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I warmly welcome you all to this edition of the quarterly newsletter of Customs Excise and VAT Training Academy. Our core responsibility is not only revenue collection but also creating a trade-friendly environment. In the 21st century a Customs - VAT officer must be skilled in three areas-skilled in law, skilled in technology and skilled in service.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all officers, faculty members, and trainees whose contributions make the Academy a hub of excellence. My sincere thanks also go to the editorial board for their hard work and creative effort in bringing this publication to life.

I believe, through this newsletter, we will share knowledge, experience and success stories. Let us all work together to further brighten the image of NBR with honesty, transparency and professionalism.

Director General
Customs Excise & VAT Training Academy, CTG



Introduction to Customs, Excise and VAT Training Academy (CEVTA):

Customs, Excise and VAT Training Academy (CEVTA) Chattagram was established in 1981 under the administrative control of National Board of Revenue (NBR) for the purpose of imparting Foundation Training along with other need-based trainings to the officers and other staffs at all levels working in Customs & VAT services. Since its inception, this institution is successfully running its activities on a regular basis. It is the sole government institute in Bangladesh to train up officials in the field of indirect taxes. This academy has already passed 45 years in course of time. On this long journey, the academy has undergone multifarious ups and downs in the area of infrastructural development, in curriculum development, in adopting many other action plans. The academy claims now a commendable position in the area of civil service training in Bangladesh. The academy is located on Sagorika Road at Kattali under Pahartali Police Station of the city of Chattogram spanning over 38.95 acres of land with beautiful natural surroundings. To its East, the academy has BSCIC industrial area/establishments and to the west Bir Shrestha Shahid Flight Lieutenant Motiur Rahman Cricket Stadium, to the South Sagorika Road and to the North lies the Kattoli Khal which meets the Bay of Bengal at its end.

Customs, Excise & VAT Training Academy operates need-based, result-oriented and market responsive training programs aimed at building professionalism in Customs & VAT officials at different levels. The purpose is to create an efficient and innovative, responsive and accountable committed and dedicated human resource working in the area of Customs and VAT offices & related wings of NBR to meet the challenges of the 21st century. For improving the performance of the indirect tax service, training is a major intervention tool. It endeavors to bring about a new administrative culture for coping with the rapidly changing technology, impact of globalization and pressure of the free market economy. Training is used as one of the most important tools to implement the national vision as reflected in the various policies, plans and programs of the government. It is used to promote administrative efficiency, higher productivity and optimal utilization of human resources for the greater welfare of the citizens/nation.

Vision:

Building a skilled, effective, and trade-friendly academy of international standard with a view to creating effective & professional human resource and knowledge-based stakeholders.

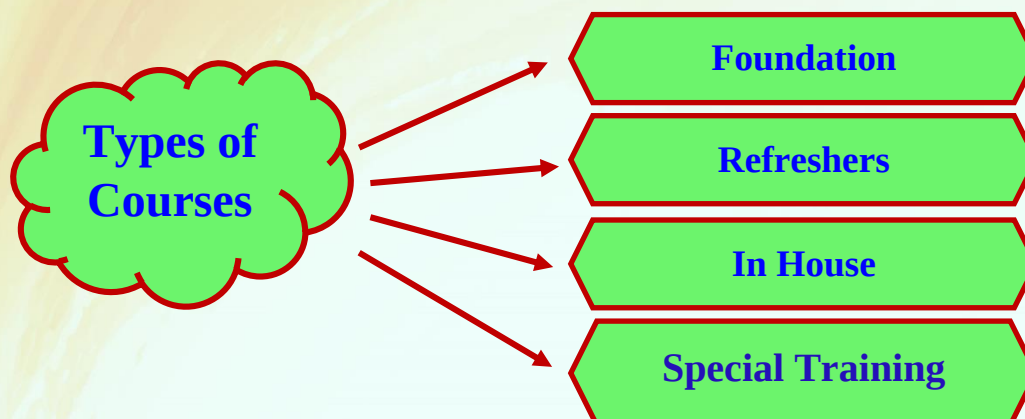
Mission:

We are committed to achieving the shared vision through-

1. Building effective, innovative, accountable and transparent and committed human resource capable of delivering quality and cost effective services to the people by imparting quality training to officer & staff at all levels;
2. Creating progressive attitude among officers and staff to assume enabling and facilitating role while performing their duties;
3. Promoting understanding of the inter-relationship between social, economic and political environment and the implications of governmental decisions on the socio-economic system of the country.
4. Conducting research, publishing books and journals and extending consultancy services for continuous improvement of public service delivery system.
5. establishing effective partnership with reputed institutions of home and abroad developing organizational capacity; and
6. Promoting a culture of continuous learning to foster a knowledge-based civil service.
7. Arranging Training of the Trainers (TOT) to create a rich pool of skilled trainers;
8. Planning to make need-based new infrastructure, renovating & refurbishing the existing ones to make them usable;
9. Organizing need-based Training on Specific topics.

Main Courses and Training Conducted by CEVTA:

The Customs, Excise, and VAT Training Academy (CEVTA) primarily provides professional and foundational training for officials of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) in Bangladesh.



Foundation Training:

Specialized professional training for BCS (Customs and Excise) cadre officers and Assistant Revenue Officers.

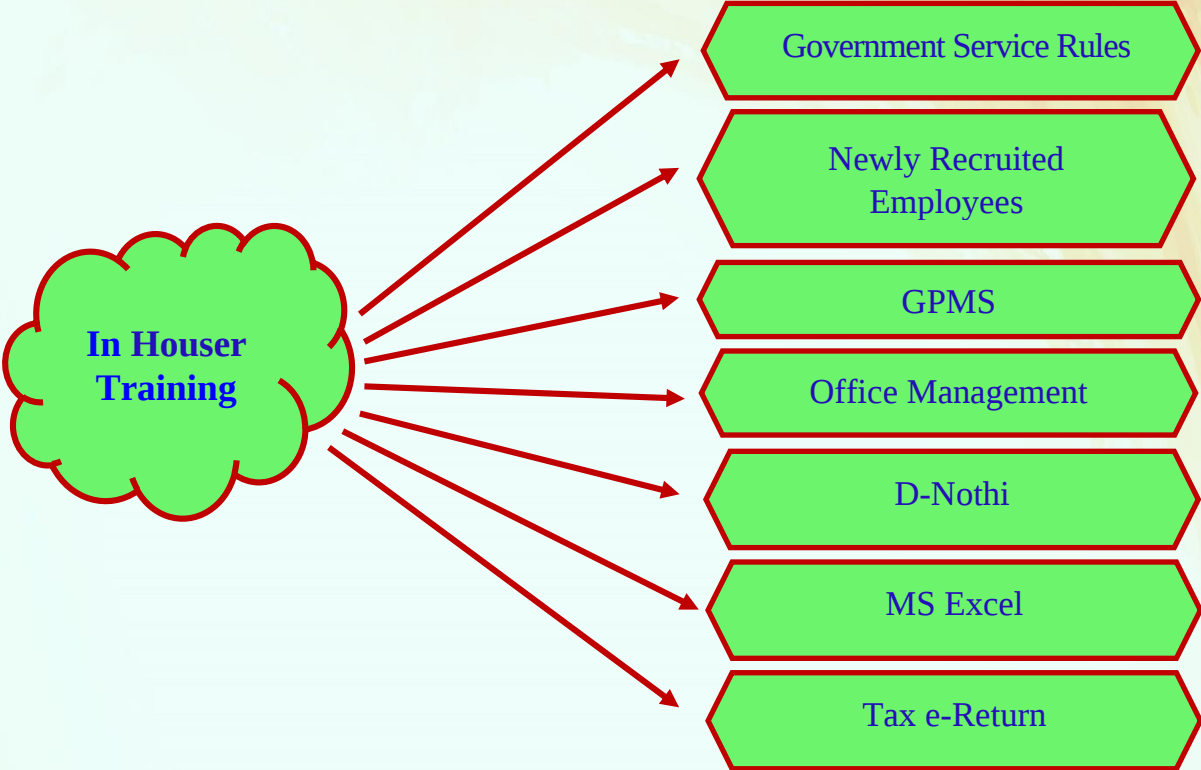
Training Course for Assistant Commissioners	Customs Act, 2023, and the rules, notifications, and orders issued thereunder; Value Added Tax and Supplementary Duty Act, 2012, and the rules, notifications, and orders issued thereunder; International Business Process; Allied Act and Rules; Integrity in Public Administration, Statutory Service Laws in Bangladesh, and Modern Office Management; Accounting Information System and Financial Management; Customs Modernization Initiatives for Facilitating International Trade and Investment; Personal and Professional Skill Development; Basics of Economics; Basics and Application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT); Field Attachment; Discipline, Class Performance, Sports, and Health and Extra-Curricular Activities.
Training Course for Assistant Revenue Officers	Customs Act, 2023, and the rules, notifications, and orders issued thereunder; Value Added Tax and Supplementary Duty Act, 2012, and the rules, notifications, and orders issued thereunder; Allied Act and Rules; Customs and VAT Modernization and Tools (Hands-on Training); Modern Office Management; Communication Skill Development; Discipline, Sports, and Well-being and Field Attachment.

Refreshers Training:

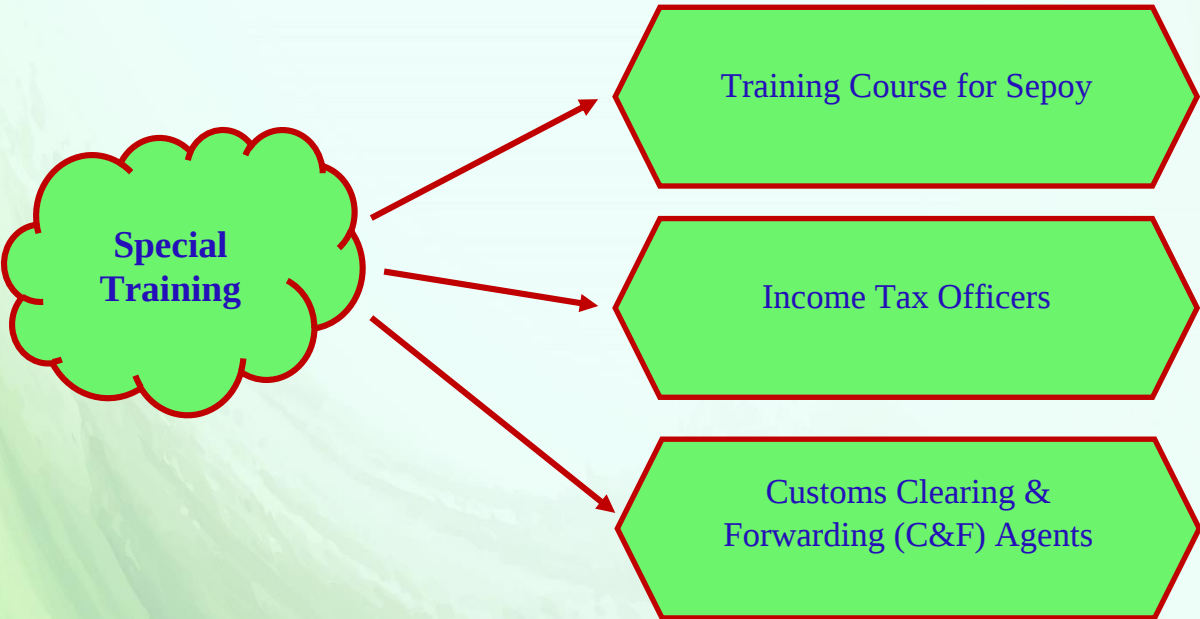
Periodic courses on updated fiscal laws, modern customs management, Automated Revenue System etc.



In House Training Executed by CEVTA:



Special Training Coordinated by CEVTA:

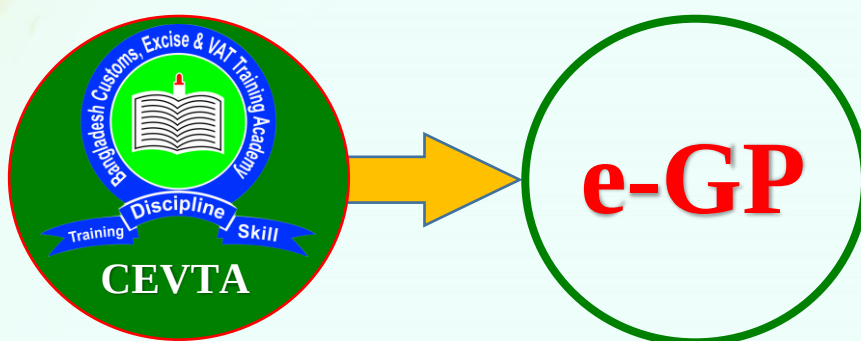


What's new in Customs Excise and VAT Training Academy?

A New Era of Procurement: e-Gp

e-Gp (Electronic Government procurement) has been introduced in CEVTA to make the procurement process more efficient, transparent and accountable. Through this digital platform, tender notices, bid submission evaluations and contract management are conducted online, reducing paper work and manual delays. The implementation of e-Gp helps ensure fair competition among bidders, improves monitoring and enhances the overall quality and speed of procurement activities in Customs Excise and VAT Training Academy.

The Academy has fully implemented E-Government Procurement (e-GP) practices which enhancing financial integrity and operational efficiency.



CEVTA goes paperless file work : D-Nothi

Digital nothi is an e-filing and office management system introduced by the Government of Bangladesh to digitize official document and file management. Developed as part of the Digital Bangladesh initiative with support from the a2i program. It enables government officials to create, send, review, approve and store documents electronically. By reducing reliance on paper-based processes, D- Nothi improves efficiency, transparency, accountability and the overall speed of government services. Customs excise and vat Training Academy enables D-nothi system successfully.



CEVTA Announces Successful Completion of the VAT Consultant Examination, 2026

The Customs, Excise and Vat Training Academy (CEVTA), operating under the guidance of the National Board of Revenue (NBR), has successfully concluded the Vat Consultant Licensing Examination 2026. This professional qualification process thoroughly evaluates the competency of specialists seeking formal authorization to provide Vat advisory services within Bangladesh's regulatory framework.

Initiated by an official notification on July 31, 2025, the selection attracted immense interest from tax, legal, and financial professionals nationwide. The academy executed a meticulous, multi-tiered screening process, beginning with a preliminary examination on April 10, 2026. This was followed by a comprehensive written test on April 17, 2026, hosted centrally at the Ispahani Public School and College in Chattogram. Moving with exceptional administrative efficiency, CEVTA published the written results immediately and initiated the viva-voce evaluations on April 22, 2026.

Designed to test professional judgment, practical capability, and technical readiness, this multi-stage examination ensures that only highly skilled consultants enter the sector. As a dedicated institution for professional development and capacity building, the Customs, Excise and Vat Training Academy ensures transparency, consistency and effective coordination throughout the process.

CEVTA Successfully Conducts the C&F Agent Licensing Examination, 2026 Under New Regulation

The Customs, Excise & Vat Training Academy (CEVTA) has successfully executed the written evaluation for the C&F Agent Licensing Examination 2026. This year's examination marks a historic milestone, being the first-ever central evaluation administered under the newly updated Customs Agent Licensing Rules of 2026. This process is vital for authorizing qualified individuals to operate as Customs Clearing and Forwarding (C&F) Agents in Bangladesh.

The three-hour written examination was executed seamlessly on May 16, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To guarantee absolute transparency, integrity, and flawless invigilation, CEVTA centralized the entire national testing process at the Ispahani Public School and College in Chattogram. Approximately 2,600 aspiring agents from across the country participated in the examination, which rigorously tested their knowledge of modern customs regulations, trade compliance, and port logistics.

Through exemplary administrative efficiency, CEVTA managed the venue, supervision, and script evaluation seamlessly. This examination process is essential for selecting qualified professionals who will modernize customs operations and facilitate international trade. CEVTA continues to play a vital role in promoting transparency and institutional excellence within Bangladesh's revenue administration system.

CEVTA Announces Successful Completion of the Recruitment Examination, 2026

To strengthen institutional capacity and support effective administrative operations, the Customs, Excise and Vat Training Academy (CEVTA) has successfully completed its recruitment drive to fill 23 vacant positions across 11 distinct functional and technical categories. The process commenced with a public recruitment notice published on April 15, 2026.

To guarantee an entirely transparent and merit-driven intake, the academy executed a meticulous multi-tiered evaluation framework. This comprehensive assessment included written examinations, hands-on practical tests, and oral interviews conducted between June 13 and June 15, 2026. CEVTA officially published the final selection results on June 16, 2026, concluding the intake process with high efficiency.

This multi-stage evaluation ensured a balanced verification of each candidate's technical knowledge, operational capability, and general suitability for public service. Through strict venue coordination and objective scoring, the academy maintained the highest standards of fairness. With this successful human resource expansion, the academy reaffirmed its commitment to transparency, efficiency and merit-based human resource development in support of institutional excellence.

Commencement of batches: 44th & 45th (ARO)

The commencement of 44th and 45th batches are started from 1st April to 30th June at Academy marked the beginning of an inspiring new chapter for the vat and customs administrators with fresh enthusiasm and a spirit of service. These young officers embarked on a transformative three-month journey of learning, growth and self-discovery. The Academy's vibrant environment blending academic strictness with cultural activities and community engagement promises to mold them into dynamic and ethical servants,

Guided by the vision of a modern, transparent and citizen-friendly Vat and customs administration, they stand ready to uphold integrity and innovation in public service through this training. The trainee will advance on the path of modern custom management, revenue collection, trade facilitation and establishing people - oriented administration 44th and 45th batch begin their journey with hope, discipline and a shared commitment to building a stronger and more efficient Bangladesh.



Field Attachment and Practical Exposure

To bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and field operations, a 2-week field attachment was executed. The cohort of 103 officers was divided into two groups and deployed across key operational formations.

Formations Visited:

Conducted industrial visits, acquired hand-on experience in Customs, VAT and Bond Management and gained operational expertise in Customs assessment, physical examination, consignment clearance and other Customs, VAT and Bond procedures.

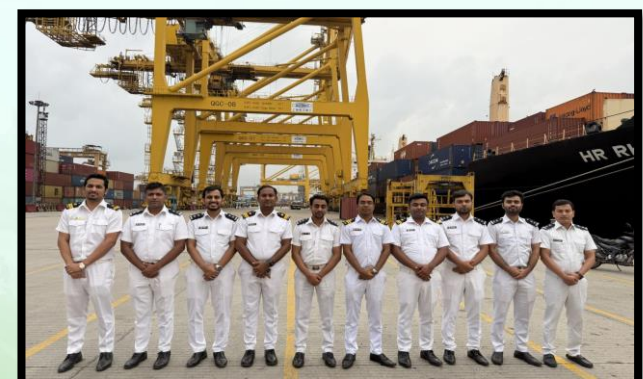
Customs Excise & VAT Commissionerate, Rajshahi:



Customs Excise & VAT Commissionerate, Rangpur:



Customs House, Chittagong:



Customs Bond Commissionerate, Chittagong:



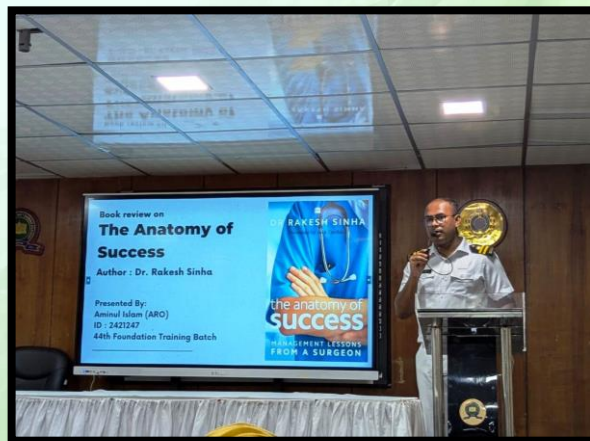
Presentation

Each trainee of 44th and 45th batch delivered individual presentation on VAT & Customs acts, rules and SRO's separately. It was aimed for professional development and grooming them as an efficient officer.



Book Review

The program aimed to develop the habits of reading, enhance knowledge, creativity and presentation skills among the officers. This session was conducted on different types of book (other than VAT and Customs) which contain story, novel, economy, drama, thriller, journal, satire, historical, astrological etc.



Mess Night and Cultural Programme

A formal traditional academy dinner followed by a vibrant cultural program showcasing the diverse talents of the trainee officers and fostering lifelong “Building” long term friendship team work and a love for culture.



Certificate Awarding Ceremony:

The official's farewell event celebrating the successful completion of the cohort and recognizing their readiness to serve the nation with professionalism and integrity.



Ongoing Events:

23rd Foundation Training of
Assistant Commissioner

High lights of Finished Work:



A cluster of academic/official work

Upcoming Events in July-September, 2026:





Morning PT: Where discipline meets dedication.



**Dr. Rakiba NABI, Chairman Law Department, C.U.:
Delivering her valuable speech.**



44th & 45th Batch With Course Management Team



Lady Officials of CMT



Certificate Awarded



Radiant Appearance in Mess Night



It's Time for Play!

