

# **Malawi Country Guide**

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**Used Household Goods and Personal Effects**

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## **Documents Required**

- Copy of passport
- Packing list
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / no express release / air waybill (AWB)
- Original valued inventory in English, dated, and signed by the owner of the goods
- Invoices for all electrical items less than 6 months old
- Employment contract
- Diplomatic exemption (diplomats)

## **Specific Information**

- The agent must receive documents at least 15 days prior to arrival of the shipment to allow agent time to apply for a duty exemption on the used household goods.
- The owner of the goods must be present during the clearing process.
- New personal effects are subject to 30% to 80% tax on declared value. The diplomatic organization will apply for documents on behalf of the owner of the goods with the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs and must have copies of the OBL / AWB and packing list to initiate Customs clearance (diplomats).

## **Motor Vehicles**

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### **Documents Required**

- Copy of passport
- Original registration card
- Owner of the goods' employment contract
- Original purchase invoice
- OBL (no express release) / AWB

### **Specific Information**

- Taxes on vehicles will depend on age, power, etc. of approximately 95% to 150% cost, insurance, and freight (CIF).
- The OBL must show chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand, and model.

## Pets

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### Documents Required

- Veterinary health certificate
- Valid vaccination record

### Specific Information

Current vaccinations and permission from nearest embassy are required for the importation of live animals.

### Restricted/Dutiable Items

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- Alcohol (subject to taxes)
- New electrical, electronic items and computers are subject to 50% to 150% tax on the declared value
- One used computer is granted duty free
- Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the territorial administration required)

### Prohibited Items

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- Illegal drugs
- Pornography
- Explosive materials
- Counterfeit items

### Consignment Instructions

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**Recommended:** Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

# Cultural and Other Information

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CIA World Factbook

Wikipedia Entry for Malawi