, in the first instance, in support of your application. Please indicate the documents you have attached to this application.

A copy of your driver's licence.

A copy of the purchase documents for the vehicle (in your name).

A copy of the vehicle registration documents, for the past 12 months (in your name).

Your statement of travel. The statement of travel is prepared by you, and itemises any international travel you undertook during the period you owned and used the vehicle (during the past 12 months). In particular, the statement sets out any absences from your country of residence.

A copy of your passport (this includes a copy of every page, including blank pages). If you hold dual passports, you should provide a copy of both passports.

Applicants must substantiate an intention to remain in Australia by establishing the following details (100 points is required). Please indicate the documents you have attached to this application. (This list is a guide; it is not necessary to include every document.)

Your employment details in Australia (eg, a letter from your employer). **50 points**

Your residential details in Australia (eg, copies of property purchase / rental documents). **50 points**

The shipment of your household goods to Australia (eg, copies of shipping documents). **20 points**

Copies of other residential documents (eg, telephone and electricity accounts). **10 points**

Resignation letter from overseas employer **50 points**

Recent sale/cancellation of overseas residential property **50 points**

Foreign citizens settling in Australia may substantiate an intention to remain in Australia by providing evidence that they have arranged the following details. Please indicate the documents you have attached to this application. (This list is a guide; it is not necessary to include every document.)

Evidence that you have applied for an Australian Tax File Number. **25 points**

Evidence that you have applied for an Australian bank account. **25 points**

Evidence that you have registered with Medicare. **25 points**

Evidence that you have applied for an Australian driver's licence. **25 points**

**Note.** Please refer to pages 16-19 of [Importing Vehicles to Australia](#) for the documents to be submitted. Any document not in the English language should be accompanied by a translation.

### Part 7, Declaration – applicant to sign

This form must be signed by the Applicant ONLY.

I declare that the information provided is true and correct and agree to the information being provided to other government agencies.

Signature:

Full name:

Date:

Personal information provided is covered by the *Privacy Act 1988*. The collection, storage, use and disclosure of any personal information will be subject to the Information Privacy Principles.

#### WARNING

Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence. Offences are set out under Part 7.4 of the *Criminal Code* for giving false or misleading information in applications or documents. Maximum penalties of imprisonment for 12 months are provided.

**Note.** The import of a vehicle (that is nonstandard or does not have an identification plate) without an Import Approval is prohibited under section 18 of the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*. If you ship your vehicle without an Import Approval, your vehicle may be held in Customs bond storage and you may incur storage costs.

If you fail to meet the criteria of the Personal Imports Scheme, you may be refused an Import Approval. If you are refused an Import Approval and your vehicle has already landed in Australia, you may be required to export or dispose of the vehicle. The Import Approval does not ensure automatic release of the vehicle from Customs Control. You must still meet all Customs and Border Protection requirements and the requirements of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service. For information on customs matters (such as customs duties, the goods and services tax and the luxury car tax) please contact the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service. For quarantine matters, please contact the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service. Please refer to pages 16-19 of [Importing Vehicles to Australia](#) for further details on criteria and pages 33-34 for contact details.

### Part 8, Payment of fee

**A Fee of A\$50 must accompany this application. Please select one of the following payment options:**

Cheque

Cheque / money order payable to:

MasterCard

Visa

Money Order

**Receiver of Public Monies**

Credit Card

Cardholder's name

Credit card number:

Expiry Date

Cardholder's signature

Departmental officers will debit the fee from your account. Alternatively, applications forwarded by post may be paid by including a cheque or money order in Australian Dollars for \$50. (Cheques must be drawn from Australian financial institutions.) As set out in Schedule 2 of the *Motor Vehicle Standards Regulations 1989*, this is a fee for lodging an application. Refunds will not be given, even if an application is withdrawn before a decision is made.

### Part 9, Address for application and enquiries

The Administrator of Vehicle Standards  
Vehicle Safety Standards  
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional  
Development and Local Government  
GPO Box 594  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Phone: 1800 815 272 (if calling within Australia)  
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