

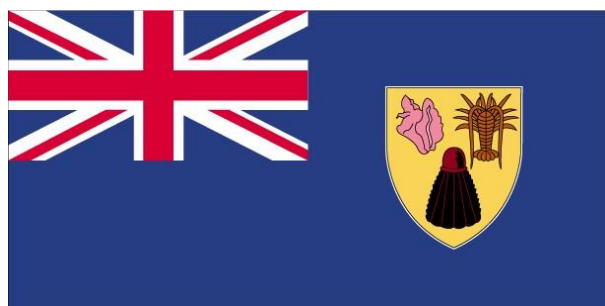
Turks and Caicos Islands Country Guide

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required:

- Passport (bio-data page)
- Work permit / residence permit / other legal proof of residency
- Letter of exemption issued by the Turks & Caicos Customs Department (if applicable)

- Original bill of lading (OBL) / express release / air waybill (AWB)
- Detailed valued inventory list (in USD)
- Invoices (new items) (in USD)
- TCI Customs import entry form

Specific Information:

- All goods imported by an owner of the goods relocating to the Turks & Caicos Islands, or any returning residents, are duty free when moved within the first 6 months.
 - This excludes motor vehicles, boats, aircrafts, foodstuffs, tobacco products, perfumes, and any alcoholic beverages.
 - The goods must be owned by the owner of the goods and in use for a minimum of 12 months prior to the arrival in Turks & Caicos Islands. ◦ The returning citizen must have lived outside of the country for at least 12 months.
- Even though goods may qualify for duty free import, there is a 7.5% Customs Processing Fee (CPF) applicable to the total value of the goods.
- If the owner of the goods does not qualify for duty free entry, the applicable Customs import duty rate will be applied.

Most household goods have an import duty rate of 30%.

IAM Note: Contact destination agent for further details.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required:

- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / express release / air waybill (AWB)
- Bill of sale
- Certificate of title

Specific Information:

- Vehicle duties are calculated based on the cost, insurance, and freight value (CIF value).
- Customs processing fee (CPF) is calculated on only the value.

Pets

Documents Required:

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate
- Import permit issued by the Turks & Caicos Islands Agriculture Department

Specific Information:

- The import permit must be obtained prior to the importation of any live animal, bird, or fish.
- All live animals (pets) are required to undergo inspection on arrival and must be accompanied by an original copy of an inspection certificate.
Pets that do not clear inspection will be held for no more than 48 hours pending deportation or will be euthanized.
- The inspection certificate must be issued by the Agricultural Authority at origin.
- All pets must be identifiable with a microchip transponder or tattoo. The microchip must have been placed before rabies vaccination was initiated.
- All dogs must be spayed or neutered before importation into the Islands.
Owners of the goods granted an animal breeder's license from the Department of Agriculture, Turks & Caicos Islands are exempted from having their dogs spayed or neutered.
- The canine breeds listed below are strictly prohibited or restricted from being imported into the Turks & Caicos Islands:
 - Prohibited:
Dogo, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Bull Dog, Perro de Presa, Fila Brasileiro, Argentino, American Staffordshire Terrier, Japanese Tosa, & Canario (Canary dog)
 - Restricted:
Appenzeller, Molossus, Beauceron, Bull Mastiff, Dogue de Bordeaux, Mountain Dog, Kuvasz, Moscow Watchdog, Perro de Presa Mallorquin, Boerboel, Aryan, Bandog, Belgian Mastiff, Danish Broholmer, Great Swiss, Korean Jindo, Leonberger, Neapolitan Mastiff, Rottweiler, & Tibetan Mastiff

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Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Weapons and ammunition (require permission from the Commissioner of Police of Turks & Caicos Islands)
- New items
- Meat (import permit required)
- Plants (import permit required)

Prohibited Items

- Weapons and ammunition
- Underwater guns (i.e.: Spear guns, Hawaiian slings and parts)
- Controlled or illegal drugs or paraphernalia
- Pornographic materials

Consignment Instructions

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

CIA World Factbook

Wikipedia Entry for Turks and Caicos Islands