



Professional qualification of customs agent/customs broker

The professional qualification of customs agent is conferred by issue of a licence of unlimited validity by the Customs and Monopolies Agency, after consultation with the Italian Council of Customs Brokers, on passing a State examination.

The State examination is launched by means of a call for applications published on the Agency's website.

To be eligible to take the State examination, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- a secondary education certificate (Article 51 of Presidential Decree No 43/1973) or a university degree in law, business or equivalent subjects (Article 6 of Law No 213/2000);
- the certification of having completed an 18-month traineeship period issued by the Local Council of Customs Brokers.

The State examination comprises a written test, a practical test and an interview.

Applicants holding a degree in law, business or equivalent subjects will only need to take the interview.

The applicants who pass the test and fulfil the other requirements laid down in Article 48 of Presidential Decree No 43/1973, will, on application, obtain the title of customs agents and be issued the licence. In order to pursue the profession, customs agents must register with the professional register of customs agents.

RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

The recognition of professional qualifications obtained abroad is governed by Legislative Decree No 206 of 9 November 2007 transposing Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005.

The Customs and Monopolies Agency is responsible for the recognition of the professional qualifications of customs agents/brokers obtained abroad, and for their supervision.

The qualifications may have been obtained in a Member State or in a third country by both Italian and non-national citizens.

Recipients of the recognition decision (decree) may, after successfully completing any compensation measures required, consisting of an adaptation period or an aptitude test, pursue in Italy the profession for which they had obtained a professional qualification abroad.

To obtain recognition of a qualification obtained in the European Union for the purpose of practising a profession in Italy, it is necessary to submit an application with the procedure laid down in Legislative Decree No 206/2007 implementing Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications.

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No 394/1999 'Regulation implementing the Consolidated Law on Immigration adopted by Legislative Decree No 286/1998', Legislative Decree No 206/2007 also applies to non-nationals who apply for the recognition of qualifications obtained in a Member State or a third country.

The recognition of professional qualifications allows EU citizens or third-country nationals to pursue in Italy the profession for which they obtained their qualification in the country from which they come, under the conditions laid down in Italian law.

The application for recognition of professional qualifications obtained in the EU or in a third country must be submitted to the Customs and Monopolies Agency using the online procedure available on the Agency's website www.adm.gov.it.

The recognition application must be submitted on the form provided, together with the relevant documentation, an authentic copy of the identification document and proof of payment of a fee of EUR 32.00, by means of transfer to: 'Bilancio dello Stato Capo VIII, Capitolo 1205, art. 1' BIC: BITAITRRENT - IBAN: IT 07Y 01000 03245 348 008 1205 01 TAX: Stamp tax — REASON FOR PAYMENT: Name and Surname. Fee for application for recognition to the Customs and Monopolies Agency.



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