

Hungary

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
<p>Removal goods: Foreign (non EU) citizens employed by a Hungarian company</p>	<p><i>By personal goods it is understood:</i> Personal jewellery, 1 portable TV set, 1 portable VCR, 1 portable computer (laptop or notebook) with 24 pieces disk (PC, printer, monitor, etc. are excluded), 2 photo cameras with 10 rolls of film each, 1 (video) camera, 10 videocassette, 1portable hi-fi, 1 portable turntable with 10 LPs, 1portable fax, 1 buggy, 1 tent and accessories, sports equipment e.g. 1 bike, 1 boat (not longer than 5.5m), 2 pairs of ski, 2 tennis rackets, 1 surf</p> <p>The following documents are required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Residence Permit (original) – To be issued in Hungary in advance with validity longer than one year. ➤ Inventory - itemized, valued, dated, and signed by the shipper and in Hungarian. List brand names and serial numbers of all electronic equipment Inventory ➤ Copy of passport. ➤ Power of attorney (authorization to clear the shipment given by the client to the agent). ➤ Work Certificate from shipper's employer ➤ Copy of rental or buying contract Work Permit (original) – To be issued in Hungary in advance ➤ Statement from client that the imported items were in his possession for more than 6 months. ➤ Photographs of any paintings or antiques ➤ Original Bank Guarantee (special document from the employing firms bank) <p>All documents must be in Hungarian.</p>	<p>Duty free, subject to re-exportation</p> <p>There is no definitive customs clearance in Hungary. Admission of goods is allowed for the period of the residence permit validity. At the expiry of the residence permit, an additional clearance procedure must take place otherwise the shipment has to leave Hungary.</p>	<p>Imported items cannot be sold or leased. In case client wants to leave these items behind he has to pay duty on them.</p> <p>Number of shipments is not limited.</p> <p>In case the residence permit is valid less than one year, an additional bank guarantee (from a Hungarian Bank in HUF) is required for the amount of the duty and other costs on the shipment.</p> <p>Important: Original Customs form proving that import clearance has been performed has to be kept, presented for prolongation as well as at the time of export Customs clearance. Send all necessary Customs documents prior to the arrival of shipment to Hungary.</p> <p>For incoming shipments, original Customs documents (including transport documents) must be presented to the Customs Office one day prior to clearance.</p>
<p>Removal goods: EU citizens</p>	<p>If the shipper lived more than 12 months outside the EU, the following documents are required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Itemized valued inventory list in categories: furniture - electrical appliances - dishes, etc. we will translate it for you. ➤ Work certificate from the employer of the origin country, proving that the shipper had worked there for more than 12 months. ➤ Copy of the shipper's visa and/or the rental contract of the house/apartment at the origin country ➤ Copy of the residence permit or that of the rental contract showing the shipper's address in Hungary. ➤ Work certificate from the Hungarian employer stating the dates and the purpose of moving to Hungary. ➤ Legible copy of the shipper's passport. ➤ Power of attorney in Hungarian (authorization given by the shipper to the agent to clear the shipment). 	<p>If the shipper lived less than 12 months outside of the EU, the shipment is subject to duties and taxes.</p>	

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Diplomats' Removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Copy of the shipper's passport ➤ Duty free customs form issued by the Embassy in Hungary and stamped by the Embassy and the Protocol department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ➤ Valued inventory list in Hungarian issued by the Embassy in Hungary and stamped by the Embassy and the Protocol department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ➤ Copy of the client's passport ➤ Power of attorney in Hungarian (authorization given by the client to the agent to clear the shipment) 	Duty free for all imported shipments.	
Motor Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Car's original registration papers ➤ Invoice of the car OR value declaration signed by shipper. ➤ Declaration about the make and all other details of the car (please contact your agent) ➤ Copy of passport ➤ Copy of Work Permit and Residence Permit of the shipper ➤ Copy of owner driving license ➤ Additional Bank Guarantee ➤ Liability Insurance (not offered by insurance companies for U.S. made cars) ➤ Power of attorney in Hungarian (authorization given by the shipper to the agent to clear the shipment) 	<p>Vehicles can be imported duty-free if equipped with a catalyzer on a temporary basis as long as the Customer's Hungarian Residence Permit is valid.</p> <p>Vehicles four (4) years old or older cannot be imported unless they pass an environmental examination (cost billed to Customer).</p> <p>U.S. made cars may need technical modification.</p> <p>After vehicle clears Customs the owner is issued a Hungarian Registration number and the car can be driven in all the states in Europe.</p>	<p>Cars with foreign registration plate can be used in Hungary for 3 months. After that time cars are cleared at customs office in temporary admission. After customs clearance the car has to be checked at "Technical Test Station". Only cars that meet the European standards can pass technical test.</p> <p>In case residence permit is valid for less than one year, a bank guarantee is required for the amount of the duty, VAT and any additional fees (duty of 23 to 51% depending on the details of the car, customs handling charge of 2%, excise duty of 22% and a VAT of 25% on the value of the car).</p>

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Alcohol	➤ As for the Removal Goods		Maximum quantity allowed to be imported: Wine: 1 litre, Beer: 5 litres, Spirit: 1 litre
Tobacco			Maximum quantity allowed to be imported: 500 cigarettes, 50 cigars or 500 gr. Tobacco
Medicine		Can be imported duty-free with GP's written confirmation that the kind and quantity of the medicine is necessary to the treatment of the client.	
Foodstuff			Maximum quantity allowed to be imported is 1kg of tea, coffee, cocoa, and all kind of spices except paprika powder.
Plants and Vegetable Products	➤ As for Removal Goods, plus Phytosanitary certificate.		
Dogs, Cats, Birds	➤ As for Removal Goods, plus veterinary certificate but no quarantine.		
Prohibited Items			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Weapons and explosives ➤ Drugs and narcotics ➤ Pornographic or obscene material ➤ Radio transmitters
Other Goods			There may be specific Customs regulations, so you should consult your agent in advance.
General			<p>In the past, many expatriates could visit Hungarian embassies in countries neighboring Hungary to obtain their residence visas (work visas, family member visas, income generator visas).</p> <p>However, please be advised that this is no longer the case as these embassies are no longer willing to issue residence visas to foreigners not resident in their respective countries.</p> <p>For some time now, many Non-E.U. expatriates (incl. U.S., Canada, Australia, Japan, South Africa) who entered Hungary on a 90-day tourist visa, but then wished to obtain an extended visa, could often apply for same at a Hungarian Embassy in Vienna, Prague, Bratislava or Zagreb. However, due to a tightening of procedure, foreigners can now only apply for an extended Hungarian visa at the Hungarian Embassy in either their native country, or a country in which they have official residency.</p> <p>Exceptions will only be made in extreme circumstance, such as a medical condition that might prevent the applicant from travel.</p>