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Languages used by club personnel : Arabic and English.**Documents for temporarily imported vehicles****Importation with document**

A motor vehicle may be temporarily imported into Oman under cover of a Carnet de Passages en Douane. When a CPD is not available, conditions regarding length of stay are different (see below).

The following documentation is required:

- Valid registration certificate from country of origin (exporting plates are not accepted)
- Comprehensive insurance certificate issued by a recognised Insurer and valid in Oman for the duration of stay
- Valid driving licence
- Where the importer is not a national of the country which issued the registration certificate, he must be in possession of a valid residence visa issued in that same country

Length of stay

The period of temporary importation is 6 months under cover of a Carnet de Passages en Douane.

When a Carnet de Passages en Douane is not available, the period of temporary importation is of 3 months only. This can be extended for a further 3 months against deposit of a security to cover taxes and customs duties.

Vehicles not driven by the owner

Where the importer is not the owner of the vehicle, an authorisation to drive the vehicle, legally recognised and issued in the country of origin, must be available.

Vehicle insurance**Minimum requirements for visitors** : Visitors and residents must have third party insurance.

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Oman is a member of the Orange Card network. An Orange Card issued in one of the following countries is accepted to cover third party liability:

Algeria	Egypt	Jordan	Lebanon	Morocco	Qatar	Tunisia
Bahrain	Iraq	Kuwait	Libya	Oman	Syria	UAE

Short-term insurance

Third party insurance must be purchased locally on arrival.

Note : Car insurance becomes automatically void when drivers involved in a traffic accident (whether they are responsible or not) are found to be under the influence of alcohol. They will not be covered for material and/or corporal damage

Vehicle registration certificate

National registration certificates are recognised.

Driving licence required**Visitors' national driving licences recognised**

Foreigners with a tourist/business visa can use their national driving licence for up to 3 months.

It is possible to obtain a local licence from the nearest police station, <http://www.rop.gov.om/english/>.

International driving permit

International driving permits conforming to the 1949 and 1968 Convention models are recognised for 3 months.

Temporary permit for visitors

A national driving licence may be exchanged for a local temporary licence if the visitor is sponsored by a local resident or firm.

Compulsory equipment**Visitors and residents****Seat belts and child restraints**

It is compulsory to wear a seat belt when travelling on the front seat.

The introduction of legislation regarding the use of rear seat belts and of child restraints is under consideration.

Helmets for motorcyclists

Crash helmets are compulsory for riders of mopeds and motorcycles.

Fire extinguisher : It is not compulsory to have a fire extinguisher on board a private car.

First-aid kit : It is not compulsory to have a first aid kit on board a private car.



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Accident procedure

Reporting of accident

Following a minor accident, it is not necessary to call the police and the parties involved can refer the matter directly to the insurance company. They must remove immediately the vehicles to the side of the road in order to avoid any traffic congestion, failure to do so will carry a fine to 35 OMR. The ROP classifies minor road traffic accidents (RTAs) as those that only result in minor damage to one or more vehicles and do not cause deaths, injuries or material damage to public property or the private property of third parties.

Should one of the drivers agree to pay for the repair of both vehicles, or if both drivers agree to each paying for their own repairs, then the RTA form below must be filled in and signed by both parties and a "Vehicle Repair Permit" must be obtained from the nearest police station. However, if a driver is in disagreement, the police must be called immediately.

RTA - Minor Road Traffic Accident Form

All motorists must carry a "Minor Road Traffic Accident Form" on board their car at all times. This is available from the ROP website (see below) and from insurance companies. It is the responsibility of car hire companies to keep such forms in their cars.

A motorist involved in a major road traffic accident (physical injuries, severe damage to vehicles or other property) must remain with the vehicle and call the Royal Oman Police (ROP).

Emergency numbers

The main emergency number linked to the Royal Oman Police (ROP) is 999.

The Royal Oman Police (ROP) may be contacted on: +968 2451 0227/228 (Traffic Services). Details of police station numbers are available on its website.

Insurance formalities

Note: Visitors hiring cars should insure the vehicles adequately against death, injury, loss or damage to property. Residents may insure their vehicles outside the Sultanate; however, third-party liability insurance must be purchased locally.