

Motor vehicle rebates

What is a rebate on a motor vehicle?

Customs duty is payable on all motor vehicles when they are brought into South Africa. The rebate refers to a rebate on the customs duty of an adapted motor vehicle for use by a persons with a disability.

Rebates are awarded from the International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC), operating under the Department of Trade and Industry, as a benefit to persons with disabilities which compensates for the cost of the required adaptations in order to make the vehicle suitable for the specific individual.



Categories and criteria

There are 2 categories–

- (a) Self-drive
- (b) Accessible transport (including parents of children with disabilities, residential care facilities and group homes)

Criteria for self-drive:

- (a) automatic transmission;
- (b) must be adaptations to the clutch and accelerator pedals by
 - extending them
 - moving them
 - or converting to hand controls

Criteria for accessible transport:

- The vehicle has been or will be structurally adapted –
- a) Floor plan modified to incorporate clamps & anchorage for a safety harness to hold the wheelchair and the person with a disability;
 - b) Ramps, a lift or a hoist is fitted to allow access into the vehicle

Application process

- Download the relevant forms from our website at <https://www.wcapd.org.za/services/transport/vehicle-rebates/>
- Complete the forms, which include a medical report from your doctor recommending an adapted vehicle, copies of your ID document, driver's license, the quotation, the homologation certificate and the technical specifications of the vehicle (both of the latter are available for the motor dealer / manufacturer)
- Once the application is ready, make an appointment with us at (021) 5552881 for an assessment. *Note: the assessment is not required for persons being transported.*

Once we receive your forms, we check that everything is correctly completed before making a copy for our records and forwarding the original to the National Council of and for Persons with Disabilities, where it is again checked, signed and hand delivered to ITAC. Allow 4-6 weeks from the time you hand the forms to us. ITAC will contact you directly with approval, after which you may begin the purchase process.

IMPORTANT!

- No left-hand drive vehicles may be imported
- No vehicle may be ordered before the rebate permit has been obtained. If not, to rebate permit will be granted.
- Vehicles must be imported for the specific applicant.
- Applicants may not purchase an imported vehicle which is standing in the dealer's showroom.