



ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES
CUSTOMS & EXCISE DEPARTMENT

DUTY FREE CONCESSION FOR RETURNING NATIONALS

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Who Qualifies?

- Vincentians who have lived abroad for at least ten {10} years and have returned to take up permanent residence in St. Vincent & the Grenadines.

What can be imported?

- Personal or house hold effects {whether new or used} and one {1} Motor Vehicle excluding trucks. The goods may be purchased abroad and shipped here or may be bought locally from a supplier in St. Vincent & the Grenadines who operates a private (tax free) warehouse.

What is the Concession?

- For motor vehicles; qualifying persons pay only 25% of the normal Import Duty, Excise Tax and VAT. The Customs Service Charge {currently 6%} is payable in full. If the vehicle is more than four (4) years old, a vehicle surcharge is also payable in full. Household items and personal effects can be brought in completely free of all taxes but some conditions apply {see below}.

What are the Conditions?

The conditions applied are as follows:-

- Applications must be able to demonstrate that they resided abroad for at least ten {10} years. You may be required to show proof of this. Documents relating to your time abroad will support your claim {e.g. Pay slips, Records of School, College or University attendance, Bank Statements, Employment Records, Visas, Work Permits, Residence Permits, Pension Letter etc.}.
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- Applications must be able to demonstrate that they intend to make a permanent home in St. Vincent & the Grenadines. You may be required to show evidence of this with documents such as House Purchase Contracts, Mortgage Agreements, Land Titles and Planning Permission for house

construction, documents showing the setting up of a business or employment contracts will help your claim.

- One motor vehicle only is allowed under the concession for each household.
- The vehicle must be owned by you and registered in your name.
- The items must be for your own use and kept by you. None of the items must be sold, traded, bartered, given away or disposed of in any way to any other person for a period of 4 years. Permission must be granted by the Comptroller of Customs & Excise Department before any goods {including vehicle} may be disposed of within the 4 years period and all normal taxes must be paid

Failure to do so is a serious offence and may incur fines, imprisonment and seizure of goods.

- Only one set or item of a particular type of household goods and personal effects that you would reasonably need to equip your home may be brought in under the concession {e.g. you may bring in one (1) television set, one (1) microwave, one (1) DVD player etc.}

Additional items may be charged at the full rate of duty.

How do I apply?

Applications should be made in writing on the attached form to the Comptroller of Customs & Excise at the following address:-

Mr. Selwyn Da Silva
Comptroller of Customs & Excise (Ag.)
Customs House
Upper Bay Street
Kingstown
St. Vincent & the Grenadines

Telephone number: (784) 457-2421/ (784) 457-2711

What happens then?

Your application will be considered by the Comptroller and you will be informed of his decision. You may be called to attend an interview. If you are called for an interview it is in your interest to bring with you documents that will support your case.

WARNING! There are severe penalties (including fines, imprisonment and seizures of goods) for making false declarations to the Customs.

Name of Agent/Broker		Contact Telephone	

Declaration: (to be signed by applicant)

- I declare that the information in this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I have read the notice "Duty Free Concession for Returning Nationals – General Conditions" and agree to abide by the restrictions on disposal of the goods listed on this form.
- I understand that there are severe penalties {including fines, imprisonment and seizure of the goods} for making false declaration to Customs and for failing to abide by the conditions of this concession.

Signature of Applicant

Date of Application/...../.....

This section if for Customs use only		Include notes of documents produced to show residence overseas and of permanent move to SVG; whether application approved/disapproved and reasons for decision	
Interview Date:/...../20.....	Time Start:	Time End:
Officer (s) Dealing			

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Description	Quantity	Description	Quantity
Aquarium	1	Kitchen Scales	2
Air Conditioning Unit	1	Living Room Suites	2
Bathroom Scales	2	Living Room Sets	2
Baby Cribs	1	Laptop Computer	1
Barbecue Grill	1	Lawn Machine	1
Book Cases		Lamps for Dressers	4
Blinds	Reasonable Quantity	Lamps for Bedside Table	4
Book & Book Shelves		Liquor Trolley	2
Bedroom Chairs	4	Musical Instruments	Reasonable Quantity
Bedside Tables	8	Medicine Cabinets	2
Bed (Complete & Mattresses)	4	Mirrors	6
Blenders	2	Microwave ovens	2
Couches	2	Nests of Tables	2
Component Set including CD	1	Ornaments	
Coffee Maker	1	Ottoman	1
Clothes Hampers	4	Portable Radios/ Tape Recorders	3
Children toys		Percolator	1
Chairs	2	Playpen	1
Christmas Tree & Decoration		Patio Set	1
Coffee Tables	2	Plants	
Curio Displays Cabinet	1	Personal Computers & Computer Stand	
Chest of Drawers	4	Printer and Stand	
Carpets, Undulay	Reasonable Quantity	Rocking Chairs	2
Dryer	1	Range Hood	1
Deep Freeze/Freezer	1	Recliners	2
Desks	2	Rugs	6
Dining Room Set	1	Refrigerators	2
Dishwasher	1	Step Ladder	1
Dressers	4	Shelf Units (bathroom)	2
Drapes, Curtains Rods & Fittings		Sewing Machines	
Door Mats		Surge Protectors	
DVD Players	1	Spacesaver	1
Exercise Equipment (Home use)		Sideboard/ Buffet	1
Entertainment Unit	1	Stove (Gas or Electric)	1
End Tables	4	Sofa Bed	1
Foot Spa	1	Safe	1
Food Processor	1	Step Ladder	1
Filing Cabinet	1	Television Sets	3
Fax Machine	1	Telephones	4
Floor Polisher	1	Table Lamps	5
Fans (Table or Standing)	4	Trash Compactor	1
Garden Tools		Typewriter and Stand	1
Generator	1	Tools of Trade	
Hotplates	2	Toasters	2
Highchair	1	Video Recorders	2
Household Linens		Video Camera/Camcorder	1
Hair Dryer (with hood)	1	Veranda Chairs	6
Hair Dryer (hand held)	2	Video Cassettes	
Ironing Boards	2	Vacuum Cleaner	1
Irons	2	VCR	
Kitchen Table	1	Wall Clocks	4
Kitchen Stools/Chairs		Weed Wacker	1
Kitchen Cabinet		Wall Paintings	
Keyboard		Washing Machine	1
Kitchen Utensils		Wardrobes	4
		Water Tank	