

AEO certification

WHO CAN APPLY?

Anyone involved in the international supply chain

- Importers
- Exporters
- Warehouse keepers
- Manufacturers
- Freight forwarders
- Customs agents
- Carriers

If you currently use any of the customs procedures listed below, you'll need to apply for the new AEO certification:-

- CFSP (Common Foreign and Security Policy)
- Bonded Warehousing
- IP (Intellectual Property)
- OPR (Outward Processing Relief)
- PCC (Processing under customs Control)

Or any combination of the above.

ELIGIBILITY

Any legal entity that undertakes Customs related work can apply for the AEO Programme if they fulfil the following conditions:

- Minimum 25 Import or Export document in last Financial Year.
- Business activity for last 3 Financial Year (This condition can be waived of by the AEO Programme Manager).
- Financially Solvent for the last 3 Financial Years.
- The applicant must not be issued a Show Cause Notice involving 'fraud, forgery, outright smuggling, clandestine removal of excisable goods or cases where Service Tax has been collected from customers but not deposited to the Government' during last 3 Financial Years.

BENEFITS OF AEO

- Faster clearance of import or export goods
- DPD (Direct Port Delivery) facility for Imported goods from wharf to warehouse and DPE (Direct Port Entry) facility for Export goods from factory to wharf shall greatly reduce the dwell time and cost saving.
- AEO operator can pay taxes comfortably as compared to regular importer. Regular importer has to pay it within 2 days, whereas AEO is legally allowed to defer duty payment for as many as 15 days.
- Drawback and Refunds shall be paid faster- about 50% or 33% time faster, as compared to regular importers/exporters
- PCA (Post Clearance Audit) Audit frequency shall be much lesser than regular cases. In some category, as less as once in 3 years
- AEO need not enclose documents in some cases and in other category, self-certified documents shall be accepted by department and thus, ease of doing business shall be ensured.
- Facility for faster scanning shall be given.
- Extra space may be notified for AEO in port for faster storage and clearance.
- MRP affixation shall be allowed.