

Customs Brokers prepare customs documentation and ensure that shipments meet all applicable laws to facilitate the import and export of goods. Determine and track duties and taxes payable and process payments on behalf of client. Sign documents under a power of attorney. Represent clients in meetings with customs officials and apply for duty refunds and tariff reclassifications. Coordinate transportation and storage of imported goods.

Customs brokers are experts on the rules that apply to importing and exporting goods. They help clients get their shipments safely and efficiently.

## DUTIES

A person in this career:

- Prepares and processes import and export documentation according to customs regulations, laws, or procedures.
- Clears goods through customs and to their destinations for clients.
- Pays, or arranges for payment of, taxes and duties on shipments.
- Calculates duty and tariff payments owed on shipments.
- Requests or compiles necessary import documentation, such as customs invoices, certificates of origin, and cargo-control documents.
- Classifies goods according to tariff coding system.
- Stays abreast of changes in import or export laws or regulations by reading current literature, attending meetings or conferences, or conferring with colleagues.
- Signs documents on behalf of clients, using powers of attorney.
- Advises customers on import and export restrictions, tariff systems, insurance requirements, quotas, or other customs-related matters.
- Posts bonds for the products being imported or assists clients in obtaining bonds.

Customs brokers are experts on the rules that apply when we ship goods to and from the United States. They explain the regulations to people and businesses that import and export different items.

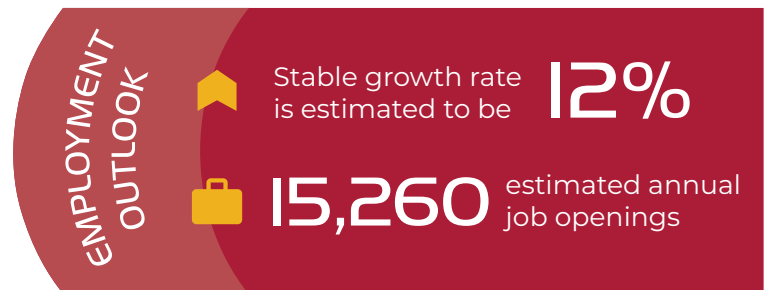
Rules for shipping can be complicated. For example, special taxes apply to imported tobacco and alcohol. Some items are illegal to import, such as elephant tusks. There are also limits on how much of a certain item can be imported at once.



## SALARY INFORMATION

Location	2018				
	10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
California	\$39,250	\$54,810	\$75,790	\$104,290	\$136,850

\*Pay period based on yearly amount.



Customs brokers work as a link between their clients and the government. They can also organize shipments and help get items to market. Brokers may work for importers, wholesalers, or manufacturers. They can also act as legal agents for their clients.

## RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Administrative Services Managers ☀️
- Loan Officers ☀️
- Travel Agents
- Brokerage Clerks
- Credit Authorizers

