

8009: Partial Exemption of Subjects of the Qualifying Examination for Registered Customs Specialists

[Exemption of Subjects]

The Qualifying Examination for Registered Customs Specialists consists of three subjects. However, some of the examination subjects will be exempted for those who fall under any of the following.

1. If the applicant has been engaged in customs brokerage for customs brokers or clerical work for customs duties and customs clearance at public offices (i.e. general clerical work at Customs and clerical work involving the supervision of such work) for 15 years or longer in total, the following (1) and (2) will be exempted.
2. If the applicant has been engaged in customs brokerage for customs brokers or clerical work for customs clearance at public offices (i.e. clerical work for customs clearance of goods at Customs and clerical work involving the supervision of such work) for 5 years or longer in total, the following (2) will be exempted.

Customs brokerage for customs brokers and clerical work for customs duties at public offices do not include the routine clerical work that requires no particular decisions (e.g.: data entry or typing, forwarding, goods inspection).

[Examination subjects]

- (1) The Customs Law, the Customs Tariff Law, and other tariff-related laws, as well as the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Control Law (only Chapter 6)
- (2) Customs clearance documentation and other clearance procedures
- (3) The Law of Customs Brokerage

[Calculation of period]

The period when applicants are engaged in customs brokerage for customs brokers and clerical work at public offices shall be calculated as follows:

- (1) Such period shall commence on the “day the applicant initially started to be engaged in customs brokerage for customs brokers or clerical work at public offices” and conclude on the “day preceding the day the applicant is no longer engaged in these duties” or the “application due date.” Even if the commencing or concluding dates are not the first day of the month to which these dates belong, the month shall be regarded as a period of one month. The same shall apply to the case where the applicant is temporarily discharged from these duties in the period from the commencing date to the concluding date. In this case, the total period of service shall be calculated excluding the period of temporary discharge.
- (2) If the applicant is discharged from customs brokerage for customs brokers or clerical work at public offices and is reassigned to the same duties in the same month, the entire period of the month shall be included in the applicant’s period of service for the duties.
- (3) If the applicant who was engaged in clerical work for customs duties and customs clearance at public offices is newly assigned to customs brokerage for customs brokers or clerical work for customs clearance at public offices in the same month or vice versa, the applicant shall be considered to be engaged in customs brokerage for customs brokers during the month.

[Application procedures]

Any person who applies for an exemption of examination subjects must submit to the appropriate Regional Customs a completed copy of the Application for Partial Exemption of Examination Subjects (Customs Form B - 1210) and the Certificate (Customs Form B – 1215) certified by any of the following persons, along with the completed application form.

Exemption applications must be filed by the due date of examination applications.

Since it will take time to examine the possibility of exemption, applicants are strongly recommended to submit the applications as soon as possible.

(The applicant is expected to request these forms along with an application form.)

- (a) If the applicant was or has been engaged in customs brokerage for a customs broker, the customs broker (if more than one customs broker, all of them) regardless of the current operational status of the broker.
If the applicant is not able to obtain the certificate due to the death or dissolution of the customs broker and if the organization to which the broker belonged can certify the death or dissolution, the organization.
- (b) If the applicant had been engaged in the clerical work for customs clearance at public offices but already retired from the work, the public office where the applicant was last engaged in such clerical work
- (c) If the applicant may be exempted by totaling (i) the period the applicant was engaged in customs brokerage for customs brokers and (ii) the period the applicant was engaged in clerical work at public offices, any of the (a) or (b) above.
- (d) If the applicant now works for a public office, the public office.

[Decision on exemption, etc.]

If the applicant is chosen to receive an exemption of subjects, the Notice for Partial Exemption of Examination Subjects will be issued and sent to the applicant along with the admission card. If the applicant is not chosen to receive an exemption, the applicant will be notified of the fact with the Notice of Rejection of the Application for Partial Exemption of Examination Subjects.

If the exemption application is proved to be based on a fictitious certificate, even in the case where the Notice for Partial Exemption of Examination Subjects has already been issued, the applicant will be penalized, such as prohibition from attending the examination or the revocation of acceptance, and may be prohibited from attending the examination for a certain period within next two years.

(Article 24 and 29 of the Customs Brokerage Law, Article 11 of the Enforcement Ordinance for the Customs Brokerage Law, Article 7 of the Regulations for the Enforcement of the Customs Brokerage Law)