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# Trade Chain Partner User Guide

## Onboarding to the CARM Client Portal

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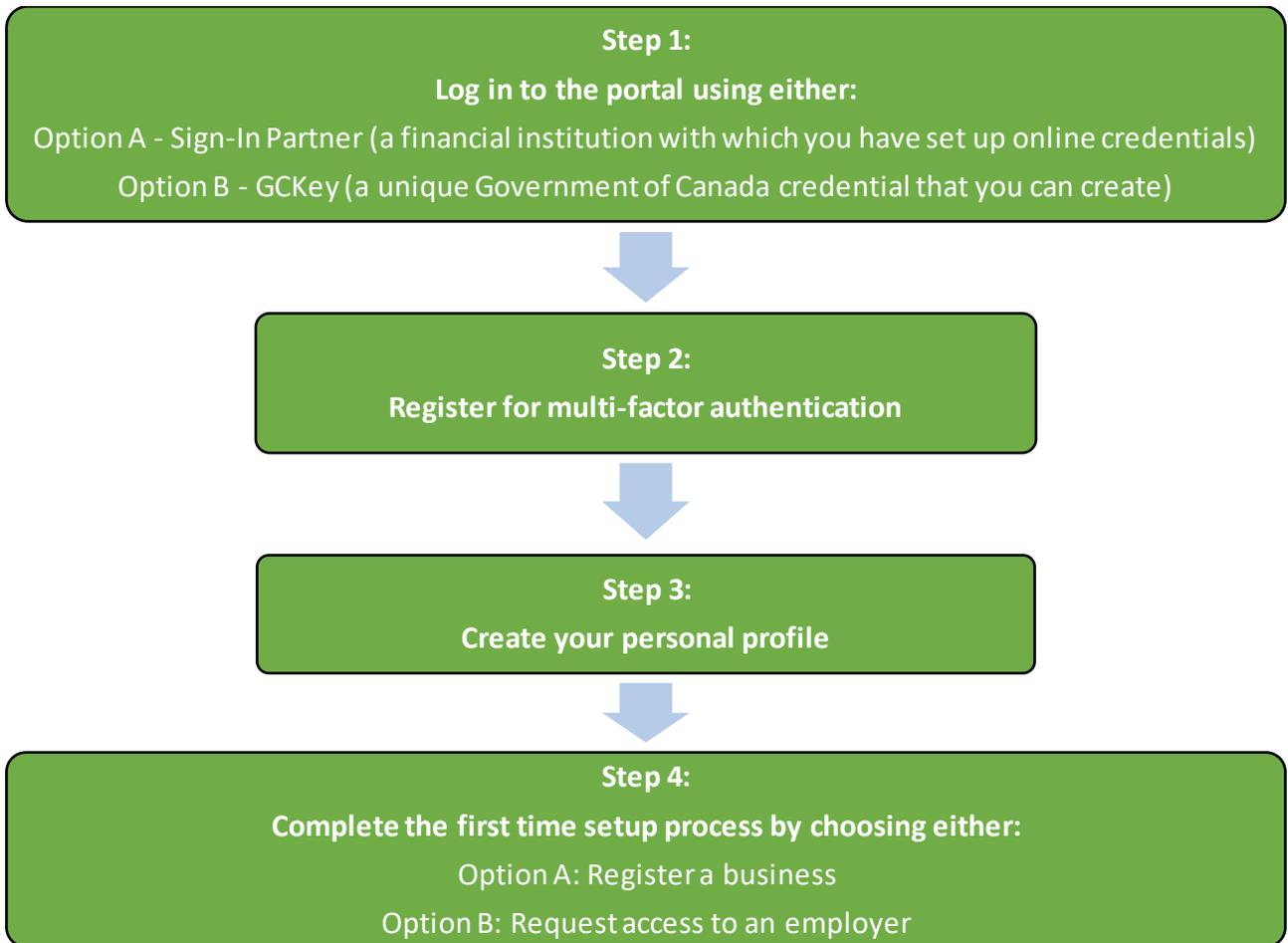
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# 1. Onboarding to the CARM Client Portal

## 1.1 - Overview

The CARM Client Portal (CCP) will serve as the primary hub for accounting and revenue management with the CBSA. Release 1 includes basic functionality in the portal that will allow users to easily set up their individual and businesses accounts, and begin to familiarize themselves with the portal in advance of the full implementation of CARM at Release 2.

To onboard to the CARM Client Portal, users will complete the following processes:



## 1.2 - Accessing the CARM Client Portal (CCP)

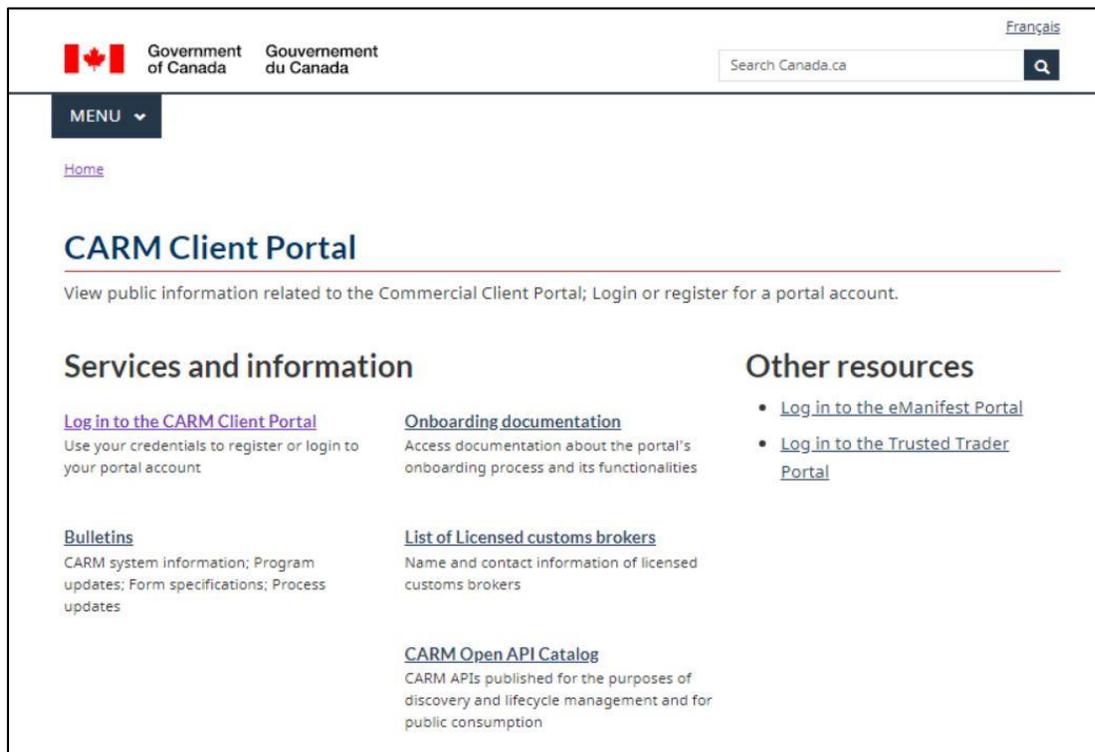
To access the CARM Client Portal (CCP), individuals must first open the CBSA webpage, the link to which can be found below:

[Click here to access the CARM Client Portal](#)

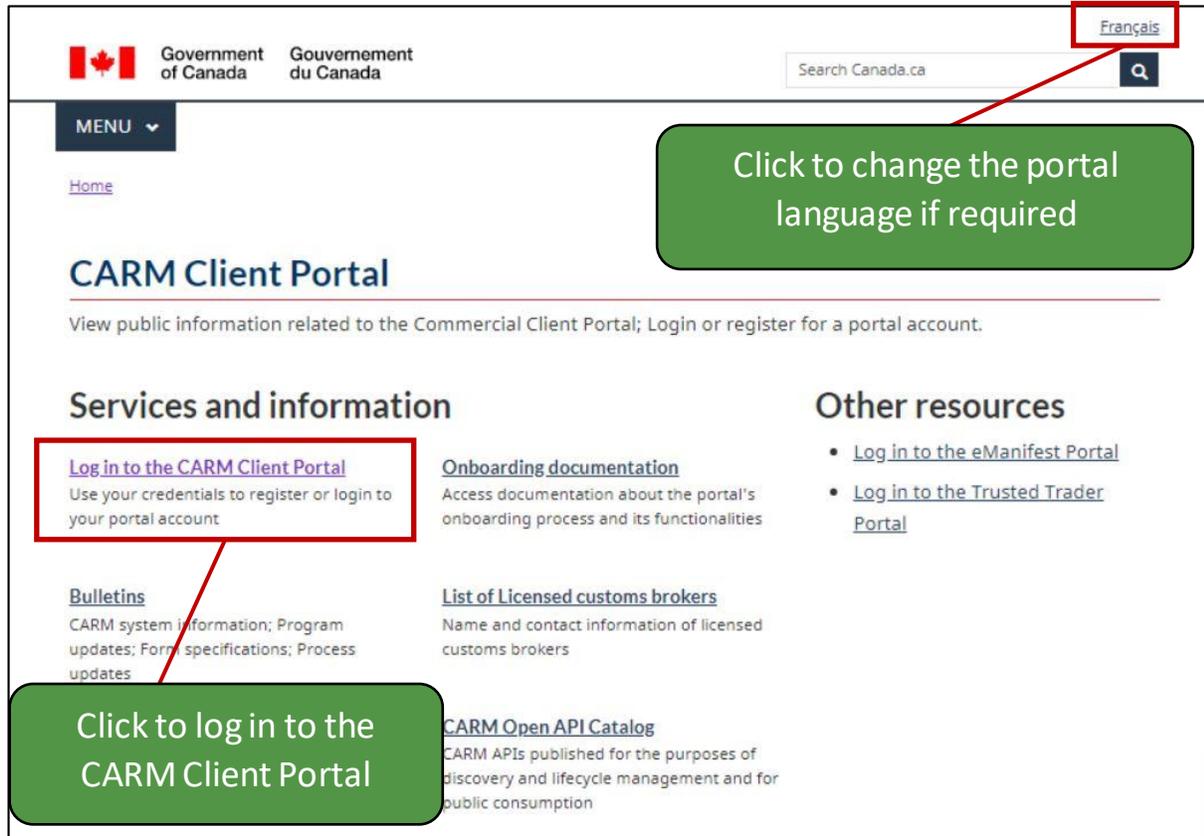
Upon launching the CARM Client Portal, you will see the CCP home page. This page has many resources available to you that do not require logging into your portal account.

### Important Note:

Existing importers and customs brokers can onboard to the CCP by following the steps in this user guide. Trade consultants may do so by contacting the CBSA at 1-800-461-9999.



In order to create and/or access your portal account, go to the **Log in to the CARM Client Portal** link under **Services and Information**.



Note that in order to access all available features of the CARM Client Portal, individuals and businesses must first go through the initial setup process. Once you have selected the **Log in to the CARM Client Portal** link, you will be taken to the CCP access page where you will be prompted to log in using one of the following options:

- **Continue to Sign-In Partner**
- **Continue to GCKey**

Steps for logging in using both methods are detailed on the following pages.



Curious to learn more about the CARM Client Portal Login process?  
Reference the following walkthrough video:

**How to Create Login Credentials in the CARM Client Portal**

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

[Home](#) > [CARM Client Portal](#)

## Access the CARM Client Portal

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### Option 1

[Continue to Sign-in Partner](#)

- Use the same sign-in information you use for other online services (for example, online banking).
- If you have a joint bank account, only one of the two people can register for CCP with the shared account. The second person must use a different Sign-In Partner account or create a GCKey account.
- None of your information (for example, financial, banking) will be shared with CBSA. Your Sign-In Partner will not know which government service you are using.
- You will temporarily leave the CBSA site to use your Sign-In Partner.

[▶ View list of Sign-In Partners](#)

### Option 2

[Continue to GCKey](#)

- Sign-in with a GCKey user ID and password if you do not use one of the Sign-In Partners.
- Register for a GCKey user ID and password if you do not have one.
- Your GCKey user ID can be used to access other Government of Canada departments and agencies. GCKey user IDs created on other federal government sites can be used on CBSA.
- If you have forgotten an existing GCKey user ID you will need to create a new one.

### 1.3 - Logging in with a Sign-In Partner

The **Sign-In Partner** option allows users to log in through the web portal of their financial service provider. Sign-In Partners are financial institutions and banks that have partnered with SecureKey Technologies to enable their customers to use their online credentials to log in to other secure sites.

All individuals and businesses who use this option must have a pre-existing account with the selected partner.

After selecting your Sign-In Partner from the list of available institutions, you will be directed to the Partner’s sign-in page to log in using your credentials.

The full list of available Sign-In Partners can be found by clicking the following link: [List of Sign-In Partners](#)

### Select Sign-In Partner

By selecting a Sign-In Partner, you are agreeing to the [Terms and Conditions](#) and [Privacy Notice of Government Sign-In by Verified.Me](#)

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**SecureKey Concierge is rebranding to Government Sign-In by Verified.Me**

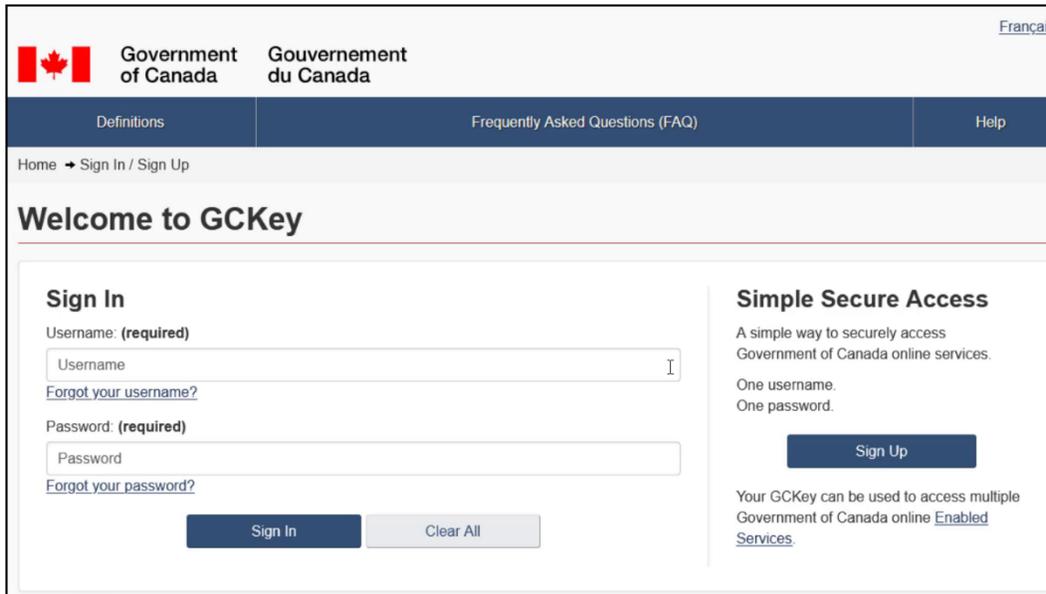
For you, nothing changes. You can continue to rely on the same secure sign in service with the financial institution that you have used for many years with SecureKey Concierge. For us, we are unifying who we are, what we look like and how we talk about the tools in our digital identity network to serve you better. [Learn how Government Sign-In by Verified.Me works](#)

## 1.4 - Logging in Using an Existing GCKey

A GCKey is a unique credential that protects your communications with online Government programs and services.

On this page, you will have the option to sign in using an existing GCKey, or you may create a new one.



The screenshot shows the GCKey login interface. At the top, there is a header with the Government of Canada logo and the text "Government of Canada" and "Gouvernement du Canada". Below this is a navigation bar with "Definitions", "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)", and "Help". The main content area starts with "Home → Sign In / Sign Up" and a heading "Welcome to GCKey". The "Sign In" section includes a "Username: (required)" field with a "Forgot your username?" link, a "Password: (required)" field with a "Forgot your password?" link, and "Sign In" and "Clear All" buttons. To the right, the "Simple Secure Access" section describes the service and includes a "Sign Up" button and a link to "Enabled Services".

### Important Note:

While you may use existing GCKey credentials from certain other Government of Canada portals, note that some exceptions (such as MyCRA) may apply. If this is the case, you will need to create a unique GCKey to access the CCP.

## 1.5 - Creating a New GCKey

To create a new GCKey, follow the steps below:

1. Click on the **Sign Up** button.

2. If you agree with the **Terms and Conditions of Use** after reading, click the **I accept** button to continue.

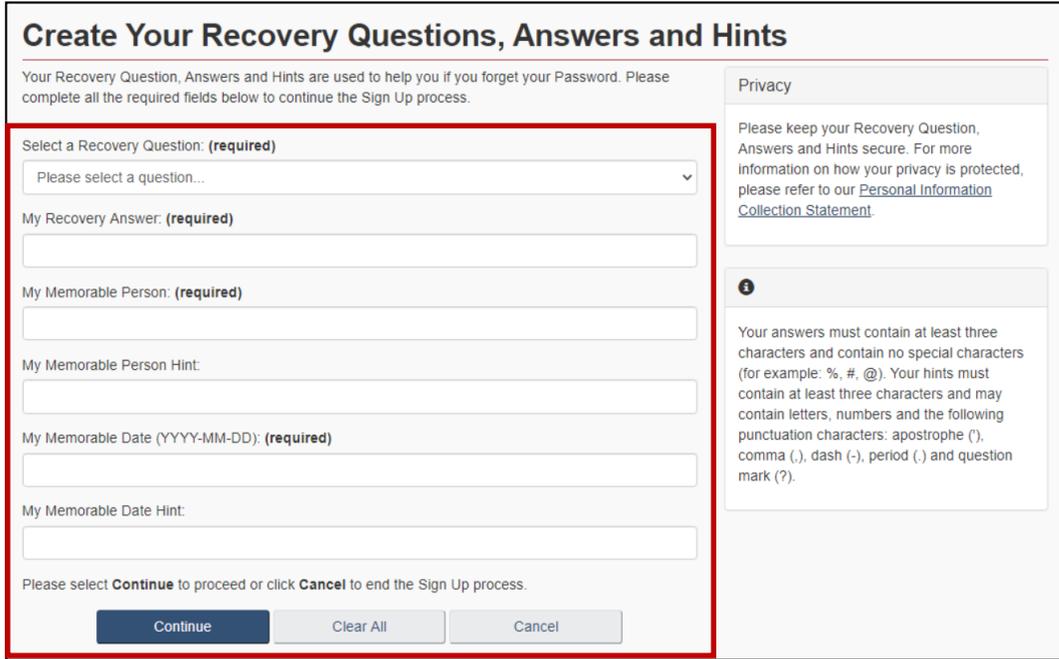
3. Create your username as per the specifications provided in the **Username Checklist** and click the **Continue** button.

4. Create your password as per the specifications provided in the **Password Checklist** and click the **Continue** button.

**Important Note:**

Throughout each step of this process, some indications will be provided at the right side of the screen (e.g. username and password checklists, recovery questions and answers guidance, etc.). It is important you pay attention to these.

5. Create your Recovery Questions and click the **Continue** button.



6. Click the **Continue** button on the confirmation page to finalize the process.



## 1.6 - Registering for Multi-Factor Authentication

Once you have signed in using either a Sign-In Partner or GCKey, you will be taken to the multi-factor authentication registration page.

To use the CARM Client Portal, you will automatically be prompted to register for multi-factor authentication if you have not previously completed the registration process.

1. On the multi-factor authentication registration page, enter your email address in the fields provided:

**MFA Registration**

### Secure Your Account

CBSA is committed to protecting your personal information. To improve privacy and security, you have to register for multi-factor authentication. This mandatory new step is an enhanced security measure for your Government of Canada (GC) online account.

To register, you have to use a valid email address. A security code will be sent to the email address you provided.

**Email Address:**

**Re-type Email Address:**

Check this box to indicate that you have read and agree to the following:  
▶ [Multi-Factor Authentication Privacy and Consent Statement](#)

**Continue** **Clear All**

### Important Note:

Multi-factor authentication for the CARM Client Portal only uses email at this time. Multi-factor authentication passcodes cannot be sent by text message.

2. Check the box to indicate that you have read and that you agree to the multi-factor authentication privacy and consent statement. It is recommended that you click the link below it to read it first. Then, click **Continue**.

**Check this box to indicate that you have read and agree to the following:**

[Multi-Factor Authentication Privacy and Consent Statement](#)

CBSA is committed to protecting your personal information. To improve privacy and security, you have to register for a multi-factor authentication.

This mandatory new step is an enhanced security measure against an unauthorized access to your business account associated with the commercial portal(s).

You have to provide a valid email address, which will be shared with a third party (2Keys), so they can send you an email with a security code for the second factor authentication.

If you:

- have read the above statement completely,
- understand that Canada Border Services Agency will protect your personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act,
- understand that your personal email address will only be used for sending you the security code by 2Keys for in-transit data transmission,
- your email address will not be permanently stored by 2Keys once the security code is sent, rather your email address will be deleted permanently,
- allow Canada Border Services Agency to disclose your personal email information to 2Keys, and
- you would like to proceed with the MFA registration,

please check the box above.

Note: As a consequence of withholding the consent, you will not be able to access the commercial portal(s).

3. Check your email for a one-time passcode. The passcode is a **six-digit number**.

## Verify Your Login

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Your one-time passcode to log in to your Government of Canada service is:

209449

This email was sent to tcp@tcp.tcp

You received this email because you signed up for a Government of Canada login account.

For more information or if you received this email in error please visit:  
<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/eservices/multifactor-help-aide-multifacteur-eng.html>

4. Enter this passcode in the **Security Code** field. Then, click the **Submit** button.

**Important Note:**

If you receive an email with a passcode and you did not try to log into the CCP, it might mean that your GCKey or Sign-In Partner password has been compromised. You should investigate and if necessary, change your password.

**Important Note:**

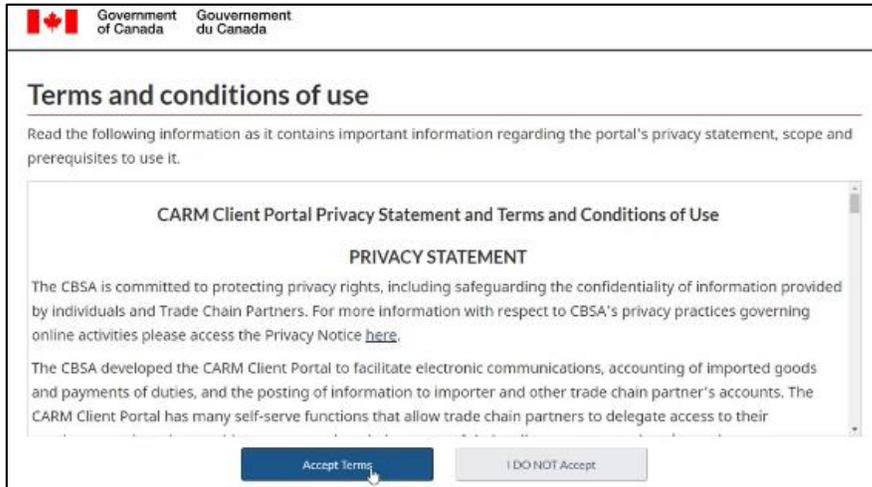
The multi-factor authentication passcode changes each time you try to log in to the CCP, and each time you press the **Resend** button. Always use the most recent multi-factor authentication passcode that was sent to you.

5. The registration screen will inform you of successful registration for multi-factor authentication.

If you click **Change MFA email**, you will need to repeat this process.

If you click **Continue to CARM Client Portal**, you will be taken to the Terms and conditions of use page.

6. Click the **Accept Terms** button to continue.



**Important Note:**

If you encounter challenges using the multi-factor authentication, review the **Multi-factor Authentication Help for Secure Online Services** page for more information <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/eservices/multifactor-help-aide-multifacteur-eng.html>

If, after reviewing the information, you are still having issues, contact CARM Client Support using the link on the CARM webpage shown below.



## 1.7 - Logging in with Multi-factor Authentication

Once multi-factor authentication has been set up, when you log in to the CCP (using either the Sign-In Partner or GCKey option), you will be taken to the Multi-factor authentication page. It will inform you that a security code has been sent to your email address.

1. On the Multi-factor authentication page, click the **Continue** button to send the security code to your email address.



2. Check your email for the one-time passcode, which is a **six-digit number**.



3. Enter the passcode received via email in the **Security Code** field. Click **Submit** to continue.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Multi-factor authentication". The main heading is "Enter One-Time Passcode". Below this, it says "We have sent you a security code to your email address:tcp@tcp.tcp". There is a "Security Code" input field containing the text "974519", which is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below the input field is a blue "Submit" button. At the bottom of the form, there is a note: "If you did not receive the one-time passcode, you may request it again. The CBSA will resend the passcode to the email address you previously provided." and a "Resend" button.

### Important Note:

The multi-factor authentication passcode changes each time you try to log in to the CCP, and each time you press the Resend button. Always use the most recent multi-factor authentication passcode that was sent to you.

4. If you entered the correct passcode, the message **Multi-factor authentication successful** will be displayed.

The screenshot shows the same "Multi-factor authentication" page, but now with a green success message: "Multi-factor authentication successful." Below the message are two buttons: "Change MFA email" and "Continue to CARM Client Portal".

If you click **Continue to the CARM Client Portal**, you will first be taken to a page that shows the Terms and conditions of use page. Click **Accept terms** to continue.

The screenshot shows the top of a web page with the Government of Canada logo and name in both English and French. Below this is the heading "Terms and conditions of use" followed by a sub-heading "CARM Client Portal Privacy Statement and Terms and Conditions of Use". A "PRIVACY STATEMENT" section contains two paragraphs of text. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Accept terms" (highlighted in blue) and "I DO NOT Accept".

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## Terms and conditions of use

Read the following information as it contains important information regarding the portal's privacy statement, scope and prerequisites to use it.

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#### PRIVACY STATEMENT

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## 1.8 - Creating your Personal Profile

When you first log in to the CARM Client Portal (using either the Sign-In Partner or GCKey option), you will be prompted to create your personal profile. Your personal profile contains your contact details, as well as settings and preferences.

### Create your personal profile

Your contact details will be used to communicate important updates.

#### User information

\* First Name (required)

\* Last Name (required)

#### Contact Information

\* Telephone number(including area code) (required)

Extension

\* Email address (required)

\* Confirm e-mail address (required)

#### Settings and Preferences

\* Receive e-mails about notifications (required)

Subscribed - I want to receive e-mails about my notifications.  
 Unsubscribed - I do not want to receive e-mails about my notifications.

*Note: You will still receive e-mails about urgent notifications, even if you are unsubscribed*

\* Preferred language (required)

English  
 French



To learn more about subscribing to email notifications, see section [2.3 – Notifications \(Setup\)](#)

Note that you will be able to update this information in your Account Settings at a later time if required.

Once you have added your personal information and have identified your preferences for notifications and preferred language, you will be prompted to create security questions and answers for subsequent identity verification attempts.

### Security questions

Your selected questions and answers will be used for identity verification when calling the CBSA phone support in regards to activities on this account.

\* Question 1 (required)

\* Answer 1 (required)

\* Question 2 (required)

\* Answer 2 (required)

\* Question 3 (required)

\* Answer 3 (required)

[Create Profile](#)

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## 1.9 - Linking your Individual Account to a Business Account

After your profile creation, you will be greeted with the **First time setup** page, from which two options will be available: **Request access to my employer**, or **Register my business**.

### First time setup

**Request access to my employer**

Are you an **employee** who needs to be associated to your employer's registered business?

You will need to know your employer's 9-digits business number (BN9).

**Find a business**

\* Business number (BN9) (maximum 9 characters) (required)

**Register my business**

Are you a **business account manager** who wants to use the commercial client portal for your business?

You will need to have access to privileged information for this process.

### 1. Request Access to an Employer

This option is intended for employees who wish to request access to a business account that is already registered on the portal. Employees will be asked to enter the Business Number (or BN9), and to provide a reason for requesting access.

### First time setup

**Request access to my employer**

Are you an **employee** who needs to be associated to your employer's registered business?

You will need to know your employer's 9-digits business number (BN9).

**Find a business**

\* Business number (BN9) (maximum 9 characters) (required)



**Found match**

Business operating/trade name  
ImporterCompany1755

**Specify why you need access**

\* Comments (maximum 256 characters) (required)

This field is required.

**Register my business**

Are you a **business account manager** who wants to use the CARM Client Portal for your business?

You will need to have access to privileged information for this process.

## 2. Register Your Business

This option is intended for authorized users with access to privileged information and will allow the user to set up and complete registration for a business on the portal.

It is important to note that the user who completes the registration of the business on the CCP will automatically become the associated **Business Account Manager (BAM)**, or the person with ultimate account authority. A business account can only be registered once, but its Business Account Manager can assign other users a BAM role (or other user roles) through the employee management page.

To learn more about the role of the Business Account Manager as well as the Delegation of Authority process, review the following guide:



[Trade Chain Partner User Guide - Delegation of Authority](#)

Upon clicking **Register my Business**, you will be greeted with the following screen that details the business linking requirements:

The screenshot shows the CARM Client Portal interface. At the top, there is a header with the Government of Canada logo and the text 'Government of Canada' and 'Gouvernement du Canada'. Below this is the 'CARM Client Portal' title. A navigation menu includes 'Home' and 'Setup my Portal'. The main content area is titled 'Business linking requirements' and contains the following text:

To link your business to the portal you will need a **Business Number (BN)** and an **import-export program account (RM)**.

A Business Number is a 9-digit number assigned by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). It is the standard identifier for businesses and is unique to a business or legal entity.

An Import-export program account number is represented within the Business Number RM Account (BN15). It is a 15-digit number assigned by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), made up of the business's 9 digit business number followed by a 6 digit alpha-numeric number used to identify the business's import-export accounts (e.g., 123456789RM0001).

An example of a Business Number RM account

Business number									Reference number					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	M	0	0	0	2

Program identifier

You can register for both a Business Number and an Import-export program account by following the CRA's Business Registration Online (BRO) instructions by [clicking here](#).

If you already have a Business Number RM account, click next to continue linking your business.

You will then be required to enter the business number and program reference number, as shown below:

**Enter your business number and program reference number**

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\* Business number (999999999) (required) ⓘ

\* Importer program reference number (RM1234) (required) ⓘ

RM

I, Liviu Family, certify that I am hereby authorized to act on behalf of the business to conduct trade activities with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Input your business information, ensuring that it is identical to the information that the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has on file. Even the punctuation used must match the information on file. Any differences will result in an error message.

After inputting the Business Number (BN) and the Program Reference Number (RM), you will then be required to validate both your business information, and any recent transaction information (see screenshots on the following page).

**Important Note:**

If you do not have a Business Number (BN) or Program Reference Number (RM), you will be required to obtain these through the Canada Revenue Agency. Please visit the following link to do so:

[CRA Business Number Registration Page](#)

### Validate your business information

Fill in the fields below to validate your business. If you encounter errors, make sure you have entered the exact legal entity name for your business.

If you are a sole proprietor, use your personal legal name (for example, Jane Doe). In all other scenarios, you should use the legal corporate name of your business (for example, ABC Incorporated).

Business number  
100001254

\* Legal entity name (max. 175 characters) (required) ⓘ

This field is required.

**Legal entity address details**

Enter the information from one of the addresses (physical, mailing or books and records) provided to the CRA when you registered your business.

\* Address Line 1 (required)

This field is required.

Address Line 2

P.O box/R.R.

\* Country (required)

This field is required.

Select a country ▾

### Validate your transaction information

Answer the following questions regarding your Statement of Account (SOA) or Daily Notice (DN). If you encounter errors, make sure you have entered the appropriate answer and verify your spelling.

\* Question 1 (required)

This field is required.

Select a question ▾

\* Question 2 (required)

You will need to answer two or three questions, depending on your account type. The information can be found on your most recent Daily Notice or Statement of Account. You can obtain these from your broker if you do not receive them directly. Your answers must be identical to that found on the Daily Notice or Statement of Account and should only be entered using numbers and decimals. Using dollar signs and commas will result in an error message.

### Question 1

**\* Question 1 (required)**

What is the transaction number and total duties and taxes of one of your recent transactions? ▾

**Transaction number**  
13409538908576

**\* Total duties and taxes (required)**

0

A transaction number from your five most recent transactions will be displayed. Enter the total of duties and taxes that were owing for the given transaction number.

### Question 2

What is the exact value of your most recent payment? ▾

**\*Recent payment amount (Required)**

\$CA

You will need the exact value of your most recent payment. This can be found on your Daily Notice or Statement of Account.

### Question 3

What is the balance of your last statement of account? ▾

**\*Last statement of account balance (Required)**

\$CA

You will need the most recent Statement of Account.

Please make note of the following important points to consider during this initial setup process:

- Each user should have their own set of credentials and personal profile.
- Only one set of credentials can be used on a user's account (GCKey or a Sign-In Partner).
- The CBSA cannot retrieve lost credentials (username or password).

Curious to learn more about linking your Individual User Account with your Business Account? Click the link below to access the following step by step walkthrough video:



**[How to Connect a User Account to a Business Account](#)**

## 2. Basic Navigation and Features of the CARM Client Portal

### 2.1 - Login Navigation and Features

For GCKey users, a successful log in page is displayed prior to reaching the CCP home page. As a GCKey user you will be shown a standard welcome message that details your last sign in date, as well as a few links through which you can change your password, change your recovery questions, or revoke your GCKey.



Once you click the **Continue** button on the GCKey welcome page, you will be directed to the **Terms and Conditions of Use** screen of the CCP (see screenshot on the next page).

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- Selecting the **Accept Terms** button will take you to the CCP home page.
- Selecting the **I DO NOT Accept** button will cancel the process.

## 2.2 - Functions Available on the CCP Home Page

The home page of the CCP displays several quick access links that will allow you to easily navigate to various functionalities and features found on other pages in the CCP.

The screenshot shows the CARM Client Portal interface. At the top, it displays the Government of Canada logo and the user's name: "Test Importer Name (RM0001) ImporterCompany3084 (549132583)". A "MENU" dropdown is highlighted with a red box. Below the menu, six numbered callouts point to specific features:

- 1** [Setup my portal](#): Manage the access of employees and third party businesses.
- 2** [Accounts and profiles](#): View information about your personal profile, program account(s) or business.
- 3** [Financial information](#): View the financial transaction history, statements and invoices of this program account.
- 4** [Payments](#): Manage your payment options.
- 5** [Declarations](#): View information about commercial account declarations (CAD).
- 6** [Rulings](#): Request, view and manage your ruling requests.

At the bottom, there are two sections: "Recent Transactions" and "Most requested".

Transaction date	Description	Amount	Status
2021-03-09	Card Lot	\$ -1,000.99	Credit open
2021-03-09	Card Lot	\$ -3,000.99	Credit open
2021-03-09	Card Lot	\$ -2,000.99	Credit open

The "Most requested" section lists the following links:

- [Upload a document](#)
- [Manage pending employee requests](#)
- [Manage pending third party requests](#)
- [Transaction history](#)
- [Request a ruling](#)

Alternatively, each of these pages can also be accessed by selecting them from the drop-down **MENU** located on the top left of the home page.

Additional information about these functions is outlined in further detail on the following pages.

## 1. Setup My Portal

This link will direct you to the **Setup My Portal** landing page. From this page, you will be able access the following options:

- Manage employees (*Manage the access of your employees to select clients/accounts, and review pending access requests*)
- Manage business relationships (*Manage business relationships with clients and review access requests*)
- Manage client groups (*Create and manage groups of clients, as well as employee access to select groups*)

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**CARM Client Portal** | Test Importer Name (RM0001) ImporterCompany3084 (549132583)

MENU | Upload a document | Notifications | Logout

Home

### Setup my portal

Manage the access of this portal account.

#### Services and information

- [Manage my employees](#)  
Manage the access of your employees and pending requests.
- [Manage my business relationships](#)  
Manage the business relationships and access requests.
- [Manage my client groups](#)  
Create and manage the group of clients.



To learn more about the management of employees and clients, please reference the following guide:

**Trade Chain Partner User Guide: Delegation of Authority**

## 2. Accounts and Profiles

This link will direct you to the **Accounts and Profiles** landing page. From this page you will have the ability to view and/or make updates to your profiles through the following links:

- Personal profile *(Contains information about your individual profile and portal preferences)*
- Business profile *(Contains relevant business information including address(es) and ownership)*
- List of program accounts *(Displays all program accounts associated with a business)*
- Program account profile *(Contains relevant program information, including RM number, program name, and addresses)*

The screenshot shows the CARM Client Portal interface. At the top, there is a header with the Government of Canada logo and the text 'Government of Canada' and 'Gouvernement du Canada'. On the right side of the header, there is a language selector for 'Français'. Below the header, there is a dark blue navigation bar with the text 'CARM Client Portal' on the left and user information '601880594RM0001-Importe... (RM0001) ImporterCompany5788 (601880594)' on the right, accompanied by a dropdown arrow. Below the navigation bar, there is a light blue bar with a 'MENU' dropdown on the left and links for 'Upload a document', 'Notifications', and 'Logout' on the right. The main content area has a 'Home' link at the top left. The main heading is 'Accounts and profiles', followed by a sub-heading 'View and make updates to your personal and business profiles'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Services and information' which contains three columns of links and descriptions: 'Personal profile' (Maintain Individual profile information and portal preferences), 'Business profile' (View information about your business including: Business information, Address(es) and Ownership), and 'List of program accounts' (A list of all the program accounts associated to your business). At the bottom left, there is a link for 'Program account profile' (Program account profile includes your program RM number, program name and addresses).

### 3. Financial Information

This link will direct you to the **Financial Information** landing page. From this page you will have the ability to view detailed information about your account history, statements, and invoices through the following links:

- Transaction History (*Allows you to view a history of your transactions, review your account balance, and make payments*)
- Statement of account (*Statements that outline your transactions with the CBSA*)
- CBSA Invoices (*Invoices billed to you by the CBSA*)

The screenshot shows the CARM Client Portal interface. At the top, there is a header with the Government of Canada logo and the text 'Government of Canada' and 'Gouvernement du Canada'. Below this is a dark blue navigation bar with 'CARM Client Portal' on the left and user information 'Test Importer Name (RM0001)' and 'ImporterCompany3084 (549132583)' on the right. A light blue secondary bar contains a 'MENU' dropdown and links for 'Upload a document', 'Notifications', and 'Logout'. The main content area features a 'Home' link, a 'Financial information' section with a sub-header and a description: 'View a detailed account history, statements and invoices.' Below this is a 'Services and information' section with three columns of links and descriptions: 'Transaction History' (View a history of transactions, review the account balance and make payments. Before submitting your payment please verify your payments requirements with your customs broker to avoid duplicate payments.), 'Statement of account' (Statements that outline the transactions with the CBSA.), and 'CBSA Invoices' (Invoices billed to you by the CBSA.).

## 4. Payments

This link will direct you to the **Payments** landing page. From this page you will have the ability to view and make payments and payment arrangements through the following links:

- Apply credits as payment (*Allocate your account credit to specific transactions that you wish to clear immediately*)
- Pre-authorized debit (*Allows you to set up pre-authorized deductions from your bank account on a monthly basis*)

The screenshot shows the CARM Client Portal interface. At the top, there is a header with the Government of Canada logo and name in both English and French. Below this is a dark blue navigation bar containing the text 'CARM Client Portal' on the left and user information '866323893RM0001-Importe... (RM0001) ImporterCompany7337 (866323893)' with a dropdown arrow on the right. A light blue bar below the navigation bar contains a 'MENU' dropdown on the left and links for 'Upload a document', 'Notifications', and 'Logout' on the right. The main content area has a 'Home' link, a 'Payments' section with a red underline, and a sub-header 'Services and information'. Under this sub-header, there are two columns of links: 'Apply credits as payment' and 'Pre-authorized debit', each with a brief description of the service.

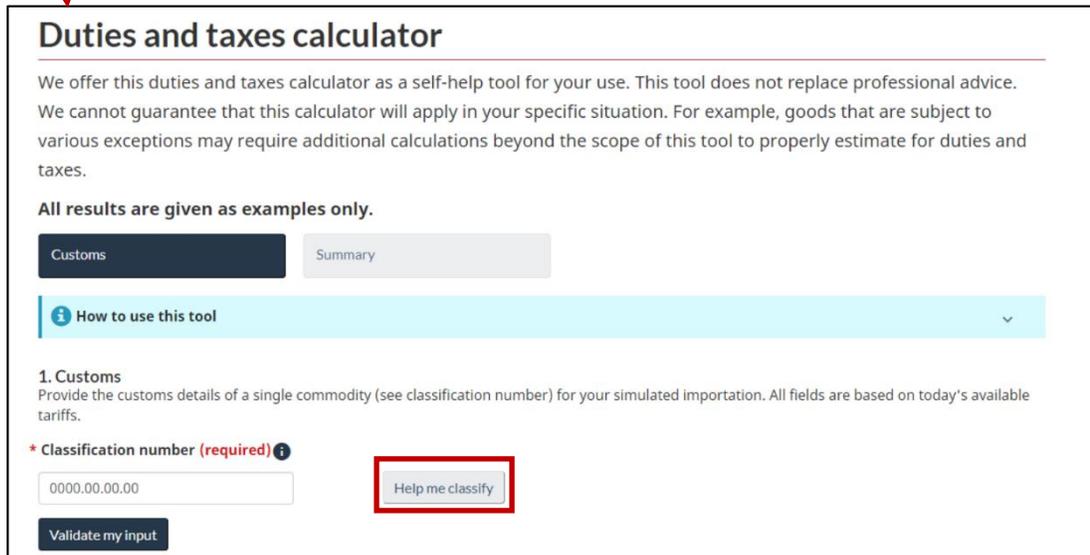
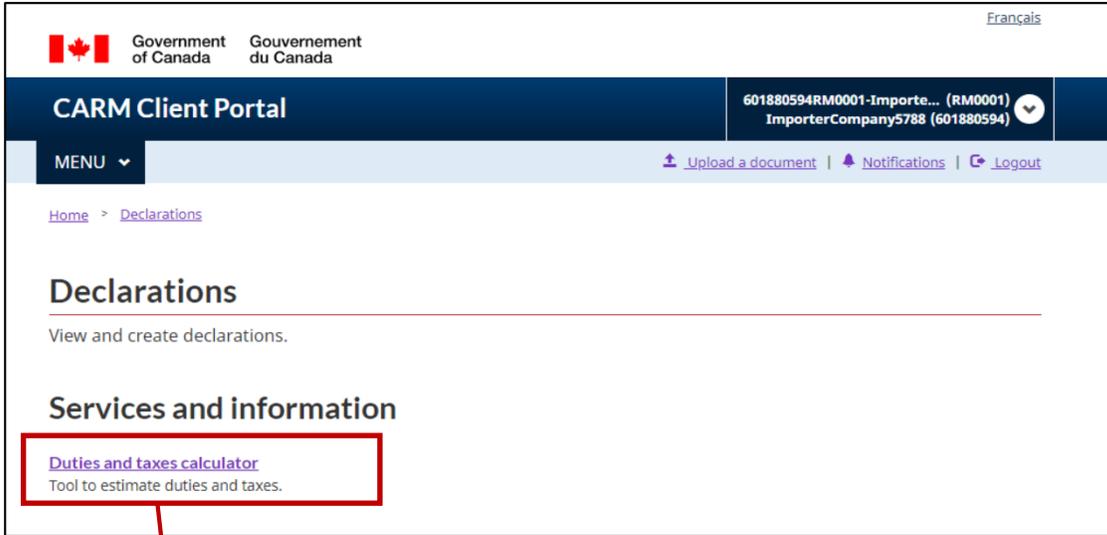
To learn more about financial information, processes, and payments, please reference the following guide:



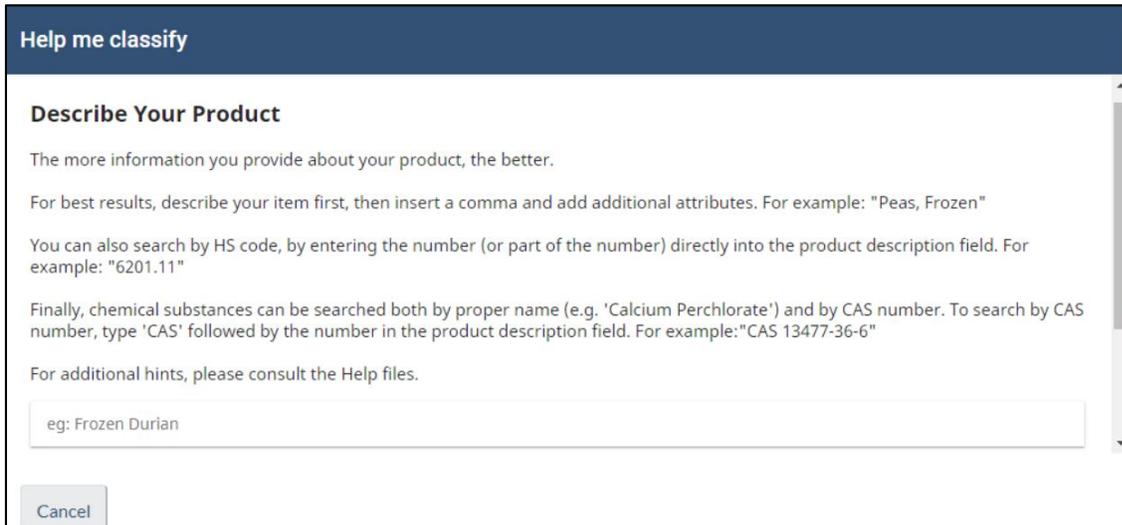
**Trade Chain Partner User Guide – Financial Information and Tools in the CARM Client Portal**

## 5. Declarations

This link will direct you to the **Declarations** landing page. From this page, you will have access to the **Duties and taxes calculator**. This tool can be used for estimating the duties and/or taxes that will be owed for goods before they are imported.



Selecting the **Help me classify** button within the **Duties and taxes calculator** will direct you to an embedded classification tool. This tool will allow you to input known information about your goods/products in order to receive a tariff classification number for the goods.



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Help me classify". Under the heading "Describe Your Product", there are instructions: "The more information you provide about your product, the better." and "For best results, describe your item first, then insert a comma and add additional attributes. For example: 'Peas, Frozen'". It also mentions searching by HS code (e.g., "6201.11") and by CAS number (e.g., "CAS 13477-36-6"). A text input field contains "eg: Frozen Durian". A "Cancel" button is at the bottom left.

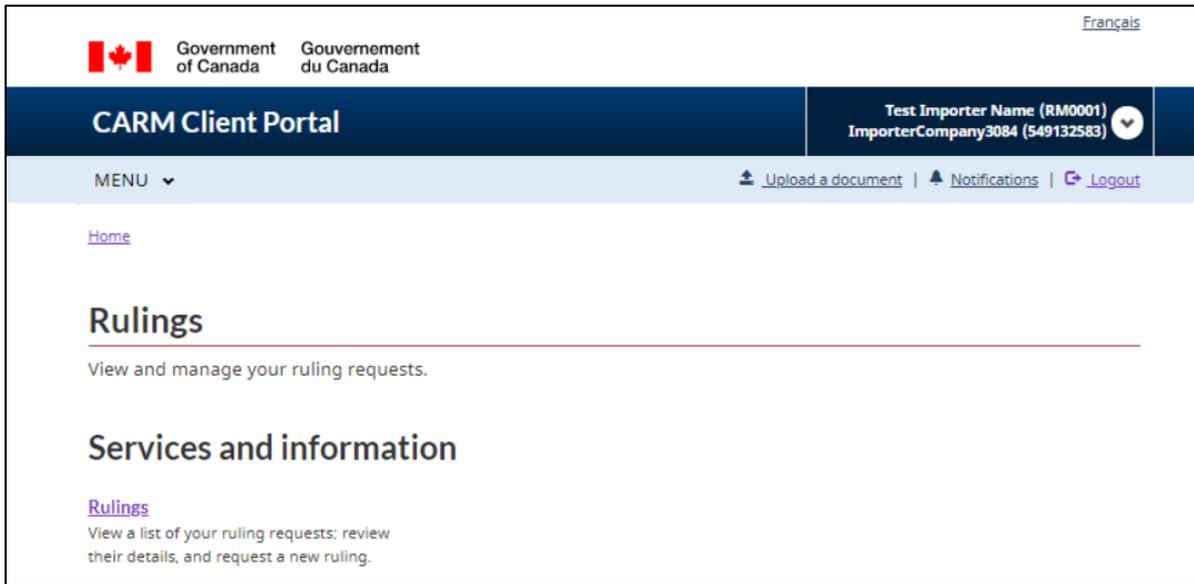
Additional information about the Duties and Taxes Calculator, and the Classification Tool can be found in both the below document and the below video:

-  **[Trade Chain Partner User Guide – Financial Information and Tools in the CARM Client Portal](#)**
-  **[How to Use the Duties and Taxes Calculator in the CARM Client Portal](#)**

## 6. Rulings

This link will direct you to the **Rulings** landing page. From this page, you will be able to view and manage all of your ruling requests within the portal:

- Rulings (*Allows you to view a list of your ruling requests, review their details, and request new rulings*)



Additional information about rulings processes can be found in the below document and the below videos:



**[Trade Chain Partner User Guide – Managing Rulings](#)**



**[Understanding Ruling Statuses in the CARM Client Portal](#)**

**[How to Submit a Ruling Request in the CARM Client Portal](#)**

## 2.3 - Setup of Notifications

Setting up notifications within the CARM Client Portal is a useful way to ensure that you do not miss important communications from the CBSA.

*Note that even if you do not subscribe to all notifications, you will still be notified if important communications that require timely action on your part are received.*

To setup notifications, follow the below steps:

1. Select **Accounts and profiles** from the home page.

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Test Importer Name (RM0001) / ImporterCompany3084 (549132583)

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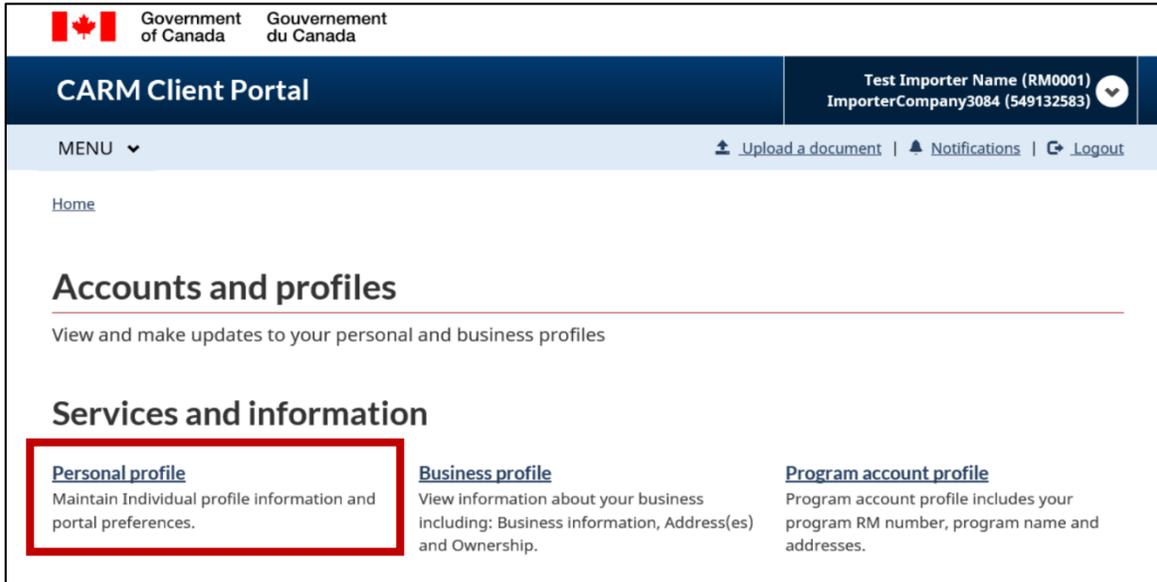
Upload a document | Notifications | Logout

Last logged in 2021-04-21 14:08 ET

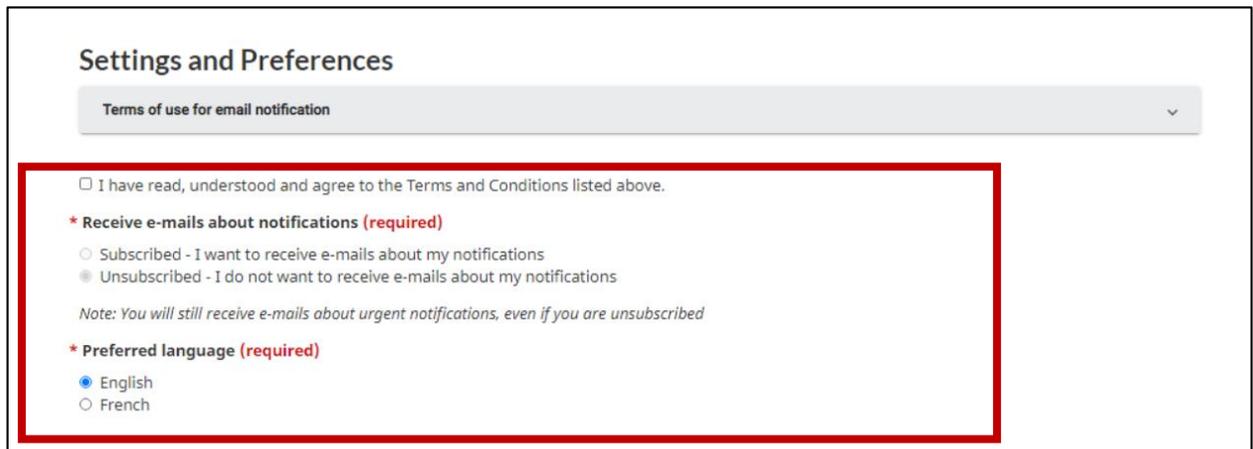
**Accounts and profiles**  
View information about your personal profile, program account(s) or business.

Transaction date	Description	Amount	Status
2021-03-09	Card Lot	\$ -1,000.99	Credit open
2021-03-09	Card Lot	\$ -3,000.99	Credit open
2021-03-09	Card Lot	\$ -2,000.99	Credit open
2021-03-05	Misc. Invoice (K23)	\$ 1,000.00	Receivable open

2. Click on the **Personal profile** link.



3. From the **Personal profile** screen, scroll down to **Settings and Preferences** and complete the following:
  - a) Read the Terms and Conditions in the drop-down menu, and confirm your acceptance by checking the box
  - b) Select the **Subscribed** button
  - c) Select **English** or **French** as your preferred language



Once notifications are set to **Subscribed**, you will begin receiving e-mail notifications from CBSA.

**Important Note:**

Notifications will be sent in bulk by CBSA. The only options available to users will be to either receive all notifications or to receive none. This option can be modified at any time following the above process.

Remember that urgent notifications will be sent to you regardless of the notification option selected.

## 2.4 - Notifications (View)

To view your notifications in the CCP, follow the below steps:

1. Click the **Notifications** link. A list of notifications will display.

Your notifications can be found at the top right of the home page beside the bell icon

The screenshot shows the CARM Client Portal interface. At the top, there is a header with the Government of Canada logo and the text 'CARM Client Portal'. On the right side of the header, the user's name 'Test Importer Name (RM0001)' and company 'ImporterCompany3084 (549132583)' are displayed. Below the header is a navigation bar with a 'MENU' dropdown on the left and three links: 'Upload a document', 'Notifications' (highlighted with a red box), and 'Logout'. A green callout box points to the 'Notifications' link with the text: 'Your notifications can be found at the top right of the home page beside the bell icon'. Below the navigation bar, there are several sections: 'Setup my portal', 'Accounts and profiles', 'Financial information', 'Payments', 'Declarations', and 'Rulings'. At the bottom, there is a 'Recent Transactions' table and a 'Most requested' list.

Transaction date	Description	Amount	Status
2021-03-09	Card Lot	\$ -1,000.99	Credit open
2021-03-09	Card Lot	\$ -3,000.99	Credit open
2021-03-09	Card Lot	\$ -2,000.99	Credit open
2021-03-05	Misc. Invoice (K23)	\$ 1,000.00	Receivable open

2. Click on the **Subject** link to view the details of a notification.

**Notifications**

Search and read the notifications received from the CBSA.

Advanced search Date range 2020-10-05 – 2021-04-22

Tip: You can search for desired notifications by using the **Advanced search field**

Date posted	Company name	Notification number	Type	Subject
2021-04-08		583RM0001	Delegation changes - ...	<a href="#">Access permission(s)...</a>
2021-03-25		583RM0001	Pre-PAD Notification	<a href="#">Pre-Authorized Debit ...</a>
2021-03-24	ImporterCompany3084	549132583RM0001	Delegation changes - ...	<a href="#">Access permission(s)...</a>
2021-03-24	ImporterCompany3084	549132583RM0001	Delegation changes - ...	<a href="#">Access permission(s)...</a>
2021-03-16	ImporterCompany3084	549132583	Delegation changes - ...	<a href="#">Pending access requ...</a>
2021-03-09	ImporterCompany3084	549132583RM0001	Delegation changes - ...	<a href="#">Access permission(s)...</a>
2021-03-09	ImporterCompany3084	549132583RM0001	Delegation changes - ...	<a href="#">Access permission(s)...</a>
2021-03-09	ImporterCompany3084	549132583RM0001	Delegation changes - ...	<a href="#">Access permission(s)...</a>

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3. The notification details selected will then be displayed. Click the **Back** button to return to the notifications list once you are done reviewing the notification.

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**CARM Client Portal** Test Importer Name (RM0001)  
ImporterCompany3084 (549132583)

MENU Upload a document | Notifications | Logout

Home > Notifications

**Notifications details**

**Access permission(s) changes**  
 Recipient: ImporterCompany3084  
 Type: Delegation changes - Client  
 Date posted: 2021-04-08

Access for 227889992 to 549132583RM0001 has been successfully changed.

[Back](#)

## 2.5 - Uploading Documents

Including additional documents helps the CBSA with their rulings decisions. Where possible, documents that support a ruling request should always be included with the initial request. If the CBSA feels that they have insufficient information to render a decision, they may request that you provide additional information in order to proceed with your ruling request.

The screenshot shows the CARM Client Portal interface. At the top, there is a header with the Government of Canada logo and the text "The Upload a document link" in a green box. Below the header, the user's name "Test Importer Name (RM0001) ImporterCompany3084 (549132583)" is displayed. A navigation menu includes "Upload a document", "Notifications", and "Logout". The main content area is divided into several sections: "Setup my portal", "Accounts and profiles", "Financial information", "Payments", "Declarations", and "Rulings". The "Rulings" section is highlighted with a red box. Below the "Rulings" section, there is a table titled "Recent Transactions" and a "Most requested" section. The "Most requested" section contains a list of links, with "Upload a document" highlighted by a red box. A green callout box points to the "Upload a document" link in the "Most Requested" column, stating: "The Upload a document link in the Most Requested column". Another green callout box points to the "Upload a document" link in the "Actions" column of the "Rulings" list, stating: "The document attachment link found in the Actions column of your displayed Rulings list".

**The Upload a document link**

**Upload a document**

**Rulings**

**Upload a document**

**The Upload a document link in the Most Requested column**

**The document attachment link found in the Actions column of your displayed Rulings list**

Transaction date	Description	Amount	Status
2021-03-09	Card Lot	\$ -1,000.99	Credit open
2021-03-09	Card		en
2021-03-09	Ca		en
2021-03-05	Mi		e open

- **Upload a document**
- [Manage pending employee requests](#)
- [Manage pending third party requests](#)
- [Transaction history](#)
- [Request a ruling](#)

For the purposes of this guide, we are showing the page that will appear after selecting either of the **Upload a document** links. From this page you may proceed with the following steps:

1. Select the **Category** from the drop-down menu.
2. Enter the **Case/reference number** that the document you are uploading will be associated with/attached to.
3. Click the **Next** button.

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601880594RM0001-Importe... (RM0001)  
ImporterCompany5788 (601880594)

Franglais

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MENU ▾

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[Upload a document](#) | [Notifications](#) | [Logout](#)

## Upload a document - Step 1 of 2

Select the category and enter a case or reference number associated to the document(s) you want to upload

\* Category (required)

\* Case/reference number (maximum 10 characters) (required) ⓘ

Cancel

Next →

4. Drag and drop the file from the specified location and click **Upload** to complete the upload process.

**Attachment(s): case #8000000167**

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Attach any files of producers or manufacturers product literature, drawings, photographs, or schematics.

**Upload files**

The maximum upload size per file is 15 MB and a maximum of 10 attachments per upload.

**Acceptable file types:** .pdf, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .rtf, .txt, .jpg, .jpeg, .tiff, .tif, .xps



Click or drag your file here

**Important Note:**

You can only upload PDF, Word, Excel, RTF, JPG, TIFF and XPS documents to the CCP.

## 3. Requesting a New Business Relationship

### 3.1 - Account Types

Within the CARM Client Portal, there are two types of accounts: *Individual Accounts* and *Business Accounts*.

#### Individual Account:

In order to access a business account, it is mandatory to first have an individual account. This account requires users to complete their personal profile for the user to be granted access to the CCP.

#### Create your personal profile

Your contact details will be used to communicate important updates.

##### User information

\* First Name (required)

\* Last Name (required)

##### Contact Information

\* Telephone number(including area code) (required)

Extension

\* Email address (required)

\* Confirm e-mail address (required)

##### Settings and Preferences

\* Receive e-mails about notifications (required)  
 Subscribed - I want to receive e-mails about my notifications.  
 Unsubscribed - I do not want to receive e-mails about my notifications.  
Note: You will still receive e-mails about urgent notifications, even if you are unsubscribed

\* Preferred language (required)  
 English  
 French



To learn more about setting up your Individual account and Personal Profile, see section [1.8 – Creating your personal profile](#) on Page 22 of this document.



To learn more about setting up your notifications, see section [2.3 – Notifications \(Setup\)](#).

**Business Account:**

Accounts for Businesses exist for:

- Organizations that provide services to clients – service providers
- Client organizations such as importers

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Service Provider</b></p> <p>Business account that has at least one program account, and performs activities as a customs broker or third party.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Client</b></p> <p>Any business account that has delegated their authority to a service provider.</p>
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**3.2 - Business Relationships**

Business relationships are established between a service provider and its client(s). A client (e.g. importer) can delegate access to the service provider (e.g. customs broker) for them to act on their behalf and manage their account(s) within the CBSA by establishing a relationship.

Service providers must first establish a business relationship with their clients to be able to transact with the CBSA on their behalf. Only then will the service provider be able to assign its employees to the clients’ accounts to carry out the activities agreed upon in their service.

**Important Note:**  
The client determines the relationship type to grant to its service provider(s).

Within the CCP, there are two business relationship access types that can be established between a service provider and a client.

These are:

- *Business Management Relationship*
- *Program Management Relationship*

These tables show the activities and access permissions associated with the Business Management Relationship and Program Management Relationship:

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Allowed or Restricted</b>	<b>View as Read-Only or View and Edit</b>
View business account profile (general information, ownership, addresses, business activity, settings and contacts)	Allowed	Read-only
View all Program accounts profile (general information, addresses, contacts, owners and sub-programs)	Allowed	Read-only
View the list of programs	Allowed	Read-only
View financial security information	Allowed	View and Edit
View information regarding requests (e.g., Rulings) and transactions (e.g., CAD) on the client's behalf	Allowed	View and Edit
Commonly restricted actions	Allowed	Refer to below

- 1. Business Management Relationship:** This relationship delegates access to all program accounts to the service provider, including any programs added in the future.

Commonly restricted actions within a Business Management Relationship include the following:

- Editing the Business Account or Program Account information
- Viewing or editing pre-authorized debit authorizations
- Viewing collection-related notifications and payment arrangements
- Viewing or editing the client's access requests, and its employees' accesses
- Viewing or editing the client's pending business relationship requests, and its list of active business relationship

See next page for *Program Management Relationship* information.

**2. Program Management Relationship:** This relationship delegates access to only selected program accounts to the service provider.

This table shows the activities and access permissions associated with the Program Management Relationship:

Activities	Allowed or Restricted	View as Read-Only or View and Edit
View program account profile (general information, addresses, contacts, owners and sub-programs)	Allowed	Read-only
View information regarding requests (e.g., Rulings) and transactions (e.g., CAD) on the client’s behalf	Allowed	View and Edit
View Business account profile	Restricted	Not available
View list of programs	Restricted	Not available
View financial security	Restricted	Not available
Commonly restricted actions (refer to previous page)	Restricted	Not available



To learn more about managing business relationships, please reference the following guide:

**Trade Chain Partner User Guide – Delegation of Authority**

## 4. Resources

There are several resources that are available surrounding the CARM Client Portal to help support new users:

1. Instructional Videos:

- Dedicated instructional videos for portal utilization including step-by-step videos on: Creating and linking individual and business accounts, Delegating authority, Financial information, and more.

2. FAQ:

- The CBSA has provided answers to frequently asked questions that clients may have regarding the portal.

3. Chatbot:

- The CBSA has introduced a chatbot that includes scripts prepared for users to support their onboarding process to the CCP.

4. Onboarding Guides:

- These guides will help TCPs understand how to use the CCP, with information on the key benefits and capabilities that the portal offers.