

- You may lodge security in one of the following forms:
  - Cash indemnity – bank cheque required
  - Bank indemnity – to be executed by your bank
- The amount of security is determined by the total value of the goods and varies according to the countries visited. Please verify the appropriate security rates for your goods by calling 0508 CARNET or refer to the ATA Carnet Security Rate Chart available on our website.

#### What are my obligations?

- Having applied for a Carnet, you are guaranteeing to return your goods to New Zealand.
- To make the Carnet system work as smoothly as possible, you must provide correct information when applying for a Carnet. If in doubt, contact the Chamber for further advice on how to complete the forms.
- You must lodge security with the Wellington Chamber at the time of application – the Carnet will only be issued when the Chamber receives adequate security.
- It is your responsibility to present the Carnet at each Customs point for checking and validation.
- When you have finished with the Carnet, you must return it to the Wellington Chamber so that it can check the document and arrange release of your Security.

#### Under what conditions might a claim be filed?

A claim for sales taxes / duties may be filed by overseas Customs under the following circumstances:

- Goods are not returned to New Zealand within the period that the Carnet is valid.
- Carnet sheets are not properly endorsed at each Customs point.
- Improper or inadequate description of goods on the general list.
- Goods (and / or Carnet) are destroyed, stolen or lost.

#### How does the international system work?

- The ATA Carnet entered into force on the 30th July 1963 and since then, the ATA Carnet has become the most important international Customs document for the temporary duty free admission of goods.
- Carnets are issued and managed by Chambers of Commerce around the world. The terms and conditions of this arrangement are enforced through written agreements between members of the ATA Carnet chain and the International Chambers of Commerce in Paris.
- The Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce is the issuing and guaranteeing association for New Zealand.

#### How long does it take to get an ATA Carnet?

- Normal processing time is three working days.
- An urgent service (Next Day, Same Day) is available for an additional charge.

#### How do I apply for an ATA Carnet?

For an application visit our website

[www.wellingtonchamber.co.nz](http://www.wellingtonchamber.co.nz)

Or contact:

Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce

Level 28, 100 Willis Street,

PO Box 1590, Wellington 6140

Phone: (04) 9146500. Fax: (04) 9146524

0508 CARNET (227638)

E-mail: [carnet@wellingtonchamber.co.nz](mailto:carnet@wellingtonchamber.co.nz)

The International Trade staff will be happy to answer any queries you may have regarding the Carnet service.

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#### Please be aware –

If you are interested in taking your New Zealand Registered Vehicle overseas for touring purposes, on a temporary basis, The New Zealand Automobile Association can help with an FIA – AIT Carnet.

Contact NZAA on 0800500333 Option 5 or

Visit their website on [www.aa.co.nz](http://www.aa.co.nz)



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## What is an ATA Carnet?

### (Pronounced Car-nay)

- An ATA Carnet is a simple, popular Customs document which facilitates the temporary export of goods overseas, and is valid for one year.
- A Carnet clearly demonstrates to foreign Customs what you are importing into their country and why.
- The initials ATA are an acronym of the French and English words 'Admission Temporaire / Temporary Admission'.
- The word Carnet comes from the French meaning 'Notebook', and it is a set of vouchers. Customs simply endorse and take one voucher each time the goods pass in and out of each country, including New Zealand.

## When should I have an ATA Carnet?

- When you are exporting goods from New Zealand on a temporary basis.

For example:

- Taking a racing car for competition in Australia.
- Exhibiting high-tech equipment at a trade show in Malaysia.
- Taking jewellery samples to the United Kingdom.
- Taking film equipment for a shoot in Europe.

## What are the advantages of using an ATA Carnet?

### *Carnets save you money*

A Carnet allows the temporary duty free admission of goods. With a Carnet you don't need to put up security bonds at each Customs point, and avoid the worry of retrieving your funds from each foreign agency when you leave.

### *Carnets make good business sense*

You can make Customs arrangements in advance for countries to be visited at a predetermined cost. You can also make multiple trips with the same goods within the validity period of the Carnet by having extra pages issued, and additional countries can be added.

### *Carnets save you time*

Having a Carnet means you will no longer need to prepare importation forms for different countries – simply present your Carnet with the goods at the point of entry.

### *Carnets save you hassle*

With a Carnet you avoid the possibility of your goods being confiscated by Customs who may require payment for the release of the goods.

## Which countries accept ATA Carnets?

Over 60 Countries / territories including:

Algeria	Andorra	Australia
Austria*	Belgium*	Bulgaria*
Canada	Chile	China
Croatia	Cyprus*	Czech Republic*
Denmark*	Estonia*	Finland*
France*	Germany*	Gibraltar*
Greece*	Hong Kong	Hungary*
Iceland	India	Iran
Ireland*	Israel	Italy*
Ivory Coast	Japan	South Korea
Latvia*	Lebanon	Lithuania*
Luxembourg*	Malaysia	Malta*
Mauritius	Morocco	Netherlands*
Norway	Pakistan	Poland*
Portugal*	Republic of Macedonia	Romania*
Russian Federation	Senegal	Singapore
Slovak Republic*	Slovenia*	South Africa
Spain*	Sri Lanka	Sweden*
Switzerland	Thailand	Tunisia
Turkey	United Kingdom*	USA

\* The European Union is considered as one country.

- New countries may join the ATA Carnet chain periodically so please check with the Chamber for a definitive list.
- Special conditions may apply for some countries – e.g. some categories of goods are not accepted by

particular countries, and for some categories the validity of the Carnet may be less than one year.

- An NZCIO / BOFT Carnet may be used for Taiwan based on the special arrangement between New Zealand and Taiwan.

## What goods do ATA Carnets cover?

- Virtually all goods, personal and professional, including commercial samples, professional equipment, goods for use at a sporting event, or goods for use or display at an exhibition.
- General items such as computers, photographic and filming equipment, machinery, vehicles, jewellery and apparel.
- Extraordinary items, for example, works of art, horses, yachts, instruments for a music group, stage sets and costumes.

### *Carnets do not cover*

Consumable goods or disposable items (e.g. food, chemicals, brochures), or goods intended for processing or repairs.

## What does an ATA Carnet cost?

A Carnet is charged according to the:

- Number of items to be covered
- Number of countries to be visited
- Number of trips to be taken

If you are a member of any Chamber of Commerce in New Zealand, you qualify for a discount of around 40%.

## Do I have to provide a security deposit / bond?

- All applicants must lodge security with the Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce.
- The security will be drawn upon to reimburse the Chamber in the event it incurs a claim for sales tax / duty of loss in connection with the issuance of your Carnet or its use.
- Security is returned in full once the original Carnet has been returned and no claims are anticipated by the Chamber.