

OPERATIONS & SUPPLY CHAIN | COURSE BROCHURE

Free Zones and Bonded Warehousing

5 days | Classroom training | English

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Why attend

Free zones and bonded warehouses allow goods to be stored, processed and re-exported with duty and tax benefits. This course explains how free zones and customs warehousing work, eligibility and licensing, inventory and customs controls, re-export and local sale procedures, compliance risks and how companies use them to improve trade efficiency.

Used correctly, free zones and bonded storage reduce costs and speed up trade. You will learn the procedures and controls needed to benefit safely.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

- Difficulty translating subject knowledge into practical workplace decisions.
- Inconsistent approaches to the activities covered in the course outline.
- Lack of a structured plan for applying and reviewing new skills.

Course methodology

Procedure walkthroughs, compliance case studies, inventory control exercises and regional examples including Gulf free zones.

Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
- Explain free zone and bonded warehouse concepts
- Understand licensing and eligibility
- Apply customs procedures for entry, storage and exit
- Maintain inventory and customs records
- Manage compliance risks and audits
- Assess the business benefits of free zones

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
- Logistics and customs managers
- Import and export professionals
- Warehouse managers
- Trade compliance officers
- Finance and tax staff



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Target competencies

Participants will develop competencies in:

- Customs procedures
- Inventory control
- Compliance
- Trade planning
- Record keeping

Course outline

Day 1: Free Zone Concepts

09:00–10:08	Free zones and bonded warehouses
10:08–11:00	Benefits
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Benefits (continued)
11:45–12:53	Global examples
12:53–14:00	Exercise

Day 2: Licensing and Set-Up

09:00–10:08	Licensing
10:08–11:00	Facility requirements
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Facility requirements (continued)
11:45–12:53	Systems
12:53–14:00	Case study

Day 3: Customs Procedures

09:00–10:08	Entry and storage
10:08–11:00	Processing
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**



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11:30–11:45	Processing (continued)
11:45–12:53	Re-export and local sale
12:53–14:00	Workshop

Day 4: Inventory and Records

09:00–10:08	Inventory reconciliation
10:08–11:00	Customs records
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Customs records (continued)
11:45–12:53	Audits
12:53–14:00	Exercise

Day 5: Compliance and Value

09:00–10:08	Risks and penalties
10:08–11:00	Business case
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Business case (continued)
11:45–12:53	Improvement plan
12:53–14:00	Action plan

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the sessions. They are indicative only and do not constitute a binding commitment.



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Dates, venues and fees

Current published course plans. Fees are per participant in GBP, excluding unconfirmed taxes.

Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (GBP)
Rome Confirmed dates	16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	**£2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
Vienna Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£2,940.–**
Online Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£1,250.–**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	1 Feb 2027	5 Feb 2027	**£2,540.–**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Feb 2027	5 Feb 2027	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£3,150.–**



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Online Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£1,250.–**
Vienna Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**£2,940.–**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	29 Mar 2027	2 Apr 2027	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	29 Mar 2027	2 Apr 2027	**£1,250.–**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**£1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**£1,250.–**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**£1,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**£1,250.–**



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Istanbul Confirmed dates	31 May 2027	4 Jun 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	31 May 2027	4 Jun 2027	**£1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**£1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	5 Jul 2027	9 Jul 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	5 Jul 2027	9 Jul 2027	**£1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	16 Aug 2027	20 Aug 2027	**£2,860.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	16 Aug 2027	20 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	6 Sept 2027	10 Sept 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	6 Sept 2027	10 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**£2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**£1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	1 Nov 2027	5 Nov 2027	**£1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Nov 2027	5 Nov 2027	**£1,250.-**



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Frankfurt Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**£1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**£2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**£1,250.-**

Plan your next step

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