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Subject: Conduct of online written examination under Regulation 6 of Customs Broker Licensing Regulations, 2018 by the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN), Palasamudram to be held in the first quarter of year 2026- reg.

It is hereby notified that the online written examination under Regulation 6 of the Customs Broker Licensing Regulations (CBLR), 2018, (as amended), which is a pre-requisite for obtaining a Customs Broker license, will be conducted by NACIN in the first quarter of 2026 (Tentatively) at the designated centers across India.

*The CBLR, 2018 is available on the CBIC and NACIN websites – www.cbic.gov.in and www.nacin.gov.in.

2. Eligibility:

Only persons who have qualified the Graduate Examination or hold an equivalent qualification as prescribed under Regulation 5(a) of the CBLR, 2018 (as amended) are eligible to appear for the examination.

3. Application Procedure:

Applicants shall submit the online application through the Customs Brokers Licensing Management System (CBLMS) portal (<https://cblms.gov.in>) for the “F Category Exam & Licence” from 14.10.2025 to 13.11.2025 (up to 24:00 hrs).

Applications submitted by post or any mode other than online shall not be accepted.

Applicants must carefully select the correct Policy Section corresponding to the jurisdiction where they intend to conduct business. The list of Policy Sections is available under the ‘Contact Us’ tab on the CBLMS portal.

Each applicant can submit the application only once. Applications must be filled completely and accurately, as incomplete applications shall be summarily rejected.

Applicants not already registered on the portal must first complete registration. Detailed User Manuals, titled “User Manual for F Category Exam and Licence Application (Part I & II)”, are available under Knowledge Center → Help Manual & FAQs on the CBLMS portal.

4. Examination Fee:

A non-refundable fee of Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred only) shall be paid either:

- online through the CBLMS application form, or

- ii. manually at the concerned Policy Section, with the copy of the challan uploaded in the online application.

Applications submitted without successful fee payment shall be rejected.

5. Advisory on Submission:

Applicants are advised not to wait until the last date to submit their applications to avoid network congestion or technical issues.

6. Written Examination Details:

The written examination will be a Computer Based Test (CBT) comprising Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) of 2½ hours duration (10:30 hrs – 13:00 hrs). The question paper will be bilingual (English and Hindi).

Exam Pattern:

Number of Questions: 150

Marking Scheme: +3 for each correct answer, -1 for each incorrect answer

Maximum Marks: 450

Qualifying Marks: 270 (60%)

7. The syllabus for the written examination is prescribed under Regulation 6(7) of the CBLR, 2018, as amended. Candidates qualifying in the written examination shall appear for an oral examination as per Regulation 6.

8. The oral examination is scheduled to be held during the second quarter of 2026, and the qualifying marks shall be 60%.

9. Facilities for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities:

Attention is invited to the Guidelines dated 29.08.2018 issued by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, and circulated by CBIC vide letter dated 10.10.2018.

Eligible candidates with benchmark disabilities who wish to avail the benefit of these guidelines must indicate their eligibility and willingness, duly supported by documentary evidence, at the time of application to enable suitable arrangements by the examination authorities.

10. Admit Card and Exam Instructions:

A dummy/practice question paper will be made available on the CBIC and NACIN websites under **Examination → Customs Broker → Practice Test** prior to the exam.

The admit card will be available for download on the said portal and will also be sent to eligible candidates by e-mail at least 12 days before the date of examination.

Candidates must carry a printed copy of the admit card along with a valid photo identity proof (Aadhaar, PAN, Passport, or Driving Licence) to the examination centre. Entry without these documents will not be permitted.

11. Details such as the list of examination centres, instructions for candidates, helpline contact details, and other relevant information will be published under the said Examination tab.

Successful candidates will be intimated separately for the oral examination.

12. Important Caution:

Any candidate found indulging in unfair means, impersonation, or violation of examination rules shall be disqualified and debarred from future examinations.

Further, if any declaration, signature, or document furnished by the candidate is found to be false, incorrect, or forged at any stage before or after the examination, or after grant of licence the application shall be rejected or licence cancelled, and appropriate proceedings shall be initiated under the CBLR, 2018 (as amended) and other applicable laws.

13. Helpdesk and Contact Details:

For eligibility or regulation-related queries: Refer to CBLR, 2018 (as amended) available at www.cbic.gov.in and www.nacin.gov.in, or contact the nearest Customs Commissionerate. For application or portal-related queries: Write to cblms-helpdesk@gov.in. For examination-related assistance: Contact the NACIN helpline at cblr-nacinpsm@gov.in (active from the start of application submission till the examination date).

14. This notice is issued in the interest of transparency and uniformity in the process of Customs Broker licensing across all jurisdictions.

13. Helpdesk and Contact Details
Prasad,

Babu Venkata Subramania

**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,
CB Section,
C.H., Kandla**

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1. The Director General, NACIN, Palasamudram.
2. The Chief Commissioners of Customs, Ahmedabad
3. CBIC and NACIN websites.
4. CHA Association, Mundra/Kandla.
5. The EDI Section, Custom House, Kandla for uploading in Kandla Custom's website.
6. Notice Board.