

**Customs education
at
Riga Technical University
(RTU)**

**“Is customs officer a profession?
If it is, it must have uniform
requirements, i.e.
the Profession Standard.”**

/The question asked at
the 1st PICARD conference/

Today,
at the 3rd PICARD conference
we already discuss the first results
of the introduction of the uniform
WCO Profession Standard.

In **1993**, there were **1 700** customs officers in the Latvian Customs,

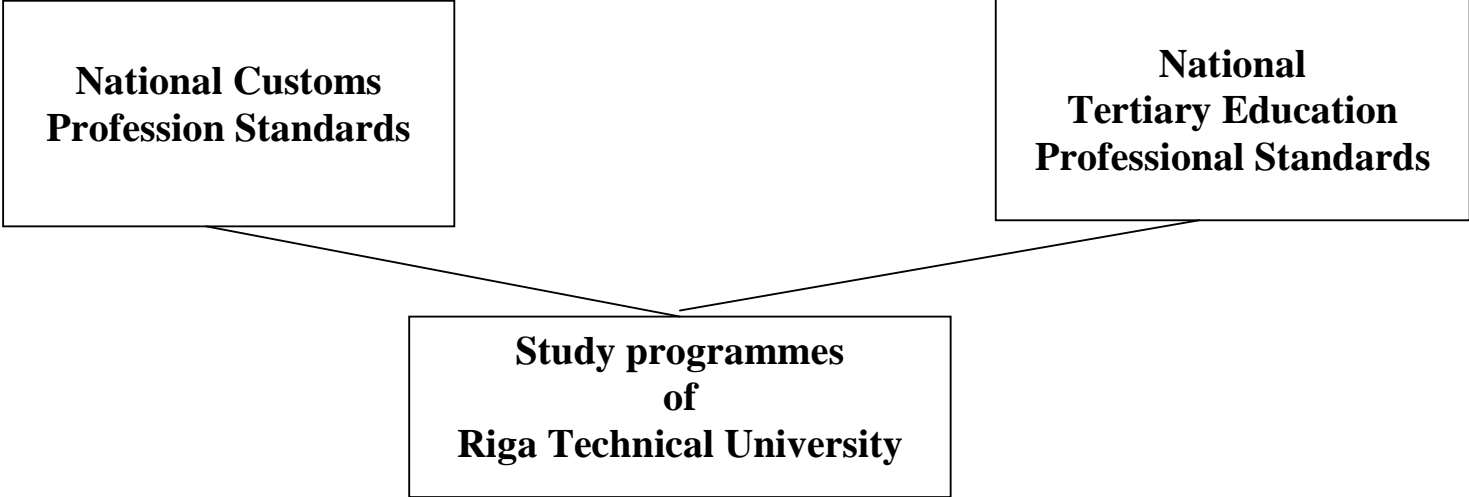
30% of them had secondary education
(i.e. **500** persons);

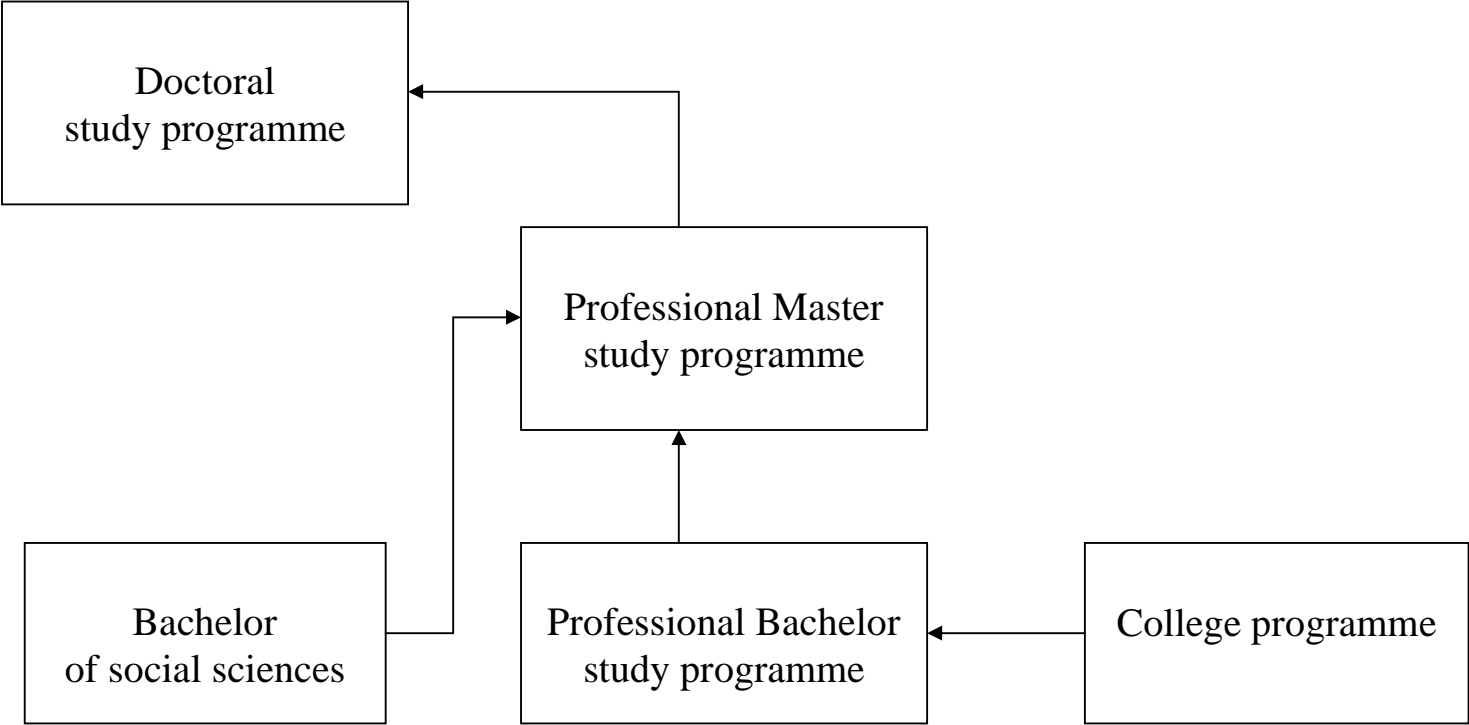
20% - higher education
(i.e. **340** persons,
incl. **40** with economic or juridical
education).

**National Customs
Profession Standards**

**National
Tertiary Education
Professional Standards**

**Study programmes
of
Riga Technical University**





1. College programme

Duration:

full-time – 2 years

part-time – 2.5 years

Qualification: “Customs Expert”

2. Professional Bachelor study programme

Duration:

full-time	– 4 years
after college programme	– 2 years
part-time	– 5 years
after college programme	– 2.5 years

Qualification: “Head of Customs unit” and
the degree of professional Bachelor
in customs and tax administration

3. Professional Master study programme

Duration:

- full-time – 1.5 years
- for persons with the
academic Bachelor degree – 2.5 years
- part-time – 2.5 years
- for persons with the
academic Bachelor degree – 3 years

Degree: professional Master in customs and tax
administration

Since 1994,

~ 7 000 persons have graduated from RTU in customs and tax administration.

Currently

RTU has more than **1 000** students in the study programme “Customs and tax administration”.

Annually

RTU offers customs and tax focused qualification advancement courses to:

- **1 300** heads of customs units, customs officers and tax inspectors;
- as well as **200 – 300** certified customs brokers and declarants.

Qualification advancement

