



## AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2008/49

### Customs Broker Licensing – Approved Courses of Study

This Australian Customs Notice is to provide potential applicants for a customs broker licence with information regarding the approved courses of study.

#### Background

Applications for a broker's licence must be made in accordance with the requirements of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act). Among other things, the Act requires that the Chief Executive Officer of Customs (the CEO) grant a broker's licence only if, in his opinion, the applicant is qualified to be a customs broker. A qualified customs broker must:

- (1) unless exempted by the CEO, have complete an approved course of study or instruction; and
- (2) have the acquired experience that fits the applicant to be a customs broker.

#### Current Approved Course

For the purposes of section 183CC of the Act, certain specified units from the now superseded Transport and Distribution Training Package provided by Registered Training Organisations (RTO's) have formed the approved course of study for a broker's licence since 2006. Completion of these units is recognised as completion of the 'approved course of study'. The specified units, referred to as the existing course, are:

TDTA997C	Complete and Check Import-Export Documentation
TDTA4804A	Carry out Border Clearance Functions
TDTA4904A	Implement Specialist Permit Requirements as Part of Customs Broking Activities
TDTA5004A	Implement GST Regulations as Part of Customs Broking Activities
TDTA5104A	Carry Out Non-Commodity Quarantine Procedures
TDTA5204A	Carry Out Customs Clearance Practices
TDTA5304A	Carry Out Customs Valuation
TDTA5404A	Classify Commodities for the Import and Export of Goods Through Customs
TDTA5504A	Classify Complex Commodities for the Import and Export of Goods Through Customs
TDTA5604A	Carry Out Complex Valuation
TDTA5704A	Analyse, advise and Carry Out Integrated Border Clearance Transactions

**Registered Training Organisations** will no longer be offering enrolment in the above units to new students and will cease to offer these units to existing students after October 2010.

#### New Approved Course

As a result of the standard review of the previous Training Package by the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST), units that form the approved course have now been re-named as part of that Training Package review. The content of the newly named units has remained effectively the same and the quantum of units comprising the approved course (eleven) is unchanged. As a result of those changes the CEO of Customs has now also approved the following competencies as a course of study for a broker's licence:

<b>Units from new TLI07 Training Package</b>
TLIA907D Complete and Check Import-Export Documentation
TLIA4807B Carry out Border Clearance Functions
TLIA4907B Implement Specialist Permit Requirements as Part of Customs Broking Activities
TLIA5007B Implement GST Regulations as Part of Customs Broking Activities
TLIA5107B Carry Out Non-Commodity Quarantine Procedures
TLIA5207B Carry Out Customs Clearance Practices
TLIA5307B Carry Out Customs Valuation
TLIA5407B Classify Commodities for the Import and Export of Goods Through Customs
TLIA5507B Classify Complex Commodities for the Import and Export of Goods Through Customs
TLIA5607B Carry Out Complex Valuation
TLIA5707B Analyse, Advise On and Carry Out Integrated Border Clearance Transactions

The new course is an alternative to the existing course and may be delivered by Registered Training Organisations where the units of competency fall within their scope of registration. RTOs, including TAFE institutes with either the Certificate IV in Transport and Logistics (Logistics Operations) or the new units of competency on their scope of registration, may deliver training and provide assessment in the designated course, provided that they have purchased the competencies or download them from the NTIS (National Training Information Service) and developed appropriate learning and assessment strategies.

#### **TAFE institutes offering the course**

NSW - Sydney Institute of TAFE, contact Joseph Famularo at [joseph.famularo@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:joseph.famularo@tafensw.edu.au)

VIC - Kangan-Batman TAFE, contact Nicole Bolitho at [nbolitho@kangan.edu.au](mailto:nbolitho@kangan.edu.au)

VIC - Holmesglen TAFE, contact Judy Miller at [judym@holmesglen.vic.edu.au](mailto:judym@holmesglen.vic.edu.au)

#### **Private course providers offering the course**

The Customs Brokers and Forwarders Council of Australia Inc (CBFCA) offers the eleven units that comprise the approved course of study via an Internet based study platform. Details of the course are available on the CBFCA website at [www.cbfa.com.au](http://www.cbfa.com.au).

My Freight Career Pty Ltd offers the eleven units that comprise the approved course of study either as part of a Certificate IV course titled "Transport and Distribution (Administration)" or as eleven stand-alone study units. Details of the courses are available at [www.myfreightcareer.com.au](http://www.myfreightcareer.com.au)

Details of how to locate other RTOs intending to deliver the new course may be obtained from Transport and Logistics Industry Skills Council (TLISC), which is the Industry Skills Council responsible for developing these competencies within the national training framework. The TLISC contact is Cinthia Del Grosso (03) 93204242, [cinthia@tdtaustralia.com](mailto:cinthia@tdtaustralia.com)

#### **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or Current Competencies (RCC)**

Applicants seeking recognition of prior learning or current competencies should contact their intended training organisation for details.

### **Applying for a Customs Broker licence**

Licence application forms are available from the Customs Internet site [www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au)

The completed application form should be forwarded to:

Chief Executive Officer  
Attention: Broker Licensing Group  
Australian Customs Service  
5 Constitution Avenue  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Applications will be referred to the National Customs Brokers Licensing Advisory Committee (NCBLAC) for consideration and a hearing, if required. The NCBLAC will report to the CEO of Customs for a decision on the application. In doing so, the NCBLAC will examine whether the applicant is qualified to be a customs broker.

Inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to the Supervisor, Broker Licensing Group on telephone number (02) 6275 5088 or fax number (02) 6275 6601.

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