



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Venomous Animal Management And Handling Training

Agriculture and Nature Conservation / Nature Conservation

Unit Standard 113823 · NQF Level 4 · 8 Credits · 5 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the knowledge and practical skills to safely manage and handle venomous animals in various settings. It covers identification, risk assessment, safe handling techniques, and emergency response procedures to minimize the risk of envenomation and ensure compliance with relevant health and safety regulations.

Category	Agriculture and Nature Conservation
Subfield	Nature Conservation
Unit Standard	113823
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 4 · 8 Credits
Duration	5 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply correct safety protocols when approaching and handling venomous animals.
- Evaluate the risks associated with different venomous species and implement appropriate control measures.
- Demonstrate proper use of handling equipment and personal protective gear.
- Analyze emergency situations and administer basic first aid for venomous bites or stings.
- Design a safe handling plan for specific venomous animals in a controlled environment.
- Implement containment and transport procedures for venomous animals.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for wildlife handlers, zookeepers, reptile park staff, herpetologists, field researchers, and any professionals who may encounter venomous animals in their work environment.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Venomous Animals and Safety Principles

- Overview of venomous snakes, spiders, scorpions, and other taxa
- Relevant legislation: OHS Act, CITES, provincial nature conservation ordinances
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) selection and use
- Risk assessment methodology for venomous animal encounters
- Emergency response planning and first aid awareness

Day 2: Venomous Snake Identification, Behaviour, and Capture Techniques

- Key identification features: head shape, pupil, scale patterns, colouration
- Behavioural cues: threat displays, hiding, escape responses
- Hook and tube handling: equipment selection and technique
- Bagging, container transfer, and temporary housing
- Venom extraction and milking considerations (demonstration only)

Day 3: Handling Venomous Arachnids, Scorpions, and Other Arthropods

- Latrodectus, Loxosceles, and other dangerous spiders
- Scorpion identification: family characteristics and stinger morphology
- Use of soft forceps, vials, and aspirators for capture
- Centipede and caterpillar venomous species overview
- Envenomation symptoms and first aid differences from snakes

Day 4: Advanced Handling, Venomous Animal Behaviour, and Enclosure Design

- Behavioural enrichment and stress reduction in captivity
- Enclosure security: lock types, escape prevention, signage
- Advanced snake handling: tailing, pinning, and chemical restraint
- Handling aggressive scorpions and spiders
- Record keeping and incident reporting

Day 5: Practical Integration, Emergency Response, and Assessment

- Simulated capture and handling scenarios (multiple species)
- Emergency drill: snakebite/scorpion sting response
- Assessment of handling techniques and safety protocols
- Review of legal responsibilities and ethical considerations
- Course evaluation and certification criteria

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **8 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 4**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 23,000.00	R 23,000.00
1	In-House	R 29,900.00	R 29,900.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 34,500.00	R 34,500.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
03 Aug 2026	07 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
03 Aug 2026	07 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
03 Aug 2026	07 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
03 Aug 2026	07 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
03 Aug 2026	07 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Johannesburg, South Africa
03 Aug 2026	07 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Lagos, Nigeria
10 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
10 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

- 1. Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 113823) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
- 2. Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
- 3. Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call +27 12 004 8389 or WhatsApp +27 65 077 6310 and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
- 4. Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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