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Approved course of study for a customs broker's licence

This Australian Customs Notice (ACN) provides information on the new course of study that will need to be completed by anyone wishing to apply for a customs broker's licence.

This ACN supersedes Australian Customs and Border Protection Notice 2016/16 and any other previous notices dealing with the approved course of study for a customs broker's licence.

Section 183CC of *the Customs Act 1901* (the Act) requires the Comptroller-General of Customs (Comptroller-General) to grant a broker's licence only if, in their opinion, the applicant is a fit and proper person and is qualified to be a customs broker.

A qualified customs broker, unless exempted by the Comptroller-General, must have completed the approved course of study and has acquired experience that fits them to be a customs broker.

In 2022, a standard review of the Diploma of Customs Broking TL150816 was undertaken by the Australian Industry Standards, with contributions from a range of industry participants. As a result of the training package review the Diploma of Customs Broking will now consist of 14 Core units.

Additionally, the review has resulted in the development of a new unit of competency 'Introduction to Border Clearance' and revised associated units of competency. These changes include title changes to the units of competency, elements and performance criteria and a general rewrite of the unit to reflect current practices and industry changes.

As a result of the changes, the Comptroller-General has approved a new course of study for a customs broker's licence. The new course of study is the **Diploma of Customs Broking TL150822**. Details of the Diploma, including the units of study that comprise the Diploma, are available at: <https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/TL150822>.

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For individuals undertaking the previous Diploma of Customs Broking TL150816, Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) will allow students to finish and be awarded the qualification if they have remained enrolled and have completed all course requirements within the completion period for the Diploma.

For students who have not completed the necessary course requirements within the completion period, RTOs will assist to transition them to complete the new Diploma of Customs Broking TL150822.

People who have completed a former approved course of study, should approach their RTOs for advice on a Recognition of Prior Learning pathway that will lead to the awarding of TL150822 Diploma of Customs Broking.

However, the superseded TL150816 will continue to be recognised at least until the end of the transition period, currently 25 July 2023.

Any enquiries concerning this ACN should be directed to Broker Licensing via email to brokers.licensing@abf.gov.au.

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