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## GUIDE TO Local Border Crossings

## How to import or export goods over a local border:

**Licenses and Permits:** You need to be registered as an importer/exporter when you want to import or export goods over the value of R3 000 or if the goods are regulated. Registration will give you an import/export code or license that will allow you to import/export most items. Certain regulated items (e.g. meat, pharmaceuticals, gold, cars, cell phones etc.) need a special permit in addition to the above mentioned license. To get your import/export code or permit [click here](#).

You may need to pay import duties or VAT on the goods. You can save on import duties if you are importing into a country that has a [trade agreement](#) with South Africa. Depending on the trade agreement you may need a [certificate of origin](#).

**Check operating hours:** Check the border operating hours so that you do not arrive at a closed border. Some border posts are open 24 hours whereas others are only open for a few hours. You can check the [specific border times here](#).







**Cross Border Permit:** If goods or passengers are being exported for profit and the vehicle, or a combination of vehicles, exceeds a total mass of 3500 kg then a cross-border road transport permit will be required. Foreign registered vehicles used commercially within South Africa also require this permit. You can obtain a [cross border road permit here](#).

**Road Freight Manifest:** All road hauliers (people doing business by transporting goods by truck) are required to submit a Road Freight Manifest (RFM) prior to arriving at the border listing of all the items carried on the vehicle. To do this they need to be registered on custom's [Automated Cargo Management \(ACM\)](#) system. Manifests need to be submitted electronically to the ACM system with the use of an electronic communication link to customs called [Electronic Data Interchange \(EDI\)](#).

**Customs Declaration Form:** This form is used to declare all goods to customs and will need to be approved before the goods will be allowed to cross the border. This form can be completed with a customs official at the border or submitted electronically in advance if you are registered with customs [Electronic Data Interchange system \(EDI\)](#).

## General considerations and/or requirements when making a local border crossing:

In addition to the above, take note of the requirements in the table on the next two pages.

		Botswana	Mozambique	Namibia	Zimbabwe	Lesotho	Swaziland
							
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS	<b>Compulsory Vaccination</b>	Yellow Fever (if coming from an affected area)	Yellow Fever (if coming from an affected area)	Yellow Fever (if coming from an affected area)	Yellow Fever (if coming from an affected area)	Yellow Fever (if coming from an affected area)	Yellow Fever (if coming from an affected area)
	<b>Recommended Vaccination</b>	Hepatitis A & B Rabies Typhoid Polio Tetanus	Hepatitis A & B Typhoid Polio Tetanus	Hepatitis A & B Typhoid Polio Tetanus	Hepatitis A Tetanus	Hepatitis A & B Typhoid Polio Tetanus	Hepatitis A & B Rabies Typhoid Polio Tetanus
	<b>Precautions</b>	Malaria Risk	Malaria Risk	Malaria Risk	Malaria Risk	None	Malaria Risk
EXTRA'S	<b>ZA Sticker</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<b>Valid Passport</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<b>Original vehicle registration papers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A certified copy is acceptable at the border post</li> <li>○ <i>If the vehicle still being financed by the bank (Person will not have original vehicle registration papers):</i> Letter of authorisation issued by the bank (include dates of travel) &amp; vehicle licence papers (this is where the renewal disk is cut out yearly). Both signed by a Commissioner of Oaths from the bank.</li> <li>○ <i>If driver is not the registered owner of the vehicle:</i> affidavit from the police giving you authorisation from the owner to take the vehicle abroad.</li> </ul>					
	<b>Driving</b>	International Driving Permit Recommended	International Driving Permit Recommended	Valid driver's license	Valid driver's license	Valid driver's license	Valid driver's license
	<b>Have available</b>		Red Warning Triangles: 1 set		White and Red Reflective		
VISAS		Visas are not required by SA passport holders	Visas are not required by SA passport holders for tourism purposes (for a stay of up to 30 days)	Visas are not required by SA passport holders for tourism purposes A Visa is required when planning to physically do business	Visas are not required by SA passport holders	Visas are not required by SA passport holders	Visas are not required by SA passport holders

			<p>required (does not need to be displayed on car)</p> <p>Reflective Jackets: (to be used when changing a tyre, at an accident scene, or if loading)</p> <p>Yellow and Blue Mozambique Warning Triangle: Two stickers required if towing a trailer</p>		<p>Tape: Two small white rectangular size strips on the right and left hand side of the front bumper as well as two small red square strips on the right and left hand side of the rear bumper.</p> <p>Warning Triangles: Two warning triangles on a metal plate</p> <p>White and Red T-sign: Required if towing a trailer</p> <p>Fire Extinguisher</p> <p>Recommended: Safety Vests</p>		
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