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Training

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Clear Customs Update

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Clear Customs Overview



- 5 day instructor-led training programme
- Delivered at locations nationwide
- Level 6 QQI Certified
- Delivered by CILT Skillnet in association with IEA and IIFA

Participants learn:

- Practical skills in how to complete import/export declarations via Customs Clearance Software
- The documentation requirements of the exporter/importer and an understanding where these fit within the customs clearance chain
- An understanding of transit procedures (for using UK as Third Country land bridge)
- About valuation and its relevance for completing customs declarations
- Crucial information and gain knowledge of origin and its relevance for completing customs declarations
- About the specific procedures unique to individual sectors





High Level Stats to date

- **63 Courses** (between 02/09/2019 and 31/01/2020)
- **12 Nationwide Locations** (Dublin City, Dublin West, Athlone, Cavan, Cork, Dundalk, Galway, Letterkenny, Limerick, Shannon, Sligo and Waterford)
- **669 Participants**
- **375 Companies**
- **39% of participants from the priority sectors (Customs Intermediaries, Transport, Logistics, & Haulage sectors)**



Challenges to date....

- **Scalability:** instructor-led learning is limited to 12:1 for this type of practical, interactive training and therefore is not scalable
- **Skilled trainers:** trainers are scarce as this is not a well-populated industry. In-depth industry knowledge is vital to deliver effectively.
- **Prioritisation:** those in certain sectors (logistics, transport, haulage and customs intermediaries) were given priority as these would have most impact, but this left many companies unable to avail of training slots
- **Reach:** classroom-based training has been located according to demand, leaving some areas geographically under-represented
- **Cost:** existing classroom-based training is costly to provide and heavily dependent upon resources who are in demand across the sector right now



2020 Aims for Clear Customs

- Improve scalability of existing provision
- Expand reach of scheme
- Provide more accessible and flexible options for training
- Provide more cost-effective options for training
- Service all remaining demand for training plus additional demand expected following Brexit certainty



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