



Duty-free concessions

Duty-free concessions in Australia are different to those in other countries. Most personal items such as new clothing, footwear, and articles for personal hygiene and grooming (excluding fur and perfume concentrates) may be brought into Australia in your accompanied baggage, free from duty and tax.

Personal goods are free from duty and tax if they are:

- owned and used by you overseas for 12 months or more
- imported temporarily (a security may be required by Customs and Border Protection)

For other goods, limits apply. These include goods that are purchased overseas and goods that are purchased in Australia duty or tax free (that have been previously exported), or from an inwards duty-free shop on arrival into Australia. Also included are goods for which a Tourist Refund Scheme claim has been made. Duty-free concessions do not apply to commercial goods.

General goods

If you are aged 18 years or over, you can bring up to A\$900 worth of general goods into Australia duty-free. If you are under 18 years of age there is a A\$450 limit. General goods include gifts, souvenirs, cameras, electronic equipment, leather goods, perfume concentrates, jewellery, watches and sporting equipment.

Alcohol

Aviation security regulations may restrict the volume of liquids that you can bring into Australia. As an alternative, duty-free alcohol can be purchased in an airport duty-free shop on arrival in Australia.

If you are aged 18 years or over, you can bring 2.25 litres of alcohol duty-free into Australia with you. All alcohol in accompanied baggage is included in this category, regardless of where or how it was purchased.



Tobacco

Up until 31 August 2012, if you are aged 18 years or over you can bring 250 cigarettes or 250 grams of cigars or tobacco products duty-free into Australia with you. All tobacco products in accompanied baggage are included in this category, regardless of where or how they were purchased.

From 1 September 2012 the traveller tobacco concession reduces. If you are aged 18 years or over you can bring 50 cigarettes or 50 grams of cigars or tobacco products duty-free into Australia with you. All tobacco products in accompanied baggage are included in this category, regardless of where or how they were purchased.

Families travelling together can pool their duty-free concessions. A family means:

- a husband and wife, and any of their children under 18 years of age; or
- a person and his or her de facto partner (including same-sex couples) and any of their children under 18 years of age.

Be aware that if you exceed Australia's duty-free concession 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.

Tip

Carry proof of ownership in the form of receipts, as they will help in assessing the value of general goods.

List of Recognised Australian Antique Dealers that can verify antiques

	Australian Antique Dealers
Australian Capital Territory	Andrew Whitehead Registered Valuer PHONE 0418 267340
Tasmania	Andrew Wright 66 Sunderland Street, MOONAH TAS 7009 PHONE (03) 6273 9000
Queensland	Hind's Antiques, 29 Byambee Street, KENMORE QLD 4069
Western Australia	Mat Donnelly Director/Auctioneer and Valuer 0408 881 722 Donnelly Auctions (08) 9384 0007 Wayne Gardiner 0418 926 491
New South Wales	Members of the Australian Antique Dealers Association of NSW PO Box 600, ALEXANDRIA NSW 2029 PHONE 0414 418 177 Michael Jones Frances Linnertson Fritz Litner Janet Niven Charles Aronson
South Australia	James Bruce of Bonhams and Bruce Jason Harris of Scammell Auctions Anthony Hurl of Tusmore Antiques Peter Jaensch of Town and Country Antiques Peter Scammel of Scammel Auctions Nick van Vilet of Wilunga Antiques

List of Overseas Authorities recognised by Australian Customs and Border Protection SERVICE that can provide Certificates of Antiquity

Country	Approved Authorities
United Kingdom	British Antique Dealers Association London and Provincial Antique Dealers Association Ltd Society of Fine Art Auctioneers
	For antiques coming from countries other than the UK, Customs and Border Protection will accept certification from a responsible executive officer of the National Institution for the Encouragement of Applied Arts.
Netherlands	The Association of Dealers in Old Art in the Netherlands
China	The China National Arts and Crafts Import and Export Corporation or branches
Japan	The Japan and Tokyo Fine Art Dealers Association
France	National Syndicate of Antiques (France)
Germany	Federal Association of the German Art and Antique Dealers Society The State School for Violin Building (F.R Germany, violins)