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Sub: Conduct of Online Examination (F-Category Exam and License) under Regulation 6 of Customs Brokers Licensing Regulation, 2018 by the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN)-Palasamudram -Reg.

The written examination for the Customs Brokers Licensing Examination (CBLR), 2026, will be conducted by the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN) in the first quarter of 2026 at designated examination centers across India

2. Applications are invited from Indian citizens to appear in the online written examination for the issuance of license to act as a Customs Broker under the Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations (CBLR), 2018, as amended. A copy of the regulations is available at www.cbic.gov.in and www.nacin.gov.in.

3. All applications must be submitted only in online mode on the CBLMS Portal (<https://cblms.gov.in>). Applicants must register on the CBLMS portal if not already registered. After logging into the CBLMS portal, applicants are required to submit an “F Category Exam & License” application. Detailed user manuals for registration on CBLMS and filling out the “F Category Exam & License” application form are available on the CBLMS portal under “<https://cblms.gov.in> -> Knowledge Center -> Help Manual & FAQs” page with the titles “User Manual for F Category Exam and License Application (Part I)” and “User Manual for F Category Exam and License Application (Part II)”.

4. Applicants should carefully choose the Policy Section while filling out the

application form in CBLMS. Policy Section means the Customs Commissionerate having jurisdiction over the area where the applicant intends to carry business. The list of Policy Section is available on the CBLMS Portal under the tab "Contact Us". It is essential to ensure that the application form is filled out and submitted with complete and accurate information, as it can be submitted only once. The complete F Category Exam & License" application must be submitted from 14.10.2025 to 13.11.2025 up to 24:00 Hrs in online mode only on the CBLMS Portal_ (<https://cblms.gov.in>). Applications sent by post or in any manner other than the prescribed mode shall not be entertained.

5. The applicant must pay the prescribed fee of ₹ 500/- (Rupees five hundred only) either online in the "F Category Exam & License" application form or through a manual challan at the Policy Section and upload a copy of this manual challan in the F Category Exam & License" application. No application will be accepted without successful payment of the fee.

6. Before applying, applicants should ensure the completeness of the application. Incomplete applications shall be summarily rejected. If any information submitted by the applicant is found to be incorrect, the application shall be rejected, or the license (if issued) shall be canceled

7. The online written examination will be a Computer Based Examination (CBE) comprising Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) of two and a half hours duration (10:30 hrs to 13:00 hrs). The question paper will be bilingual i.e., in English and Hindi. The pattern of the examination will be as follows:

- Number of questions: 150
- Marking scheme: +3 for each correct answer; -1 for each incorrect answer
- Maximum marks: 450
- Qualifying marks: 270 (60%)

8. The syllabus of examination is prescribed in Regulation 6(7) of the Customs Brokers Licensing Regulations, 2018, as amended. Those qualifying in said examination will have to appear for oral examination in terms of Regulation 6 of the said Regulations.

9. The oral examination will be held during the second quarter of the calendar year 2025. The pass percentage marks for qualifying in the oral examination will be 60%.

10. Attention is invited to the Guidelines dated 29.08.2018 issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with

Disabilities (Divyangjan) and circulated by CBIC vide letter dated 10.10.2018, pertaining to persons with benchmark disability. Eligible candidates meeting the criteria and willing to avail the benefit of the said guidelines should appropriately intimate their eligibility and willingness at the time of application, so that necessary arrangements can be made at the examination centers by the exam conducting authority and its partner agencies.

11. A dummy question paper for the purpose of awareness of candidates will be made available on the CBIC and NACIN websites www.cbic.gov.in and nacin.gov.in under the icon/tab <Examination> <Customs Broker> <Practice Test> well before the exam. A link to download the admit card will also be provided therein. Admit cards shall also be sent by e-mail to eligible applicants 12 days in advance before the date of examination. For the convenience of candidates, other necessary details like list of centers, guidelines to the candidates, help desk, e-mail ID, etc. will also be made available under the said icon/ tab.

12. For any technical issues regarding registration or filling out the application form on the CBLMS portal, please contact the concerned Policy Section as mentioned in Para 3 above immediately. The contact details of all the Policy Sections are provided on the “<https://cblms.gov.in>-> CONTACT US” page on the CBLMS Portal

13. The names of applicants found eligible to appear in the examination will be displayed on the notice board and/or website of the respective Commissionerate by 08.12.2025.

14. Information regarding roll numbers, admit cards and examination venues will be made available on the websites of CBIC and NACIN. A link to download the admit card will also be provided therein. Admit cards shall also be sent by email to eligible applicants 12 days in advance of the examination date. The written examination shall be held in March 2026. Candidates have the option to answer either in Hindi or in English. Successful candidates will be called for an oral examination for which separate communication will be sent.

15. For any queries regarding eligibility and the application process, please refer to the regulations available on the websites (www.cbic.gov.in and www.nacin.gov.in) or contact the nearest Customs Commissionerate. For queries regarding submission of applications on the CBLMS portal, candidates may refer to the User Manual available on the portal or contact the CBLMS Helpdesk at cblms-helpdesk@gov.in. In addition, a dedicated NACIN helpline will also be operational at the e-mail address cblr-nacinpsm@gov.in from the start date of application submission till the date of the exam.

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COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

To

- i). As per mailing list
- ii). Notice Board, Custom House, Tuticorin
- iii). EDI Section, Customs House, Tuticorin with a request for uploading in the website.
- iv) Tuticorin Custom Broker Association, Tuticorin

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