



Australian Government

**Australian Customs and
Border Protection Service**

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR MILITARY FORCES

A key role of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs and Border Protection) is to assist the movement of passengers across Australia's border while protecting the community. The Customs Act authorises the examination of military crew, passengers, personal effects and cargo in support of this role.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO ON ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA

- Complete an Incoming Passenger Card.
- Produce your Military ID card and individual or collective travel orders.

ITEMS THAT MUST BE DECLARED ON ARRIVAL

- Personal weapons and ammunition—including firearms, knuckledusters, daggers, laser pointers above one milliwatt (1mW) and flick-knives. (These items may be seized under Australian law).
- All prescription and non-prescription drugs and medicines, including steroids, herbs, vitamins and other medicines for personal use.
- Currency—cash amounts of AUD\$10 000 or more, or equivalent in foreign currency
- Protected wildlife or products made from protected wildlife (including some medicines)
- Illegal pornography.

ITEMS THAT MUST BE DECLARED ON DEPARTURE

- Heritage items—including works of art, stamps, coins or minerals
- Currency—cash amounts of AUD\$10 000 or more, or equivalent in foreign currency
- Firearms and ammunition (a permit is required prior to exporting these items)
- Protected wildlife and/or products made from protected wildlife (including some medicines).

DUTY FREE ALLOWANCE FOR TRAVELLERS

- Passengers: AUD\$900 of goods not including alcohol or tobacco
- Crew: AUD\$450 of goods not including alcohol or tobacco
- Passengers and crew are also entitled to a duty free allowance of 2.25 litres alcoholic liquor (including wine, beer or spirits) and 250 cigarettes or 250 grams of cigars or tobacco products.

If you exceed these limits you will be charged duty and tax on ALL items of that type (General goods, alcohol or tobacco), not just the items which exceed the limits.

TOURIST REFUND SCHEME (TRS)

Passengers leaving Australia on military transport may claim a refund of GST and Wine Equalisation Tax paid on purchases made in Australia.

Crew are not entitled to make a claim. For TRS conditions please see the information provided in the brochure 'TAX BACK FOR TRAVELLERS' or on the Customs and Border Protection website (www.customs.gov.au/knowbeforeyougo) BEFORE making any purchases.

ILLICIT DRUGS

Do not carry illicit drugs. Penalties for drug offences in Australia are severe and could result in a jail term.

YOU CAN HELP US BY

Packing goods to be declared at the top of your luggage.

For more information please see the Customs and Border Protection website:

www.customs.gov.au

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Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

ESSENTIAL QUARANTINE INFORMATION FOR MILITARY FORCES

Australia is in a unique position free from many of the animal and plant diseases affecting other countries. The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) manages quarantine controls at our borders to minimise the risk of exotic pests and diseases entering the country.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

If you are carrying **any goods of plant or animal origin** (including all food, MRE/Ration Packs and drinks) or items that are damp/moist/wet and have been exposed to overseas freshwater streams/lakes you **MUST** declare these items. When you declare items of quarantine concern you will be directed to an AQIS officer who will inspect them to ensure they are free of pests and diseases. In most cases the items will be inspected and returned (some items may need treatment before they are returned). If the items are prohibited you will have the option to surrender them for destruction or export them. You will be responsible for meeting any treatment or export costs. If you don't declare these items you could be given an on the spot Quarantine Infringement Penalty of up to AUD\$220 or face prosecution. If you are unsure on items to declare ask an AQIS officer.

You cannot bring the following items unless you obtain an import permit:

- milk and dairy products / egg and egg products
- jerky, trail mix and popping corn
- fresh fruit and vegetables
- live plants or animals
- meat and all pork products
- biological materials (MREs and medical products)
- edible velvet / edible bird's nest
- articles containing soil.

QUARANTINE TRAVEL TIPS

- make sure you declare all goods of animal and plant origin (including food, beef jerky, trail mix, MRE/Ration Packs and drinks)
- check that all personal clothing, footwear and equipment is free from soil, sand, seeds and organic matter
- pack all goods for quarantine inspection at the top of one bag
- ensure all items exposed to overseas freshwater streams/lakes are completely dry and free from algal clumps.

Human Health

Please declare to your medical officer if you are feeling unwell prior to arrival in Australia.

FURTHER INFORMATION

www.aqis.gov.au/military

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