

Course: Export Marketing 101: Strategies for Exporting Products and Services from Trinidad & Tobago

Contact Hours:	24 Hours
Pre-requisite:	None

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the fundamentals of Export Marketing.
- Identify export-ready Products or Services from Trinidad & Tobago.
- Analyse and select International Markets.
- Develop an effective Export Marketing Plan.
- Understand the documentation, compliance, and logistics involved in exporting

Target Audience

Entrepreneurs and Small Business Owners, Export-Ready MSMEs, Business Development Officers and Trade Professionals, Professionals working in Chambers of Commerce, Trade Associations, and Government Agencies, Professionals seeking to change to a career in Sales, Marketing, International Trade, Marketing and Sales Professionals, Post-Secondary School Graduates interested in career in International Sales/Marketing, Manufacturers/Agro-Processors in Key Sectors, NGO or Cooperative Members.

Course Modules

Week 1: Introduction to Exporting

- Definition of Export Marketing
- Why export? Opportunities for T&T businesses
- Common challenges faced by new exporters
- Overview of the Global Trade Environment
- Case studies of successful T&T exporters

Week 2: Export Readiness & Product/Service Selection

- Assessing export potential of your business
- Internal Analysis of Organisation
- Identifying scalable and competitive products/services
- Adapting offerings for foreign markets
- T&T resources: exporTT, Ministry of Trade, TTMA, NEDCO

Week 3: International Market Research & Selection

- Tools for market research (ITC Trade Map, Export.gov, etc.)
- Key criteria for evaluating target markets
- Market segmentation and consumer preferences
- External Analyses of selected market/s (PESTLE, Porter's 5 Forces)

Week 4: Export Marketing Strategies

- Market Entry Decision
- Development of Export Marketing Plan:
- Product strategy including Positioning and Branding for foreign markets
- Pricing strategies and currency considerations
- Choosing the right promotional mix (B2B vs B2C)
- Online Marketing and E-Commerce for exports
- Monitoring of Marketing Plan

Week 5: Export Logistics & Distribution

- Shipping methods, freight forwarders, and warehousing
- Packaging and labelling requirements
- Distribution Channels (agents, distributors, partners)
- Risk Management and Insurance

Week 6: Documentation, Compliance & Finance

- Required export documents (invoice, bill of lading, COO, etc.)
- Understanding Incoterms
- Payment methods (LCs, open accounts, advance payments)
- Accessing export financing in T&T (Eximbank, venture capital)

Week 7: Digital Tools, Support Services & Trade Shows

- Leveraging technology to manage export operations
- Using CRM, email marketing, and digital ads internationally
- Government support and incentives
- Preparing for and attending international trade missions

Week 8: Capstone – Building an Export Plan

- Walkthrough: Creating a basic export marketing plan
- Peer review and feedback session
- Presentations (optional)
- Wrap-up, certificates of completion

Delivery Format:

- Live sessions (online)
- Interactive activities and group work
- Local case studies and export success stories
- Guest speakers (e.g., from exporTT, successful exporters)
- Supplementary resources and templates