

# Australian Trusted Trader

Australian Trusted Trader (ATT) is a voluntary trade facilitation program run by Australian Border Force (ABF). ATT works by accrediting Australian businesses against international supply chain and trade compliance standards. In return, accredited Trusted Traders have access to a range of trade facilitation benefits.

## Why have a Trusted Trader Program?

### International standing and recognition

Sixty-four countries (including all of Australia's major trading partners) have some form of trusted trader program with over 40,000 international participants. A further 16 countries are developing Trusted Trader programs.

### Enhancing supply chain security and global competitiveness

The ATT is part of Australia's G20 growth strategy and will contribute to economic growth and prosperity. To enable participants to access faster clearance times for goods entering our trading partners markets Australia is developing bilateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements with China, New Zealand, Korea, Canada, the European Union, Japan and Singapore.

### Reduced intervention for legitimate trade

By removing unnecessary burden to compliant entities and increasing focus on high risk and unknown entities, the ATT will ensure accelerated clearance of low-risk transactions and increased resources allocated to high-risk and unknown entities.

## What are the benefits of ATT?

Trusted Traders will be offered a number of benefits, which will help foster trade including;

- **Dedicated Account Manager:** Trusted Traders will receive a dedicated account manager who will be the primary contact between the Trusted Trader and the Australian Border Force.

- **Priority trade services:** Trusted Traders will have access to advanced rulings for requests on tariff advice, valuations and origin rulings.
- **Differentiated and prioritised examinations:** Trusted Traders will be recognised as low risk and will be subject to faster border clearance.
- **Mutual Recognition Agreements:** Trusted Traders will have access to trade facilitation benefits in countries with which Australia has signed a Mutual Recognition Agreement.
- **Streamlined reporting arrangements (from FY2018):** Alternative clearance arrangements will be available to trusted traders which will reduce the administrative burden on clearing goods.
- **Duty Deferral (from FY2018):** Duty payments on imported goods will be deferred for a set period from the beginning of 2017 -2018 financial year.

## How to become part of ATT?

The ATT program is open to all Australian Businesses that hold an ABN, that are actively involved in the international supply chain and have two or more years of trading and compliance history.

- Check that the ATT is right for your business.
- Complete an [expression of interest form](#).
- Complete the [Self-Assessment Questionnaire \(SAQ\)](#). Once the expression of interest is complete an ABF account manager will help to complete and SAQ. The questions in the SAQ explore the business's international supply chain activities and trade compliance practices.
- **Validation.** An Australian Border Force officer will visit the business site to undertake a physical validation.

If accepted, the business will be offered a range of benefits designed to enable easier interaction within the international supply chain regulatory environment.

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