



Reminder: Provide financial security by April 19, 2025 to benefit from the Release Prior to Payment (RPP) program.

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) Assessment and Revenue Management (CARM) system has been in place since October 21, 2024.

Under CARM, all commercial importers must post their own financial security in the system to benefit from the [Release Prior to Payment program \(RPP\)](#) – their customs brokers' security can no longer be used.

The RPP program allows commercial importers with financial security to have their goods released electronically before paying duties and taxes.

A 180-day transition period was provided to importers, ending on **April 19, 2025**. After this date, importers who have not posted financial security will lose access to electronic release before payment.

To enroll in the RPP program, importers must follow these steps:

1. Ensure that they are [registered and enrolled](#) as an importer on the [CARM Client Portal](#).
2. Enroll in the RPP Sub-Program, under the "Program Account Profile" in the CARM Client Portal.
3. Post Financial Security via an *electronic written security agreement or an electronic cash deposit. The amount is determined based on the importer's highest monthly accounts receivable in the last 12 months, inclusive of GST.

*Importers posting an electronic written security agreement should contact their financial security provider first to obtain the security, and confirm their preferred transmission method. For a list of financial security providers that are registered in the CARM system, please refer to the [Financial security providers](#) web page.

More information on the RPP Program and related surety requirements:

- [D17-1-8 Release Prior to Payment Privilege](#)
- [D17-5-2 Financial Security for Release Prior to Payment](#)

Consult the following [user guides](#) on specific RPP-related functions in the portal:

- How to post financial security for RPP
- How to view your RPP financial security information
- How to enroll in a CBSA sub-program, including the RPP Program

Attend a [webinar](#) about the Release Prior to Payment Program to learn more!