

**The Chartered  
Institute of Logistics  
and Transport**

# Certificate in Customs Compliance and Trade Facilitation

**South East Technological University  
Level 6**

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## Course Description:

The aim of the programme is to educate and upskill International businesses in the area of customs compliance and trade facilitation by Teaching candidates how to complete EU customs process simply and accurately, enabling goods to quickly transit EU and International customs borders.

The programme is targeted at indigenous and multinational businesses importing or exporting goods who need to upskill themselves to prepare for the new realities that have resulted from Brexit.

## What is Trade Facilitation?

Trade facilitation refers to a specific set of measures that streamline and simplify the technical and legal procedures for products entering or leaving a country to be traded internationally. As such trade facilitation covers the full spectrum of border procedures from the electronic exchange of data about a shipment to the simplification and harmonisation of trade documents to the possibility to appeal administrative decisions by border agencies.

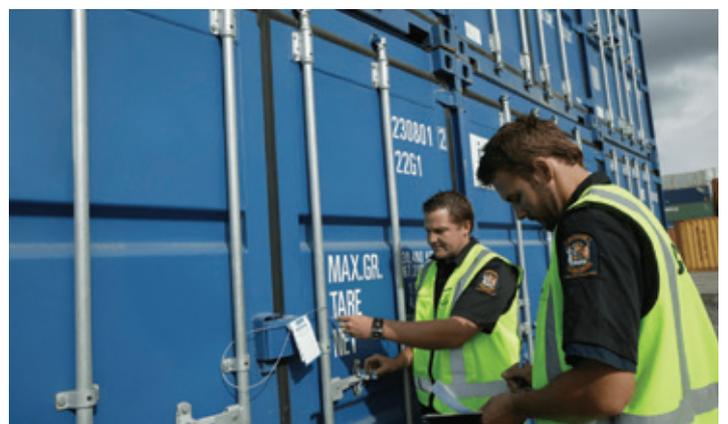
In a globalised world where goods often cross borders many times as both intermediate and final products trade facilitation measures can help lower overall trade costs for businesses.

Trade facilitation also helps more – and smaller – businesses participate in trade. Addressing unnecessary costs related to trade procedures is essential for businesses to take full advantage of new market openings. This is especially true for sole traders and SMEs for which the costs of trading can be disproportionately large.

## Revenue Recognised

The Union Customs Code Implementing Act states criteria for applicants for AEO status in relation to practical standards and professional qualification. The AEO or the person in charge of the AEO's customs matters must have either a minimum of 3 years proven practical experience in customs matters or successfully completed a recognised customs training programme.

This programme has been recognised by Revenue as meeting the criteria specified under Article 27(1) UCC IA. This programme will be accepted by Revenue Control Officers as an approved training programme when assessing an applicant for AEO status.



## Learning Outcomes:

### At the end of the programme you will be able to:

- › Demonstrate an understanding of Customs Compliance and Trade Facilitation processes and the legislation (Union Customs Code) and governing bodies that underpin these. Understand traders' obligations under valuation tariff classification rules of origin and risks associated.
- › Demonstrate knowledge of how to apply theories learnt to the industry sector nationally and internationally. How importing/exporting businesses can benefit from different Trade Facilitation measures and authorisations how it relates to supply chain operations.
- › Demonstrate ability to apply the content and theories learned in the real-life environment for industry supply chain operations for all third countries trading.
- › Demonstrate how customs-to-business partnership works and compliance obligations of same. Demonstrate knowledge of traders' responsibility.
- › Apply knowledge and skills learnt to practice through real life case studies
- › Describe the practical trade facilitation measures that underpin global customs authorities operating regimes.

## A trade facilitation measure:

The Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) scheme is one trade facilitation measure. It gives approved businesses special status to allow their goods to pass through customs as quickly as possible. It is an internationally-recognised mark of quality that gives businesses 'trusted trader' status.

### As an AEO you could benefit from:

- › Recognition worldwide as safe secure and compliant business partners in international trade
- › Lower risk scores in risk analysis systems when profiling
- › Priority treatment if physical controls are conducted
- › Mutual recognition of AEO programmes under Joint Customs Cooperation Agreements which could result in faster movement of goods through third country borders
- › Reduced data sets for entry and exit summary declarations (this only applies to AEO safety and security)
- › Easier access to simplified procedures
- › Reduction or waiver of comprehensive guarantees.

## Course Content:

### Module 1: Customs Compliance:

- › Introduction to customs: Global & EU customs in supply chain
- › Union Customs Code (UCC)
- › Customs Valuation
- › Rules of Origin
- › Tariff Classification
- › VAT & Excise
- › Special Procedures
- › Transit.

### Module 2: Risk and Trade Facilitation

- › Risk Analysis
- › Customs debt
- › Customs decisions and custom IT systems
- › AEO
- › Incoterms 2020
- › Customs Guarantees
- › Customs Procedures and declarations
- › Customs Entry and Export
- › Customs Status of goods
- › WTO and trade facilitation agreements
- › Other trade facilitation measures.

## Course Format:

### Courses may be delivered via a number of methods including:

- › 10 x half-day virtual delivery (mid-week) via Blackboard Collaborate
- › All course materials will be available online via the Blackboard e-learning platform.
- › **Duration:** 39 tuition hours plus independent learning.



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### **Entry Requirements:**

This is an online course, candidates will need to ensure they have internet access, equipment, and bandwidth to support online tutoring as well as the preparation of and upload of assignments.

The language of the course is English and candidates will need to communicate and complete assignments in English.

### **Assessment:**

100% Continuous Assessment based on two multiple choice question tests and a reflective journal.

### **Certification:**

Successful learners will be awarded a Certificate in Customs Compliance and Trade Facilitation (Level 6, 10 credits) from South East Technological University.

### **Course Cost:**

This cost of this course is €1,350.

### **For further information or to book:**

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