



U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is part of the Department of Homeland Security. CBP's priority mission is to prevent terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering the United States while facilitating the entry of legitimate trade and travelers.

CBP Officers carry out their mission at more than 300 ports of entry located at airports and seaports throughout the United States and along the Canadian and Mexican borders.



### The Benefits of Service

Beyond the personal satisfaction of serving your country, you will enjoy an excellent Federal benefits package including personal leave days for vacation, illness, and family care, a wide choice of health insurance programs, life insurance, long-term care insurance, flexible spending accounts for out-of-pocket medical or dependent care expenses, a fully portable retirement program that includes a Thrift Savings Plan (similar to a 401(k)), and a uniform allowance. In addition, some locations have access to health and wellness programs and/or fitness and child care facilities.

If you can see yourself working in an exciting environment of high public trust, becoming a CBP Officer may be the job for you!



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# Your Career on America's Frontline

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION OFFICER



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## Big Job, Big Responsibility

CBP Officers are outstanding men and women with extraordinary opportunities to protect and safeguard our nation at the ports of entry (air, land, and sea), preventing terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering the United States. CBP Officers conduct comprehensive customs, immigration, and agriculture inspections; stem the flow of illegal drugs and other contraband; protect our agricultural and economic interests from harmful pests and diseases; protect American business from intellectual property theft; regulate and facilitate international trade; collect import duties; and enforce U.S. immigration and trade laws. It is a career that offers excitement, variety, and the reward of public service.

## Important, Rewarding Work

A CBP career can be tough work, demanding both physical stamina and mental discipline. The physical demands include climbing aboard train cars and trucks, and into the holds of ships to search or cut into potential hiding places. Work at the land borders and seaports is conducted outdoors in all types of weather. The hours can be long and there is shift work, but you will be well paid and can earn overtime pay.

## Integrity and Professionalism

Every recruit must successfully complete 12 weeks of rigorous physical, educational, and firearms training at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Academy, located at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia. Some of our locations require Spanish language skills, so demonstrated language proficiency or an additional period of language training may be required. Beyond the basic courses, training continues throughout the CBP Officer's career. Since CBP Officers frequently have responsibility for valuable goods, seized drugs, and currency, integrity is an essential requirement. The job of guarding our nation's borders requires maturity and emotional balance in order to maintain a high degree of professionalism and to make quick decisions in volatile situations.

Your presence on America's frontline is clearly a deterrent to terrorists and criminals. Through your vigilance and service to our nation, one day you may be responsible for preventing direct harm to others and join the ranks of highly respected CBP Officers.

## The Best People, The Right Skills

CBP strives to have a workforce that reflects the diversity within our nation. We require you to be a U.S. citizen and to have a valid U.S. driver's license.

To qualify as a GS-5, you must have a bachelor's degree or at least 3 years of general work experience which exhibits your ability to meet and deal with people and to apply a body of facts, or a combination of education and experience. To qualify as a GS-7, you must have at least 1 year of specialized experience or collegiate academic excellence or a graduate degree. You must also be able to successfully complete a thorough background investigation, medical and fitness examinations, and a drug test.

