Requirements for the Importation of Firearms and Ammunitions by Foreign Tourists

PROCESSING TIMES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To obtain an authorization to import firearms and ammunition in Cameroon, eligible applicants must reside in the area of jurisdiction of the Embassy of Cameroon in Washington, D.C., which includes: the UNITED STATES of AMERICA, MEXICO, COSTA RICA, and the COMMONWEALTH of the BAHAMAS.

The Processing time for a firearms importation permit is approximately 4 to 5 business days after a Tourist Visa has been granted to the applicant. Travelers must submit both an application for tourist visa and an application for a firearm importation permit at the same time.

The following documentation is required:

1. A complete tourist visa application (see visa requirements), or proof that a tourist visa has already been issued for the planned hunting trip (in this case the applicant may provide a copies of their passport: Identification page + visa previously issued by the Embassy);
   Retired applicants will still need to specify their profession or occupation prior to retiring. Simply writing “RETIRED” is not enough and will result in a rejection of your application or in a delay in the processing;
2. Two (02) application forms to be completed and signed by the applicant; Under-aged persons (below 20 years old at the time of the application) are not authorized to request for a firearms importation permit or to use a firearm while in Cameroon;
3. Two (02) passport-size photographs with white background (BOTH EARS MUST BE SEEN);
4. A notarized Curriculum Vitae;
5. A medical certificate attesting of the good physical and mental health of the applicant, and of his/her ability to undertake a hunting trip to Cameroon.
6. The ORIGINAL of the registration certificate AND/OR the original of CUSTOMS FORM 4457 for any weapon for which the applicant is requesting an importation permit for hunting purposes in Cameroon; that original registration certificate/custums form 4457 will be returned to the applicant once the request has been processed. Failure to include that original registration certificate/customs form will result in the application being systematically rejected!
7. $2.00 Application Fee + $565.83 Permit Fee (TOTAL: $567.83) paid in the form of a money order, certified check, or cashier’s check payable to “Embassy of Cameroon”. Two items (money order, certified or cashier’s check) must be submitted to cover the application fee and the visa fee respectively. Payments with personal checks, checks drawn form a business bank account, or credit cards WILL NOT be accepted, and will result in delays or in the rejection of the permit application as a whole;
   NOTE: The Embassy will not be responsible for refunding or completing fees of applications that are submitted with the incorrect fee amount (e.g. Money Orders of an amount that is either lower or higher than the fees indicated above); applicants are advised to submit their documentation with the correct fees.
8. Some complementary documents or information may eventually be requested by the Embassy.
IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION

1. When issued, a firearms importation permit is valid for 90 days;
2. The beneficiary of a permit has the obligation to re-export any weapon introduced into Cameroon at the end of his/her stay. It is their responsibility by law;
3. Applicants residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the Embassy of Cameroon in Washington, D.C. are advised to obtain their firearms importation permits from the Cameroon Embassy at the above indicated address;
4. Application forms can be downloaded from the Embassy website: www.cameroonembassyusa.org
5. For any questions related to the permit application process or requirements, please send an email to cs@cameroonembassyusa.org. The title of your email should give an idea about the problem/issue/question that you would like the Consular Section to address. You may expect a response within 2 to 3 business days. Please be advised that a response may be delayed depending on the volume of emails that the Consular Section must respond to.