



U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) invites cartmen and lightermen to establish Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Secure Data Portal accounts. This includes all cartmen and lightermen as defined in 19 CFR 112, and as provided for in 19 CFR 113.63 with regard to the requirement for coverage by a continuous Type 2 custodial bond. By establishing a portal account, a licensed cartman or lighterman will be able to view information maintained by CBP in the account. This information includes the list of company officers, members or employees, as provided for in 19 CFR 112.29(b).

All portal accounts will be able to access important information regarding any ACE updates via their "News" portlet on the "Home" tab. Additional beneficial features for a cartman or lighterman portal account include the ability to:

View and update company information including physical address, mailing address points of contact, licensed employees, other employees and names of officials

Access port code and country code reference data  
Utilize the "Business Activity Log" to attach additional information (e.g., scanned documents, word files, Excel files, pdf files) to the account as deemed appropriate by CBP

### **How to Apply for a Cartman or Lighterman Account**

A licensed cartman or lighterman desiring to become an ACE portal account will be required to complete the ACE Application. As part of this process, each cartman or lighterman also needs to provide an Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number and their customhouse cartage or lighterage license number. Additional eligibility requirements were set forth in the Federal Register Notice published on October 18, 2007. Please refer to the Federal Register Notices page for more information. ([Recent Federal Register Notices](#) )



Once the request to become a portal account is received and approved by CBP, the portal account will be created in ACE. The cartman or lighterman will be subsequently contacted with information on how to access and update the account information.

### **Additional Information**

For more information on ACE and how to apply, visit the ACE: Modernization Information Systems page or send an e-mail to [CBP.CBPCSP0@dhs.gov](mailto:CBP.CBPCSP0@dhs.gov) ([ACE: Modernization Information Systems](#) )