

Importing a vehicle into Australia

Not all vehicles on the SEVS list can be imported.

Although these vehicles are eligible as they may not yet be approved.

All vehicles on the Japanese Import Compliance schedule *can* be imported. But **please note** we have to apply for the importation of the vehicle through our RAWs workshop and lodge all relevant paperwork to the Department of Transport.

Please contact us if this is not clear.

The 8 Steps

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1. Conduct research

- Is the vehicle eligible to enter Australia?
- Which [import option](#) can I apply under?
- What costs are involved? (eg shipping, storage, delivery, permit application, taxes, Customs duties, cleaning for quarantine purposes, quarantine inspection costs modification costs, State or Territory registration and insurance requirements; etc)
- What are the timeframes involved for getting the permit and other necessary arrangements?
- What documentation do I need?
- What are the requirements for each government agency?
- Do I need to use a broker?
- Will I need to have modifications done to meet Australian standards?
- What are the risks involved with importing a vehicle?

2. Apply for a Vehicle Import Approval

- Decide which option to apply under
- Read all related materials
- Complete the online or paper [application form](#)
- Check you have all the necessary information and attachments

- Send off the application and all necessary attachments to the Department of Infrastructure & Transport
- Check email address regularly in case the Department needs to seek further information from you

3. Receive Vehicle Import Approval

- Receive hard copy of Vehicle Import Approval in the mail
- Approval may contain conditions for vehicle use
- *Department of Infrastructure & Transport*

4. Arrange shipping of vehicle

- Prior to shipping, ensure car is steam cleaned inside and outside to remove any materials that may pose a quarantine risk
- Prior to shipping, ensure any air-conditioning gas is removed if necessary
- Ensure export conditions of country of origin are met
- [Government Agency: Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities](#)

5. Get Customs clearance

- Lodge an import declaration
- Pay Customs duty
- Pay Goods & Services Tax (GST)
- Pay Luxury Car Tax, if required
- [Government agency: Australian Customs & Border Protection Service](#)

6. Meet Australian quarantine requirements

- Lodge a Quarantine Entry with the [Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service](#)
- Arrange inspection appointment (you or your broker may need to be present)

- *Government agency: Australian Quarantine & Inspection Service*

7. Meet Import Approval Conditions

- Arrange for modification of vehicle if necessary
- Conduct testing and develop evidence of compliance
- Apply for identification plate approvals or supply to the market approvals if necessary

8. Register the vehicle

- Apply to register the vehicle in the relevant State or Territory
- *Government agencies: [State Road and Transport Authorities](#)*