

Jamaican Returning Residents Entitlements

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In order to be considered a Returning Resident, and to benefit from the concession afforded to Jamaican Returning Residents by the Jamaican government, you must satisfy at least one of the following conditions:

1. Be a Jamaican national who has attained the age of 18 years, and who
 - has been residing overseas for the last 3 consecutive years, and
 - is returning to Jamaica to reside permanently.
2. Be a Jamaican who gave up his/her citizenship, and can provide proof of that previous status and wishes to return home.
3. Be a Jamaican student who has attained the age of 18 years and who has studied abroad for more than one year but fewer than 3 consecutive years.
4. Be a Non-Jamaican whose spouse is a Jamaican Returning Resident.
5. A Deportee who has been residing overseas for the last 3 consecutive years

Note: *A couple – husband and wife- will be counted as one family if returned together, however will only get one concession. Spouses not returning together, but within three years of each other, are treated as one family and will also get only one concession.*

Take Note Of The Documents Required

Returning Residents must visit the Jamaica Customs Agency Returning Residents Unit and submit the following:

- Valid Jamaican Passport or foreign passport that is endorsed with the unconditional landing stamp
- Validated Bill of Lading or Airway Bill
- Taxpayers Registration Number (TRN)
- Documentary evidence that will substantiate residency outside of Jamaica for 3 or more consecutive years.
- Returning Students should present a transcript, student's I-20, confirmation letter of attendance from last institution of study and identification card issued by the institution
- Deportees should present their Deportation Order and case file

If you are in doubt just speak to one of our international move consultants .

Entitlement

- A specified amount of personal and household effects can be imported free of customs duty.
- Returning Residents may import their tools of trade free of customs duty
- Returning Students are entitled to import reasonable quantity of used household effects, musical instruments, and one of each type of electronic equipment (new or used)
- Deported persons will receive entitlement similar to that of returning residents.

NB: Qualified applicants can benefit only ONCE from this concession

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MOTOR VEHICLES

The Motor Vehicle Importation Policy is primarily administered by the **Trade Board Limited**, which is responsible for granting Import Licences for motor vehicle importation.

PETS

Importation of pets or other animals will require an Import Permit from the Veterinary Services Division of the **Ministry Of Agriculture** prior to importation.

PLANTS

Importation of plants will require a Permit from the Plant Quarantine Division of the **Ministry Of Agriculture**.