I am by no means an expert, but after working in this industry for 12 years I was able to successfully pass the CBP Broker’s Exam on my first try. I am convinced the LTS study program was a major reason why I passed. To anyone who is just starting to or thinking of starting to study for the exam, I would say...

1. **Do’s and Don’ts:**

Do begin preparing as soon as possible. Start studying ASAP.

Do prepare a study schedule and include a day to unwind here or there.

Do review all study material provided. Every bit of guidance is provided for a reason... use it.

Don’t attempt to take this test alone, without a strong test prep course, such as LTS.

Don’t underestimate the importance of reading CFR 19 as instructed by course, even the chapters that seem boring. CBP may test on anything at any given time.

Don’t try to cram too much, as test day nears. This will likely add to stress and anxiety during this process.

2. For a study schedule, the following worked for me:

   **For every LTS lesson:**

   Read CFR 19 chapters directly from CFR.

   Read LTS lessons for those CFR chapters just read.

   Do all LTS chapter review questions.

   **This will take:**

   10-15 hours a week for 8 weeks, to read CFR and study LTS lessons.

   10-15 hours to take practice exams and do HTS questions, 2 weeks prior to exam.

   10-15 hours to review material, listen to audio CD’s, and review quick reference sheets the week prior to the exam.

3. As I studied, I used the following highlight codes in CFR 19 and LTS textbook:

   **Green highlight:** CBP forms

   **Blue highlight:** monetary penalty amounts

   **Yellow highlight:** information that stood out from the material

   **Orange highlight:** dates and timeframes