

IATA Cargo Agent & Accreditation Guide

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Explains becoming an IATA-accredited air cargo agent and a BCAS regulated agent — eligibility, financial and premises and security criteria, and the process. Use it to get the accreditations to operate as a cargo agent.

Purpose of this tool & output

Become an accredited cargo agent

How the output is used

Use it to become an accredited air-cargo agent — the IATA/airline accreditation, financial and infrastructure requirements to book cargo directly.

Who receives it

The accreditation is granted by IATA (through the Cargo Agency programme) and/or the airlines; regulatory security clearance is via BCAS as a regulated agent.

How to submit / file it

Apply with the company, financial-standing, premises and trained-staff details, meet the security-programme requirement, and clear the assessment for accreditation as a cargo agent.

Fees & charges

IATA/airline accreditation and annual fees, plus a bank guarantee or financial security as required.

Who should vet it

IATA and the participating airlines that assess financial standing and premises, and BCAS for the regulated-agent security requirement.

Important cautions

Accreditation and regulated-agent criteria and security requirements are specific and change and involve financial guarantees and audits. Confirm the current requirements with IATA and BCAS before applying.

Companion documents

- Air Cargo Business Setup Guide
- Air Cargo Operations SOP
- Air Cargo Customs Clearance Guide
- Dangerous Goods (DG) Handling Guide
- Air Cargo Pricing & Costing Tool
- Air Cargo Cold Chain & Pharma Guide

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