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Mandatory Continuing Professional Development for Licensed Customs Brokers

The purpose of this notice is to inform licensed customs brokers of the introduction of an online mandatory Continuing Professional Development (CPD) module.

The Australian Border Force (ABF) administered mandatory CPD module will be released in the first quarter of the 2023/24 CPD year, which commences 1 April 2023. All licensed customs brokers will need to complete the mandatory CPD module by 31 March 2024, the end of the 2023/24 CPD year.

The ABF issues a customs broker licence subject to a number of conditions as specified in the Customs Act 1901. The requirement to undertake sufficient CPD activity is detailed on the ABF website and is one condition of a customs broker licence.

As the ABF cannot conduct a 100% check of every customs entry, it is essential that the ABF has a high degree of confidence that customs brokers will meet the requirements of their licence and exercise their function in a professional, correct and responsible manner. This ensures that risks can be identified and addressed by the ABF, the correct duty is paid and declarations to the ABF are accurate.

The mandatory CPD module being introduced will focus on customs broker due diligence requirements and assist customs brokers in identifying suspicious transactions and traders. Customs brokers will attain 3 CPD points from stream B by completing the module.

Prior to the mandatory CPD module being released additional information will be provided to assist customs brokers with accessing and completing the online module.

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