


Returning Resident FAQ



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a) Who is a returning resident?

A returning resident is a person changing residence from a place outside Kenya to a place within Kenya.



b) Can a returning resident import any motor vehicle on duty free basis?

Yes. However, importation of a duty-free motor vehicle excludes buses and minibuses of seating capacity of more than 13 passengers and commercial vehicles of 2 tonnes and above.

What conditions should a returning resident meet in order to import personal and household effects, including motor vehicles on duty free basis?

- a. The person has attained the age of eighteen years; and
- b. The vehicle was used by him outside Kenya for at least twelve months (excluding the period of voyage in the case of shipment)
- c. The vehicle is owned and registered in his name and/or his spouse's.



c) What documents are required for an exemption of a returning resident to be processed?

- a) Passport - original, (if issued within last 2 years, the old passport is also required)
- b) Residence Visa/Work Permit - original
- c) PIN Certificate
- d) Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – original
- e) Comprehensive Valued Inventory – 3 copies, detailed per box w/boxes numbered, signed by owner
- f) Packing List
- g) Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance



d) Can a returning resident import a left-hand drive (LHD) motor vehicle?

A Kenyan resident returning from a country that operates left-hand drive (LHD) motor vehicles is allowed to import a replacement right hand drive (RHD) vehicle from any other source.

However, the following conditions must be met:

- a. The replacement motor vehicle current retail selling price should not exceed that of the previously owned left-hand drive vehicle.
- b. The returning resident must show proof that they owned and personally used the left-hand drive vehicle in the country of former residence for a period of at least one year, prior to their return.
- c. They must also provide proof of disposal (transfer of ownership) of the previously owned vehicle before changing residence from the former country of residence.

