

The Bahamas Country Guide - IAM

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Original passport with entry visa
- Packing list
- Inventory list
- Letter authorizing destination agent to clear the shipment upon arrival

Specific Information

- Personal effects and household goods can be imported duty-free under the primary condition:
 - Household goods and personal effects are used and in reasonable quantities for personal use.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Ownership title
- Invoice (for recently purchased vehicles)

Specific Information

- Duties and taxes are as follows:
 - Value of \$10,000 or less = 45% duty + 7% stamp tax

- Value of \$10,000-\$20,000 = 50% duty + 7% stamp tax
- Value of \$20,000 or more = 65% duty + 7% stamp tax

Pets

- The requirements to transport dogs and cats may vary per origin country.
- If you wish to ship your pet, please contact the airline or country consulate/embassy for specific details concerning your type, breed, and documentation for pets.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Antiques
- Plants (must be accompanied by a health certificate)
- Trailers and caravans
- Underwater guns (except for Hawaiian slings)
- Any articles that are contrary to Bahamian religious beliefs or morality

Prohibited Items

- Weapons and ammunition
- Drugs
- Fireworks and firecrackers
- Counterfeit currency
- Pornography

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/travel/en/consularnotification/the-bahamas.html>

<https://www.usembassy.gov/bahamas/>

Cultural and Other Information

[CIA World Factbook Entry for The Bahamas](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for The Bahamas](#)