

Top Tips for an easy Border Crossing

1. Do not pay bribes; the only fees payable are R17.50 per person and MTn26.50 (approximately R7.00) for the vehicle. There are no fees for the completion of paperwork. Report corruption to the authorities.
2. Everybody must go into the immigration offices - you cannot send one person with all the passports.
3. It is mandatory to have 3rd party insurance for your vehicles, this is obtainable at the border or at Outdoor Warehouse in Nelspruit. 3rd Party insurance costs R150 per vehicle and additional insurance (R80) needs to be taken out if you are towing a trailer or a boat.
4. If you are uncertain about something ask the officials for help.
5. Do not exchange money next to the road, this is not only illegal but you will most likely be cheated in the transaction.
6. Make certified copies of all important documents.
7. Do not lose any of the customs documents you receive at the border.
8. If you are travelling in a car that does not belong to you, you will require a letter of permission from the owner. The same applies if your vehicle is still financed by the bank, you will require a letter from the bank.
9. No firearms or pets will be allowed across the border.
10. Everything you declare on the customs forms upon entering must be brought back to South Africa.

At all times stay calm and level headed as getting over excited will only result in a longer stay at the border. Travel safe and enjoy the journey!



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