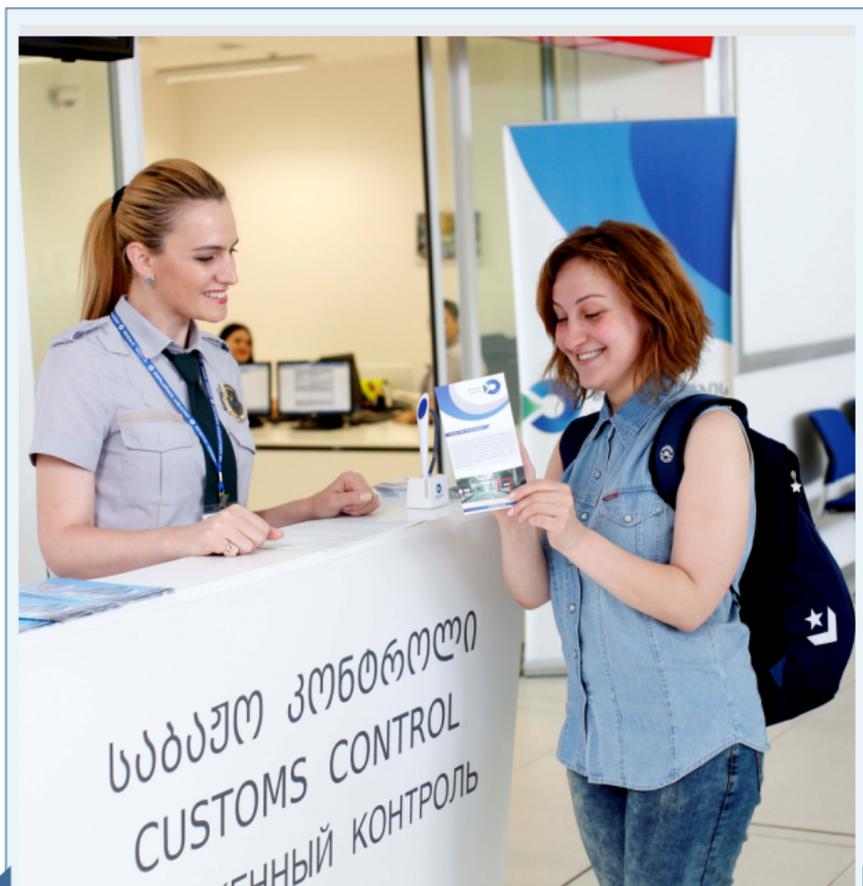




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What should We Know when Crossing the Customs Borders of Georgia?

Individuals can cross the state border of Georgia only through the customs check points open for international traffic. The individuals are subject to border and customs control during the border crossing.

Passport control

▶ Citizen of Georgia:

- ▶ submits passport or travel document for return to Georgia or other travel documents substituting passport while leaving/entering Georgia;
- ▶ submits transit visa or/and visa for a destination country, upon necessity;
- ▶ up to 16 years old has the right to leave Georgia temporarily on the basis of one his/her legal representatives' permit and by accompany of an adult;
- ▶ with disabilities has the right to leave Georgia temporarily on the basis of the written consent of his/her guardian unless otherwise determined under the court's decision
- ▶ aged from 16 to 18 years and not being in registered marriage has the right to leave Georgia temporarily submitting one of his/her legal representative's permit (certified by notary) and the passport;
- ▶ under aged and not accompanied by his/her legal representatives in case of leaving Georgia temporarily, will be granted a passport based on the application of legal representatives

▶ Citizen of foreign country

- ▶ submits passport or other travel document substituting passport while crossing the border;
- ▶ submits permits authorizing to enter and stay in Georgia, if required: visa of Georgia or residence permit or Georgian refugee card or temporary residence for persons with humanitarian status;

For detailed information on visas, please visit the official web-site of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia:



www.mfa.gov.ge



For foreign citizens and stateless persons!

If a foreigner does not leave Georgia after the term of his/her legal stay expires, the following penalties will be imposed:

- GEL 180 in case of staying up to 3 months period;
- GEL 360 in case of staying more than 3 months;

If a foreigner violates transit travel rules prescribed for Georgia, the penalty with amount of GEL 100 will be imposed;

Which documents are submitted by a driver together with the travel documents?

- ▶ Driving license of the vehicle;
- ▶ Registration document for the vehicle;
- ▶ Document confirming legal ownership of the vehicle (unless it is confirmed by the registration document).

In case of regular international transportation of passengers:

- ▶ Authorization on regular international transportation of passengers by bus;
- ▶ Transportation schedule, tariffs and itinerary for vehicles approved by competent agencies of the partner countries;
- ▶ Document confirming carriers' legitimate ownership of the vehicle;
- ▶ Document confirming driver's employment with the carrier;
- ▶ Passengers' registration list, except empty vehicles.

In case of irregular international transportation of passengers:

- ▶ Authorization on irregular international transportation of passengers;
- ▶ Document confirming carriers' legitimate ownership of the vehicle;
- ▶ Document confirming driver's employment with the carrier;

In case of international shipment of cargoes by trucks:

Unless otherwise specified by the international agreement of Georgia, if vehicles registered in foreign countries (loaded or empty) crosses the customs border of Georgia, one of the following documents shall be submitted additionally:

- ▶ Permit for the international transportation of cargoes by vehicles
- ▶ or authorization on the international conveyance of cargoes;
- ▶ or permit for the international conveyance of cargoes from the territory of Georgia;

Toll for transit shipment of cargoes by trucks

- ▶ Toll for transit shipment of goods by trucks (tractors, truck trailers and motor vehicles for shipping goods except mini buses) through the territory of Georgia amounts to GEL 200 per each vehicle;
- ▶ In case of transit shipment of cargoes by trucks the owner/driver of the vehicle before leaving the customs territory of Georgia is obliged:
 - to purchase a toll card;
 - or to pay the toll at the bank office within the territory of Georgia on the following state treasure code: 302003277

In case of transit shipment of cargoes by trucks the owner/driver of the vehicle before leaving the customs territory of Georgia submits toll card or receipt confirming payment of the toll to the customs check point. Otherwise, the vehicle will not be permitted to leave the country.

Transportation of goods from the marine customs checkpoint to the nearest control zone within 10 km radius according to the route prescribed by the customs authority or vice versa - from the control zone back to the checkpoint, is exempt from the aforementioned toll.

Customs Control

While conducting customs control, the customs officer is entitled to:

- ▶ conduct interview with the passenger;
- ▶ inspect luggage, hand-luggage, vehicle;
- ▶ conduct physical inspection of the passenger (while inspecting customs-officers are entitled to use special equipment, such as: metal-detector, body scanner and others);

In which cases shall a passenger declare goods upon crossing the customs borders of Georgia?

- ▶ In case of importation/exportation of goods intended for economic activities (regardless their quantity and value);
- ▶ if importation of goods is restricted or/and special permits or licenses are required;
- ▶ If the quantity or/and value of the imported goods exceed limits for tax benefits established by the tax code of Georgia;
- ▶ In case of enjoying tax benefits, established by the tax code for being abroad more than every 6 months period and/or entering Georgia for permanent residence;
- ▶ In case of importation/exportation Cash (national and/or foreign currency), cheques and/or securities, with total sum more than GEL 30 000, or its equivalent in other currency;
- ▶ If the goods are purchased online and imported by postal dispatch.

What documents are submitted by a driver in case of cargo shipment?

- ▶ CMR or TIR Carnet;
- ▶ Purchase document:
 - Purchase agreement of goods;
 - or invoice;
 - or other payment documents;
- ▶ if required, the license/permit/certificate must be submitted additionally;

Which goods are required to submit permits or/and certificates additionally?

- ▶ Weapon or explosives;
- ▶ Narcotic Drugs or psychotropic substances;
- ▶ Antique or piece of artist;
- ▶ Poisonous substance or medicines;
- ▶ Plant and / or animal, their parts or derivatives;
- ▶ High frequency radio-electronic device, means of communication;
- ▶ Radioactive material;
- ▶ Residues (including radioactive waste);
- ▶ Ozone depleting substance;
- ▶ Medications subject to the special control.