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GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA

RETURNING NATIONALS Information Booklet



Ministry of External Affairs, International Trade and Investment

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INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of External Affairs of Saint Lucia produced this Returning Nationals Information Booklet. The information in this booklet is intended as a guide for overseas Saint Lucians wishing to return home. The Returning Nationals Booklet is not a substitute for relevant and current legislation.

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Soufriere Association for Ex-Overseas Residents

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PROVISIONS FOR RETURNING NATIONALS

Definition of a Returning National



A Returning National is:

- (a) a citizen of Saint Lucia by birth, of eighteen years and above, returning to Saint Lucia to settle after a minimum of ten years residence abroad;
- (b) a citizen of Saint Lucia by descent who is eighteen years and above who is coming to Saint Lucia to settle, after a minimum of ten years residence abroad; or
- (c) an alien spouse of a citizen of Saint Lucia by birth or descent, coming to Saint Lucia to settle, after a minimum of ten years residence abroad.



Concessions on Household and Personal Effects

Household and personal effects, whether new or used, adequate to furnish his or her family residence, will be allowed free of Customs Duties and Consumption Tax. However, there is a Service Charge and a 1 - 1.5% Environmental Levy.

Importation of Motor Vehicles



One Motor vehicle per person or family, will be allowed in free of taxes and duties provided that the vehicle does not exceed the CIF value of US\$30,000 and the returning national arrives accompanied by the motor vehicle, or the motor vehicle arrives within three months before or after the arrival of the returning national, or is purchased in Saint Lucia by the returning national **within three months of his or her return to Saint Lucia.**

Where the CIF value of a motor vehicle exceeds US\$30,000, the excess customs duty shall be paid by the importer.

The returning national shall not sell, exchange or in any way dispose of the vehicle within three years of the date of importation.

Where a vehicle is disposed of within three years of importation as a result of an accident, the returning national may apply the balance of the duty-free period pro rated by the Comptroller of Customs, to the purchase of a replacement vehicle.

Tools of trade, instruments and pieces of equipment normally used in the pursuit of the declared profession or trade of the returning national, will be admitted free of taxes and duties.

Tools of trade do not include plant, machinery and heavy duty vehicles.

The types and quantities of tools of trade shall be determined by the Comptroller of Customs.

Limitation

To establish your eligibility to the concessions as a returning national, it is important that you submit to the Customs Department

- your passport; or
- other evidence to substantiate your residence abroad for at least ten (10) years.

A returning national who, during the ten year period immediately preceding his or her return to Saint Lucia as a returning national, has visited Saint Lucia and stayed in Saint Lucia for a continuous period of more than six months on more than two occasions shall not qualify for exemptions.

A returning national who is accorded exemptions and who, during the three year period immediately following his return to Saint Lucia, returns abroad and resides outside Saint Lucia for a continuous

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Kitchen Cont'd

Kitchen Ladder (Step Ladder)	Electric Kettle
Stove Top Kettle	Cutlery
Chinaware	Crystal
Other small electrical appliances for domestic use	

Bedroom

4	Beds/Mattresses	4	Dressers
4	Dressers	4	Chest of Drawers
4	Bedside Tables	8	Bedroom Chairs
4	Wardrobes	4	Lamps for Bedside Tables
1	Sofa Bed	1	Baby Crib
1	Play Pen	4	Clothes Hampers
2	Self Units (Bathroom)	2	Bathroom Scales

Other

1	Patio Set	6	Verandah Chairs
3	Lounge Chairs	4	Wall Clocks
2	Ironing Boards	1	Sewing Machine
2	Desks	2	Chairs
4	Book Cases	1	Typewriter Stand
1	Safe	2	Personal Computers
2	Computer Stands	2	Printers
2	Printer Stands	2	Recliners
1	Fax Machine	1	Lawnmower
1	Generator	1	Barbecue Grill
1	Water Pump	1	Ladder
1	High Chair	2	Rocking Chairs
1	Aquarium	2	Clothes Irons
1	Hair Dryer (with hood)	2	Blow Dryers (hand-held)
1	Water Tank	1	Floor Polisher
2	Vacuum Cleaners	6	Fans
2	Chandeliers	1	Laptop Computer
	Surge Protectors		All Wall Paintings

period exceeding three months, loses his or her privileges, and is liable to pay all taxes waived for him or her.

There is a limitation of three months in which all household and personal effects should be brought into Saint Lucia.

No person shall benefit from the exemptions on more than one occasion.

A service charge of 4% is charged on all new and used items.

Clearing Your Household and Personal Effects

In order to avoid the payment of Customs duties on your household and personal effects, please ensure that you do not import any goods which are in excess of the quantities stipulated in the Schedules.



When your effects arrive in Saint Lucia, it is possible that they will be in a container. It is advisable that in packing them (your effects) you make a list of all the items and present same to Customs at the time of clearance. If possible submit values for the items whether used or new. If you desire to have the container of effects removed from the docks to your premises for examination, then you must deposit with the Department an amount equivalent to the duties that would normally be paid on the goods.

This deposit is not required if the goods are removed from the container and placed in the Port Authority sheds pending Customs examination to determine your eligibility to the duty-free concessions.

For examination of the container at your private premises during or after normal working hours, you are required to pay the following fee to the Comptroller of Customs:-

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| (a) | in case of container not exceeding 20 feet | - | \$155.00 |
| (b) | in case of a container exceeding 20 feet | - | \$225.00 |

This fee is non-refundable.

After examination of the goods, if it is established that you are entitled to receive total duty-free exemptions, then the full amount deposited will be refunded. You will be issued a cheque, which can be cashed at the National Commercial Bank.

On the other hand, if it is established that some of the items are dutiable, then you will be refunded the difference between the amount deposited and the duties payable.

A fee is payable for hauling the container from the docks to your premises.

Clearing Your Motor Vehicle

When the vehicle arrives, it is advisable that you employ the services of a Customs Broker to assist you in clearing it from the docks. The broker will inform you of the procedure and will do all the necessary paperwork for an agreed fee. A list of brokers is provided in Appendix III.



Please be informed that in arriving at a Customs value for the vehicle, the freight or shipping charge for the transportation of the vehicle to Saint Lucia will be considered.

You will be required to provide evidence of ownership of the vehicle - Certificate of Title.

If the vehicle exceeds US\$30,000.00 you will be required to pay the applicable duties on the difference.

**Personal and Household Effects
Allowances for Duty Free
Importation Quantity Description**

Living Room

- 1 Couch
- 2 Television Sets
- 1 Video Recorder
- 1 Components Set including Compact Disc Player
- 3 Portable Radios/Tape recorders
- 4 Telephones
- 1 Telephone Answering Machine
- 1 Video Camera/Camcorder
- 1 Living Room Suite
- 3 Lamps

Dining Room

- 1 Dining Room Set (Table and Chairs)
- 1 Liquor Trolley
- 4 End Tables
- 1 Coffee Table
- 1 Curio Display Cabinet

Kitchen

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Microwave oven | 1 Electric Juicer |
| 1 Stove (gas or electric) | 1 Electric Kitchen Saw |
| 1 Refrigerator | 1 Toaster |
| 1 Dishwasher | 1 Toaster Oven |
| 1 Washing Machine | 1 Pressure Cooker |
| 1 Dryer | 1 Blender |
| 1 Kitchen Table | 1 Food Processor |
| 6 Kitchen Stools/ Chairs | 1 Coffee Maker |
| 1 Deep Freeze/Freezer | 1 Percolator |
| 1 Electric Can Opener | 2 Canister Sets |
| 1 Kitchen Scale | 1 Hot Plate |
| 1 Electric Scale | Kitchen Cabinets |
| 1 Electric Knife | Pots and Pans |