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Welcome to Canada

Your Customs Declaration Card – Completion Guide

Use this guide to complete the attached Customs Declaration Card.

Part A – All travellers

All travellers must be identified on a Customs Declaration Card. You may list up to four family members living at the **same address** on one declaration card. Make sure that each traveller's answers are included on the card. **Each traveller is responsible for his or her own declaration.**

You must declare all goods–part of your exemption or not–that you are bringing into Canada. A customs officer may examine your goods. Note that goods that do not qualify for a personal exemption may be subject to duties, taxes, and/or fees.

Under Canadian law, you have to declare all animals, plants, and their products. You also have to declare all currency and monetary instruments (e.g., stocks/bonds, cheques, traveller's cheques, money orders, bank drafts, treasury bills) totalling CAN$10,000 or more. Failure to do so could result in penalties, seizure, and/or prosecution.

The following items may be **restricted, controlled, or prohibited** in Canada, or you may need a **special permit**:

- Firearms or other weapons (e.g., Mace, switchblades, fireworks);
- Drugs;
- Endangered species (live specimens or products made from wild plants or animals, e.g., ivory, corals, reptile skin products);
- Cultural property (e.g., antiquities, cultural objects).

Customs officers may seize any goods or items that you do not declare or that you falsely declare. You may also face fines, arrest and/or prosecution.

There are specific personal exemption limits for importing alcohol and tobacco into Canada. Determine your limit from the following table.

Table 1 – Personal exemption limits for importing alcohol and tobacco

Minimum age	Province or territory	Alcohol and tobacco
18 years	Alberta, Manitoba, Quebec	1.5 L of wine or 1.14 L of liquor **or** 24 x 355 mL (12 oz.) bottles/cans of beer or ale (8.5 L)
19 years	All others	
18 years	Alberta, Manitoba, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories, Nunavut	200 cigarettes, 200 tobacco sticks, 50 cigars or 50 cigarillos, **and** 200 grams manufactured tobacco
19 years	All others	

During your travels, you may have been exposed to infectious diseases not common in Canada. While the risks posed by most of these illnesses are low, some, such as malaria, may be life threatening. If you develop a fever or flu-like illness within three months of travel to a tropical country, **Health Canada** advises you to get immediate medical attention, inform your doctor of your travel history, and ask for a blood test to rule out malaria.

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Part B – Visitors to Canada

All visitors identified in Part A must be included in Part B.

You can bring in **personal goods** without paying duty or tax, as long as you do not leave them in Canada. You can also bring in the amounts of alcohol and tobacco listed in Table 1 without paying duty or tax.

You can bring in **gifts** without paying duty or tax, as long as they are not alcohol or tobacco or business goods, and they have a value of CAN$60 or less per gift. Gifts over CAN$60 each are subject to duty and tax on the amount over CAN$60.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada advises you that all visitors admitted to Canada will be permitted to stay for a maximum of six months, unless otherwise notified in writing by an examining officer.

Part C – Residents of Canada

Each resident must complete Part C in the **same order** as in Part A.

Your declaration must include the total value of all goods (including gifts) that you have purchased, received, or acquired abroad or at duty-free shops and that you are bringing into Canada.

The following table lists the available exemptions.

Table 2 – Personal exemptions for residents of Canada

Minimum absence from Canada	Exemption limit – CAN$	Alcohol and tobacco
24 hours	$50	No
48 hours	$200	Yes – See Table 1
7 days	$750	Yes – See Table 1

Each traveller is allowed only **one** of these exemptions a trip.

The $50 exemption does not apply if the total value of your goods is more than $50. The $750 exemption can include goods (other than alcohol and tobacco) you acquired during your trip, which are not accompanying you. To calculate the number of days absent, do not count the day you left Canada, but include the day you return.

Residents of Canada only: you must pay duty on cigarettes, tobacco sticks, and manufactured tobacco that you include in your personal exemption, unless they are marked "CANADA DUTY PAID – DROIT ACQUITTÉ."

Part D – Signatures

Each traveller must sign the declaration in the **same order** as in Part A.

Information from this declaration will be used for customs control purposes, and may be shared with other government departments to enforce Canadian laws. Details are available in the Treasury Board of Canada publication called *Infosource*, under the reference number RC PPU 043. *Infosource* is available at public libraries, government public reading rooms, and on the Internet at: **http://infosource.gc.ca**

Each person 16 years and older must sign.
Detach your declaration card and prepare your proof of citizenship to show to a customs officer.

Detach and do not fold card

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Customs Declaration Card

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Part A – All travellers (living at the same home address)

1. Last name, first name, and initials
   Date of birth Y Y Y Y M M D D | Citizenship
2. Last name, first name, and initials
   Date of birth Y Y Y Y M M D D | Citizenship
3. Last name, first name, and initials
   Date of birth Y Y Y Y M M D D | Citizenship
4. Last name, first name, and initials
   Date of birth Y Y Y Y M M D D | Citizenship

Home address – Number, street | Town/city

Province or state | Country | Postal/Zip code

Arriving by
Airline
Flight no.

Purpose of trip
Study ☐
Personal ☐
Business ☐

Arriving from
U.S. only ☐
Other country direct ☐
Other country via the U.S. ☐

I am/we are bringing into Canada:	Yes	No
• Firearms or other weapons	☐	☐
• Goods related to my/our profession and/or commercial goods, whether or not for resale (e.g., samples, tools, equipment)	☐	☐
• Food (fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs, dairy products), animals, birds, insects, plants, plant parts, soil, living organisms, vaccines	☐	☐
• Articles made or derived from endangered species	☐	☐
• Currency and monetary instruments totalling CAN$10,000 or more	☐	☐
I/we have shipped goods which are not accompanying me/us.	☐	☐
I/we will be visiting a farm or a farm show in Canada within the next 14 days.	☐	☐
I/we have been on a farm in a country other than Canada during the last 14 days.	☐	☐

(If you answered yes*, list country/countries)*

1 _____ 3 _____
2 _____ 4 _____

Part B – Visitors to Canada

Duration of stay in Canada (days)	Full value of each gift over CAN$60	Specify quantities: Alcohol	Specify quantities: Tobacco
days			

Part C – Residents of Canada *(Complete in the same order as Part A)*

	Date left Canada Y - M - D	Value of goods – CAN$ (including gifts, alcohol, & tobacco)	Specify quantities: Alcohol	Specify quantities: Tobacco
1				
2				
3				
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Part D – Signatures (age 16 and older)

1 _____ 3 _____
2 _____ 4 _____

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