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# 12<sup>th</sup> International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2023) Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Qld 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Border Clearance

When you arrive or depart Australia, there are things you need to know and things you need to do. All travellers to Australia must be cleared at the border before entering Australia. Border clearance is subject to each traveller presenting a valid travel document, a valid visa or other authority to enter Australia (for non-citizens), a completed Incoming Passenger Card (IPC) and meeting Australia's customs, immigration and biosecurity requirements. All travellers are expected to be fully aware of their obligations when travelling to Australia. Further information: [Overview \(abf.gov.au\)](https://www.abf.gov.au)

## General guidance to consider:

### Importing Goods

Imported goods with a value over AUD1,000 and some imported goods like tobacco, tobacco products and alcohol, are subject to the payment of customs duty, taxes and other charges, including an import processing charge.

Further information: [Cost of importing goods](https://www.abf.gov.au)

### Temporary Importation

Certain goods may be temporarily imported into Australia for a period of up to 12 months without the payment of duty or taxes provided certain conditions are met.

Further information: [Temporary imports](https://www.abf.gov.au)

## General guidance on what you can and can't bring into Australia

- Some items are allowed, some are not, and for some you need a permit before bringing them in. Even if an item is allowed, there might be some caveats.  
Further information: [Categories](https://www.abf.gov.au); [List of items](https://www.abf.gov.au)
- The Australian Government prohibits the import and export of certain goods to and from Australia. You can import or export some **prohibited goods** with written permission, provided you meet certain conditions and requirements.  
Further information: [Prohibited goods categories](https://www.abf.gov.au); [Prohibited items](https://www.abf.gov.au)
- You can enter Australia with medicines and/or medical devices for you or an immediate family member travelling with you under the traveller's exemption. The medicines and/or medical devices must be for your or your family members own use.  
Further information: [Medicines and medical devices](https://www.abf.gov.au); [Medicines and substances](https://www.abf.gov.au); [BICON](https://www.abf.gov.au)
- Travellers carrying **therapeutic goods** should be aware that some goods not regulated in other countries may be considered as therapeutic goods in Australia.  
Further information: [What are therapeutic goods?](https://www.abf.gov.au); [Entering Australia](https://www.abf.gov.au); [What goods are regulated?](https://www.abf.gov.au)

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- Travellers need a valid prescription to legally import **nicotine vaping products**, such as nicotine, e-cigarettes, nicotine pods and liquid nicotine to Australia.  
Further information: [Nicotine vaping products hub](#)
- When the combined value of **monetary instruments** in Australian and foreign currency is AUD10,000 or more when moving it into or out of Australia – it must be declared/reported. Monetary instruments include: cash, cheque, promissory note, bearer bond, traveller's cheque, money order, etc.  
Further information: [Online reporting for businesses](#); [Online declaration for individuals](#)
- Certain **food, plant material or animal products** can't be brought into Australia, and some items require permission before you can bring them in. If you are carrying these items, declare them and a biosecurity officer will inspect the goods.  
Further information: [Importing into Australia](#); [BICON](#); [Don't be sorry, just declare it](#); [International wildlife](#)

### Duty-free concession limits

Travellers to Australia may be eligible for duty free concessions on goods.

- Information on what items can be brought in free of duty and tax: [Duty free](#)
- The duty free concessions flyer is available in other languages: [Duty free concession flyers](#)

### Incoming Passenger Card (IPC)

Travellers arriving in Australia are required by Australian law to identify themselves and provide certain information through the completion of an IPC. The declaration of items is made by responding to the questions on the IPC. There are penalties for not declaring prohibited and restricted goods, and for making false declarations.

Further information: [Incoming Passenger Card](#)

IPCs are available in other languages: [Incoming Passenger Card](#) (samples are halfway down the page)

### Tourist Refund Scheme

The Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS) allows departing international passengers, including Australian citizens, to claim back the Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) or Goods and Services Tax (GST) on certain goods they have purchased in Australia and are taking overseas with them. TRS claims are processed only when departing Australia.

Further information: [Tourist Refund Scheme](#); [My TRS Claim](#)

### Other helpful links to assist travellers coming to Australia

Links
<a href="#">Department of Home Affairs – Entering and leaving Australia</a>
<a href="#">Australian Border Force</a>
<a href="#">Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – Biosecurity and trade</a>
<a href="#">Department of Health and Aged Care – Office of Drug Control</a>