

The Customs Grant Scheme

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What is the Scheme aim?

- To assist eligible businesses as regards preparatory costs associated with the UK leaving the transition arrangement with the EU on 31st December 2020.
- To reimburse costs for eligible businesses associated with enabling them to increase their capacity and to enhance their ability to complete customs declarations (CDS) ahead of the new rules on 1st January 2021.

Who is the Scheme aimed at?

- Traders who import or export
- Customs brokers
- Fast parcel operators
- Freight forwarders
- Certain types of recruitment agencies

What is the eligibility criteria for a business?

- It must have been established in the UK for at least 12 months prior to making an application.
- It must have met all its tax obligations.

Plus **one** of the following:

- Complete or intend to complete CDS on behalf of their clients.
- Be an exporter or an importer and complete or intend to complete CDS for their own goods.
- Be an organisation which recruits, trains and places apprentices in business to undertake CDS work.

What type of Grants are they?

- There are 3 grants.
- Recruitment/Redeployment grant.
- Training grant.
- IT Improvement grant

What is the Recruitment/Redeployment Grant?

- Funding can be used to cover the salary and recruitment costs of new employees taken on since 12th June 2020 who help the business to complete CDS.
- Funding can be used to cover the salary costs of employees redeployed to undertake CDS. The new roles must increase the capacity of the business to deal with CDS.
- £3,000 grant towards recruitment costs per new employee.
- Up to £12,000 grant to cover salary costs for each new or redeployed employee.

What is the Training Grant?

- 100% of the actual costs of externally provided training for your employees, such as the cost of the trainer, venue hire, training material and travel and subsistence. Max. £1,500 per employee on the course. We have access to a Customs Duty training provider if required.
- The grant can cover internally run courses up to a limit of £250 per employee on the course.

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What is the IT improvement Grant?

- 100% of the costs relating to the IT expenditure incurred to improve the efficiency of making CDS.

General information required when applying?

- Registered name and number
- Contact details
- VAT number (if applicable)
- Unique Taxpayer Reference
- Recent utility bill
- Details of what the funding will be used for and the expected growth in capacity to complete CDS or take on new clients.

How to apply?

Pricewaterhouse Coopers is administering the scheme for HMRC.

The application link is here: <https://www.customsintermediarygrant.co.uk>

Recruitment grant application information?

- Why do you need more staff?
- Where are you in the recruitment process?

Training grant application information?

- A quote for the training costs.
- CV of trainer if internally delivered.

IT improvement grant application information?

- Details of the software you intend to buy.
- Quote for the cost buying the hardware and/or software.
- Quote for the cost of training employees to use the software.

If you wish to discuss any of these or other issues please do contact us.