

Gold from Dubai to India: 20g/40g and 1kg Rules

Weight, stay period, and declaration. The answer to the Question: **How much gold can we bring from dubai to india**; is governed by Indian customs, not by the airline or the shop.

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Quick Answer Box: the two routes are different

Duty-free jewellery: **40 grams** for a female passenger and **20 grams** for others if you have stayed abroad more than one year (Indian origin).

Bars and coins get no free allowance.

Separately, eligible passengers who have stayed at least six months may bring up to **1 kg** of gold on payment of concessional duty.

Read the full WealthMunshi guide for the source context.

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What happens when gold exceeds the free allowance?

- Declare excess in the Red Channel.
- No airline sets the limit. No official “best” Dubai jeweler list exists.



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Duty-free jewellery allowance: 40g or 20g

How much gold can i carry from dubai to india. What are the customs regulations for carrying gold from Dubai to India?

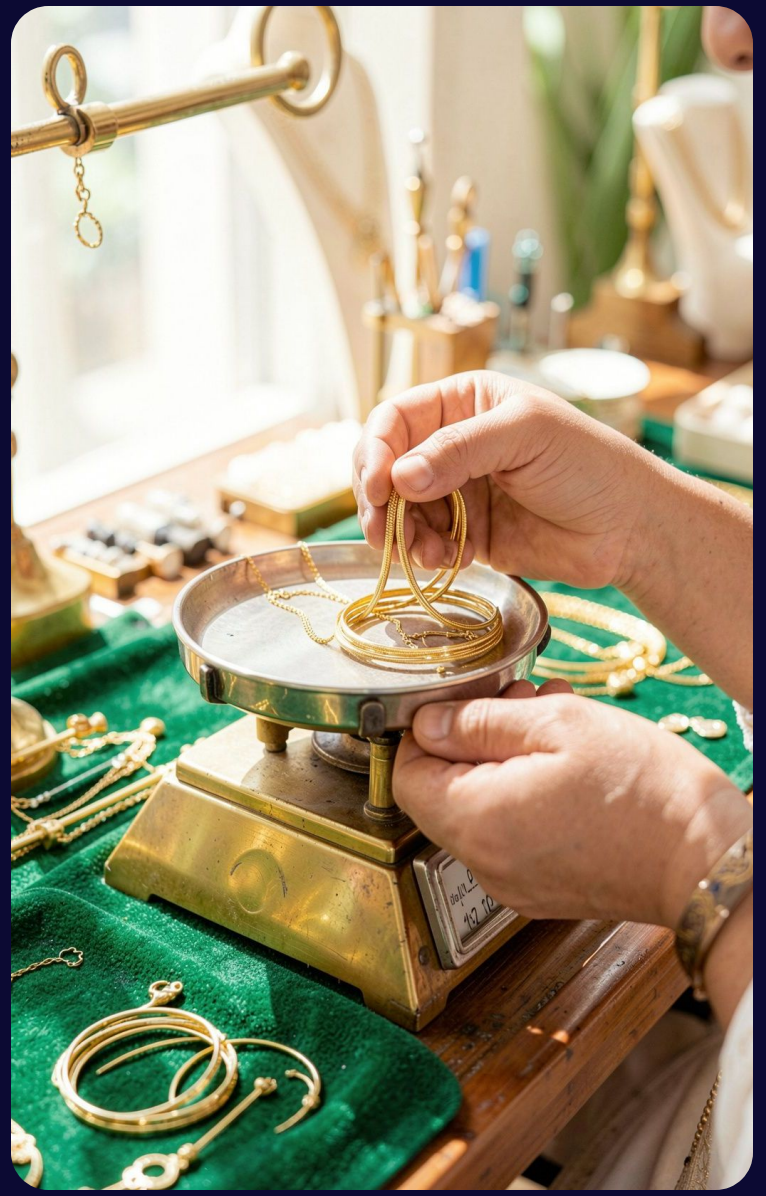
Under the **Baggage Rules**, 2026 (effective from early 2026), the special duty-free allowance for gold jewellery is:

40g

Female passenger: up to 40 grams

20g

Any other passenger: up to 20 grams



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Conditions for the duty-free jewellery allowance

Conditions:

- Passenger of Indian origin (or qualifying resident).
- Has been residing abroad for more than one year.
- The items are bona-fide personal jewellery.

The allowance is now weight-based only. The previous rupee value caps have been removed. It applies per passenger. Family members cannot pool their allowances. Used personal jewellery that is part of ordinary personal effects may be treated separately under personal-effects rules, subject to verification.

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What the free allowance does not cover

Gold bars, coins and medallions do not fall under this duty-free jewellery allowance. Duty is payable from the first gram on such forms unless they are covered by the separate concessional route below.

The free allowance is for jewellery only: 40 grams for a female passenger and 20 grams for others, if you have stayed abroad more than one year and are of Indian origin.

The WealthMunshi article explains the distinction between jewellery, bars, and coins.

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The 1 kg concessional route

An eligible passenger (holder of a valid Indian passport or a person of Indian origin) who is returning after a stay abroad of not less than six months may import gold, including ornaments, bars and coins, up to 1 kilogram in total per passenger.

Duty must be **paid in convertible foreign currency** at the concessional rate notified by CBIC.



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The 1 kg ceiling covers all forms of gold

Short visits are subject to the rules on how the six-month period is counted. The 1 kg is a combined ceiling covering all forms of gold.

Jewellery

Bars

Coins

This route is distinct from the 20 g / 40 g free allowance. A passenger who qualifies for both may use the free jewellery allowance and pay concessional duty on the balance up to the 1 kg overall limit, subject to the exact notification conditions in force on the date of arrival.

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Duty rates can change

Check before travel	Why it matters
Duty rates	Duty rates have been adjusted in 2025–2026 notifications.
Current rate	Always check the current rate on the CBIC website immediately before travel, because the concessional percentage and any sunset date can change.
Confirmation	**Confirm the latest duty rate and conditions with CBIC** before travel.

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Declare excess and carry the invoice

Any gold above the applicable free allowance must be declared to Customs in the Red Channel. Carry the purchase invoice from Dubai showing weight, purity and price.

Failure to declare can result in seizure, penalty and duty at the higher rate.



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