

# How becoming an **Authorised Economic Operator** can enhance your business

Over **1,200 UK registered companies** have gained Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) status since the inception of the program in 2008.

## There are 3 types of AEO certification available:

- **AEO Customs Simplification (AEOC)** focuses on customs compliance, record keeping, financial solvency and level of practical competence.
- **AEO Security and Safety (AEOS)** reviews measures and controls in place to ensure your part of the supply chain is secure.
- **AEOF (Full) = AEOC + AEOS**

## Financial benefits

Ability to gain a waiver for the financial guarantee required for your Duty Deferment Account.

## Customs simplifications

Fewer physical and document-based controls, priority treatment for customs controls and faster application processes.

## Commercial benefits

Improved reputation and relationships with customers & customs authorities can give you a competitive advantage.

## Trust

Be a trusted link in the supply chain with an internationally recognised accreditation, and gain the status as a safe business partner.



## Next steps to take

- Any size business can apply, as long as you're a legal entity, established in GB/NI, actively involved in customs operations and international trade, and have an EORI number.
- You will be informed whether your application has been accepted for processing within 30 days, but it can take a further 120 days for validation checks and an authorisation audit to be carried out by an HMRC officer.

## How we can help

Obtaining AEO status can provide great advantages to your business, but between January 2019 and December 2021, **56%** of applications were not successful. Our specialist customs support can give you the best chance of success. For more information, please contact **Ian Worth**. 1



## Start the conversation

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