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U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Careers

Who We Are

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the largest law enforcement agency within the Department of Homeland Security, charged with all border-related security, regulatory and administrative missions. We presently have more than 60,000 employees serving both nationwide and overseas.

What We Do

CBP's priority mission is to prevent terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering the United States and ensuring the security of our nation at America's borders and ports of entry. We must maintain this line of defense while allowing legitimate travel and trade that is vital to our economy and way of life.

CBP is responsible for apprehending individuals attempting to enter the United States illegally; stemming the flow of illegal drugs and other contraband; protecting our agricultural and economic interests from harmful pests and diseases; protecting American businesses from theft of their intellectual property; and regulating and facilitating international trade, collecting import duties, and enforcing U.S. trade laws.

Types of Careers with CBP

In general, CBP has two categories of careers:

Our Frontline Law Enforcement and Mission Critical Occupations

Most of CBP's workforce serves on the frontline.

- Over 20,000 **Border Patrol Agents** protect 1,900 miles of our border with Mexico and 5,000 miles of our border with Canada.
- More than 20,000 **CBP Officers** ensure the Nation's safety by screening passengers and cargo at over 300 ports of entry.
- Nearly 1,000 **Air and Marine Interdiction Agents** use their specialized training and high-tech equipment to prevent people, weapons, narcotics, and conveyances from illegal entry by air and water.
- Over 2,200 **CBP Agriculture Specialists** work to curtail the spread of harmful pests and plant and animal diseases that may harm America's farms and food supply, and to avert bio- and agro-terrorism.
- Nearly 2,500 employees in CBP revenue positions collect over \$30 billion annually in entry duties and

taxes through the enforcement of trade and tariff laws. These collections provide the second largest revenue for the U.S. Government. In addition, they fulfill the agency's trade mission by appraising and classifying imported merchandise. These employees serve in positions such as **Import Specialist**, auditor, international trade specialist, and textile analyst.

Operational and Mission Support Positions

CBP has 8,000 employees working in support of our frontline occupations. Below are only a few of the positions contributing behind the scenes.

- **Operational support:** intelligence research specialists, sector enforcement specialists, paralegals, and CBP Technicians.
- **Mission support:** IT specialists, management analysts, contract specialists, human resource specialists, mission support specialists, mechanics, budget analysts, purchasing agents, and security specialists.

You can see all current CBP vacancies by searching the [USAJobs](#) Web site.

All selected applicants must be U.S. citizens and must successfully complete a background investigation.

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