

# Jamaica Country Guide - IAM

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## Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

### Documents Required

- Copy of passport (data page and landing stamp) (2 copies)
- Work permit or residence permit if not a Jamaican citizen
- Unconditional stamp if Jamaican and arriving on foreign passport
- Tax compliance certificate for import of auto / commercial goods
- Tax registration number
- Inventory / packing list
- Unaccompanied baggage declaration form (C.27) provided at the airport upon arrival in Jamaica or at Customs interview
- Letter of employment
- Returning residents must also provide the following documents:
  - Customs declaration form (C.5) provided to the Customs officer at the time of arrival
  - Letternotarized by a J.P. confirming place of residence if staying with a friend or relative or a copy of rental / lease agreement, etc.
  - Documents proving customer has lived outside of Jamaica for more than 3 years
  - Document stating Customer's intention to re-establish permanent residence in Jamaica
  - Letter of separation from employer at origin (foreigners)
  - Tax returns for the last 3 years (foreigners)
  - Pay stubs, W2, P45 (foreigners)

- Invoices or bills from residence abroad (foreigners)
  - Copy of retirement papers / pension advice, P60 (foreigners)
  - Evidence of the disposal of property owned (foreigners)
  - Copy of sale of agreement / purchase agreement (foreigners)
  - Evidence of property acquired (returning citizens)
  - Copy of utility bill, such as electric bill, water bill, etc. (returning citizens)
- Tax receipt (returning citizens)
  - Lease agreement (returning citizens)
  - Evidence of employment (returning citizens)
  - Letter from institution attended (returning students)
  - Copy of 1-20 ID (returning students)
  - Copy of transcript (returning students)
  - Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)

**IAM Note:** All documents should be originals or stamped by the J.P. as true copies.

### **Specific Information**

- The owner of the goods must be in Jamaica during Customs clearance.
- Returning residents may import one new appliance or electronic equipment / computer, used household goods and tools of trade duty-free.
- Duty charges are determined after the examination of goods by Customs at the stripping station and are based on the CIF value.
  - They are generally between 5% to 40% plus taxes of approximately 23.8% compounded, depending on the item assessed.
- Electrical and electronics equipment may not be compatible with the Jamaica electrical system 220 / 110V 50 cycle.

### **Motor Vehicles**

#### **Documents Required**

- Passport
- OBL
- Import license (which must be obtained prior to import)
- Driver's license (the owner of the goods can drive in Jamaica for 12 months before a Jamaican license is required)
- Insurance certificate

- Certificate of title or registration documents
- Vehicles require an invoice detailing the model, accessories and CIF value
- Tax compliance certificate
- Import entry C78

### **Specific Information**

- Used vehicles cannot be more than 5 years old and are taxable.
- A Customs broker must clear motor vehicles.

### **Pets**

#### **Documents Required**

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate
- Permit from the veterinary division of the Ministry of Agriculture (must be obtained prior to import)

### **Specific Information**

- Quarantine may be required.
- Only dogs and cats born and bred in the United Kingdom can be imported.

### **Restricted/Dutiable Items**

- New items (dutiable if less than 6 months old for non-returning residents and invoices must be provided)
- Firearms and ammunition (except where prior permission has been obtained from the Commissioner of Police and Trade Administrator) and drugs.

### **Prohibited Items**

- Drugs

### **Consignment Instructions**

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

**Helpful Website(s):**

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/jamaica.html>

<http://kingston.usembassy.gov/>

**Cultural and Other Information**

[CIA World Factbook Entry for Jamaica](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Jamaica](#)