

ATA Carnet

What does it do?

Customers looking to move goods temporarily from one destination to another will require a specific type of document – ATA Carnet.

The carnet allows for the customer to avoid payment of taxes and import duties on the goods themselves, under a temporary movement, with the condition that the goods return to their original place of departure and in the same condition they left (no modifications or add-ons). The validation of the ATA Carnet can work for up to 12 months. This however can vary based on location.

Some examples of goods that often move under the ATA Carnet are exhibition goods, musical instruments, and professional equipment.

The carnet lists all your goods along with serial numbers and values. It is important to note, the ATA Carnet, along with the goods must ALWAYS be together for Customs Clearance.

Goods destined for commercial sale however must move under the usual customs procedures.

How do I get one?

In the UK, the [London Chamber of Commerce](#) and Industry and a network of Chambers issue ATA Carnets.

To obtain the ATA Carnet, you must visit your local Chamber of Commerce and apply for one.

How much will it cost?

There are two factors that determine the cost of issuing a Carnet:

Issuing fee:

- LCCI Member (24hr service): £216.00
- Non-member (24hr service): £360.00

Security:

In all cases Carnet holders are required to provide a security which relates to the value of the goods being temporarily exported. This security is determined by the ATA Carnet Security Rate Chart and must be provided in one of the following ways:

- Banker's draft or cash
- Bank Guarantee. Banks that we can currently accept guarantees from are: Bank of Scotland plc, Barclays Bank plc, HSBC Bank plc, Lloyds Bank plc, TSB Bank plc, Santander UK plc, Standard Chartered Bank, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
- Carnet Security Scheme (CSS) Guarantee - an in-house service allowing the Carnet user to arrange for the security to be provided without having to supply either Banker's Draft, cash or Bank Guarantee. Using CSS, a non-refundable, one off payment means we can provide you with a 'While You Wait' processing service and there is no 'freezing' of assets or funds.

[Obtain a CSS security quote here](#)

How does it work?

Private travellers or businesses can use a carnet, this will be either:

- the holder - their name will be on the front cover of the carnet.
- a representative - their name will be in box B of the carnet or in the authorisation letter.

Responsibilities of the carnet holder

You'll be responsible for any customs charges that may become due if you either do not:

- use the goods correctly.
- re-export them from the country you visit.

You must also make sure:

- the country you visit accepts ATA Carnets for the type of goods and how you mean to use them.
- that you show the carnet to customs for stamping each time the goods enter or leave a country or customs territory.
- you tell customs if the goods are no longer eligible for use under the carnet you've bought (for example, you decide to sell your goods).
- that you can show the carnet and your goods when customs ask you to.