

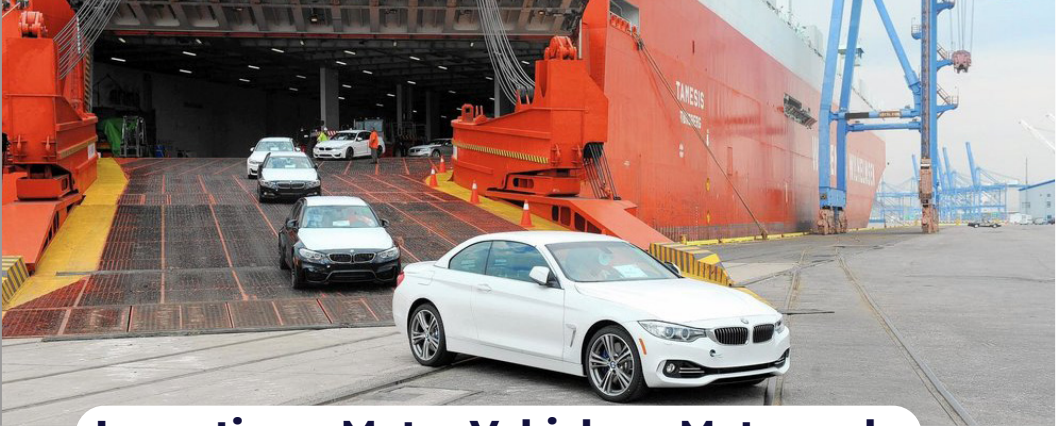


**Jamaica  
Customs  
Agency**  
*'Country Above Self'*

# **IMPORTS: MOTOR VEHICLES**

A Guide to the Importation of Motor Vehicles





## Importing a Motor Vehicle or Motorcycle

The first step is to apply to the Trade Board for a permit before the vehicle is shipped to Jamaica. Also, the vehicle must be inspected prior to shipping and a Pre-inspection Certificate issued by the country of export.

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### Documents required when clearing a motor vehicle

#### Permits

JSWIFT (Jamaica Single Window for Trade).

#### Title or Export Certificate

Issued to the owner of the vehicle by the government of the country where the vehicle was purchased.

#### Bill of Lading

Obtained from the shipping agent.

#### Invoice

An invoice from the supplier is required for all vehicles.

#### Tax Compliance Certificate (TCC)

Obtained from the Tax Administration of Jamaica.

#### Special Declaration

The Special Declaration is prepared by a licensed Customs Broker and must be signed by the Customs Broker and by the importer.

## **Is there an age limit for the importation of motor vehicles?**

Yes. The Trade Board is the agency responsible for establishing the age limits for motor vehicles that are being imported.

## **What is the method used for determining the value of motor vehicles?**

Under the World Trade Agreement, invoices are to be presented to Customs from which the value for duty will be derived.

## **Can I import and clear my own vehicle?**

The clearance of all motor vehicles must be done by a Licensed Customs Broker.

## **Do Returning Residents qualify for concession on motor vehicle importation?**

No. However, the Trade Board will allow Returning Residents to import motor vehicles older than the stipulated age limit up to 10 years.

## **Who qualifies for concessions on motor vehicle Importation?**

Concessionary rates of duty on vehicles are usually given in special circumstances, for example, when the Importer holds a job or position which entitles him to a concessionary rate of duty on the importation of a motor vehicle. People who qualify include farmers, senior teachers and government traveling officers.

## **Who grant these concessions?**

Applications are submitted through the various government ministries to the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service. Applications are submitted through the various government ministries to the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service.

## **How to apply for the motor vehicle permit?**

To obtain an import permit, the applicant is required to register on the JSWIFT (Jamaica Single Window for Trade) portal <https://www.jswift.gov.jm/register>. Once registration is completed the applicant may submit their application for the relevant permit(s).

Video tutorials available on our YouTube Channel.

# MOTOR VEHICLE RATES

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Individual Importers

## Item Description Gasoline Vehicles

Motor Cars, Station Wagons, Estate Cars, Limousines, Range Rover, Suv and Vehicles of Similar Construction	Aggregate Import Duty Rates	IMP Duty	SCTA	GCT
1000 CC & Below	52%	20%	10%	15%
Exceeding 1000 CC but not Exceeding 2000 CC	66%	20%	20%	15%
Exceeding 2000 CC but not Exceeding 3500 CC	80%	20%	30%	15%
Exceeding 3500 CC	80%	20%	30%	15%
<b>Buses</b>				
All Passenger Seats	59%	10%	25%	15%
<b>Imported by Franchise Holders Licensed for use as Public Passenger Transport</b>				
10-14 Passenger Seats	40%	10%	10%	15%
15-24 Passenger Seats	33%	10%	5%	15%
25 and over Passenger Seats	11%	10%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Vans, Trucks, Hearses</b>				
Panel Vans / Window Vans, not exceeding 2032 KG.	59%	10%	25%	15%
Panel Vans / Window Vans, exceeding 2032 KG.	33%	10%	5%	15%
Trucks not Exceeding 2000 KG.	40%	10%	10%	15%
Trucks Exceeding 2000 KG.	33%	10%	5%	15%
Hearses not Exceeding 2032 KG.	95%	30%	30%	15%
Hearses Exceeding 2032 KG.	87%	30%	25%	15%
<b>Pickups</b>				
Compact Pickups under 1850 KG Unladen Weight	39%	20%	0%	15%
Pickups between 1850 - 2200 KG Unladen Weight	66%	20%	20%	15%
Pickups over 2200 KG Unladen Weight	94%	20%	40%	15%
<b>Tractor Heads &amp; Special Purpose Vehicles</b>				
Special Purpose Vehicles	33%	0%	15%	15%
Tractor Heads	27%	0%	10%	15%
<b>Energy Efficient Vehicles</b>				
Hybrid	39%	20%	0%	15%
Electric Vehicle	30%	30%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Motorcycles</b>				
Cycles 300CC & over	39%	20%	0%	15%
Cycles 0CC - 299CC	27%	10%	0.00%	15%

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Item Description

**Diesel Vehicles**

<b>Motor Cars, Station Wagons, Estate Cars, Limousines, Range Rover, SUV and Vehicles of Similar Construction</b>	<b>Aggregate Import Duty Rates</b>	<b>IMP Duty</b>	<b>SCTA</b>	<b>GCT</b>
1000 CC & Below	39%	20%	0%	15%
Exceeding 1000 CC but not Exceeding 2000 CC	52%	10%	20%	15%
Exceeding 2000 CC but not Exceeding 2200 CC	52%	20%	10%	15%
Exceeding 2200 CC but not Exceeding 3500 CC	66%	20%	20%	15%
Exceeding 3500 CC	66%	20%	20%	15%
<b>Buses</b>				
All Passenger Seats & Over	46%	10%	15%	15%
<b>Imported by Franchise Holders Licensed for use as Public Passenger Transport</b>				
10-14 Passenger Seats	27%	10%	0%	15%
15-24 Passenger Seats	27%	10%	0%	15%
25 and over Passenger Seats	11%	10%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Vans, Trucks, Hearses</b>				
Panel Vans / Window Vans, not exceeding 2032 KG.	46%	10%	15%	15%
Panel Vans / Window Vans, exceeding 2032 KG.	33%	10%	5%	15%
Trucks not exceeding 2000 KG.	33%	10%	5%	15%
Trucks exceeding 2000 KG.	27%	10%	0%	15%
Hearses not exceeding 2032 KG.	65%	30%	10%	15%
Hearses exceeding 2032 KG.	65%	30%	10%	15%
<b>Pickups</b>				
Compact Pickups under 1850 KG Unladen Weight	39%	20%	0%	15%
Pickups between 1851 - 2200 KG Unladen Weight	52%	20%	10%	15%
Pickups over 2200 KG Unladen Weight	80%	20%	30%	15%
<b>Tractor Heads &amp; Special Purpose Vehicles</b>				
Special Purpose Vehicles	33%	0%	15%	15%
Tractor Heads	16%	0%	0%	15%

**Note:** Customs Administrative Fee (CAF) for new vehicles is JMD \$63,250.00 and for used vehicles JMD\$ 66,125.00







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