

New Zealand Automobile Association



Application for Carnet de Passage en Douane: Instructions

To: Whom It May Concern:

Please find included in this pack key information concerning the temporary exportation of a vehicle to another country. Listed below are the main points when considering this option. Please read all documentation supplied before proceeding with your application.

CARNET de PASSAGES en DOUANE

A "carnet" is a means to temporarily take a private road vehicle to another country and not have to pay duty.

Bond or Indemnity

A bond, or indemnity, is required when the carnet is applied for. The indemnity amount is the total amount of duty that would be payable if the vehicle does not leave the visited country within the agreed time. For example, if taking a car, motor home or 4x4 to Australia, the indemnity amount is calculated as 15% of the vehicle's NZ value, plus \$13,000.00. An additional 10% is added for Australian GST. The Customs Services of other countries levy duties at different rates, (some as high as 400% of the vehicle's value, in the more volatile countries) and charge different penalty sums. Note: Motorcycles and Caravans to Australia only require 15% of their value for an indemnity. Vehicles with values over \$57,180.00 may incur LVT (Luxury Vehicle Tax) added. Please enquire.

Bond or Indemnity Discharge

The indemnity is arranged through the applicant's New Zealand trading bank, or, alternatively a New Zealand bank cheque is given to the AA for the required amount. This money is held in an interest bearing account and is returned to the applicant with the interest, when the vehicle has returned to New Zealand within the agreed time frame and the Carnet correctly discharged, by the visited country's Customs Service.

NOTE = the counterfoil inside the Carnet cover must be attended to in both the ENTRY and EXIT sections by the visited country's Customs Service to allow the NZAA to cancel the indemnity.

Penalties

Should penalties be imposed and levied against the New Zealand Automobile Association, those penalties will be settled using the indemnity funds including and administration costs incurred.

Administration Fee

There is an administration fee for creating a Carnet. For an AA member the fee is \$595 inclusive of GST. For a non AA Member the fee is \$645 inclusive of GST. We strongly recommend non-members to join the NZAA to gain benefits such as roadside assistance while travelling in countries such as Australia. There is a monetary benefit in combining the *AA Membership* and the AA administration costs when applying for a Carnet.

Vehicle Licensing and Carnet Validity

The vehicle must remain licensed in New Zealand for the duration of the visit. The Carnet is valid for one year. Extensions or renewal of the Carnet Document may be possible if authorised by the Customs Service of the country being visited. The Carnet holder must approach the Automobile Association of that country who will initiate the application and communicate with the Customs Service. Extensions or renewals may be possible under special circumstances.

Diesel Fuelled Vehicles

There is an "Export Entry" form inside the Carnet cover that has provision at the base for New Zealand customs to fill in either the hubmeter or odometer reading; both on exit and re-entry into New Zealand. It is in your interest to see that this is attended to, to avoid problems when you next purchase Road User Charges. Remember that when overseas you pay diesel tax "at the pump" and not by buying "mileage". If this is not recorded you may have problems further on. It is prudent for Carnet holders to photocopy this page and keep it for future reference.

Licensing

If the vehicle will be overseas beyond the licensing period, the AA needs to be informed. They will organise an OVL (Overseas Vehicle Licence) that will allow friends or family in New Zealand to licence the vehicle while it is away without having a New Zealand Warrant of Fitness. This will be cancelled at the time that the Carnet is discharged.

The Carnet Holder must stay with their vehicle at all times. If for medical or family reasons they are required to return home urgently, they must advise the Customs Service of that country, and obtain permission to leave the vehicle in a secured area.

It must be clearly understood that the Carnet is a temporary permit for a motor vehicle to be used in another country. If there is the slightest possibility the vehicle will be permanently based in another country, an import application should be lodged with the appropriate authorities prior to shipping. In this case a Carnet is not required.