



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Commercial Vessel Steering And Watchkeeping Certificate Training

Services / Transport, Operations and Logistics

Unit Standard 113979 · NQF Level 3 · 6 Credits · 3 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills required to safely steer commercial vessels and perform effective watchkeeping duties. It covers navigational principles, collision regulations, emergency procedures, and communication protocols to ensure maritime safety and compliance with South African maritime regulations.

Category	Services
Subfield	Transport, Operations and Logistics
Unit Standard	113979
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 3 · 6 Credits
Duration	3 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply steering and helm commands to safely maneuver a commercial vessel under various conditions.
- Demonstrate effective watchkeeping practices, including maintaining a proper lookout and monitoring navigational equipment.
- Implement collision avoidance procedures in accordance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs).
- Evaluate emergency situations and respond appropriately using distress signals and communication protocols.
- Analyze weather and sea conditions to make informed decisions for vessel safety.
- Maintain accurate navigational records and logbooks in compliance with regulatory requirements.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is intended for individuals seeking to obtain a Commercial Vessel Steering and Watchkeeping Certificate, including deckhands, coxswains, and small vessel operators in the South African maritime industry.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Steering and Watchkeeping Principles

- Overview of STCW and SAMSA requirements for steering and watchkeeping.
- Steering gear types: hydraulic, electric, and electro-hydraulic systems.
- Helm orders and steering commands.
- Watchkeeping principles: international regulations for preventing collisions at sea (COLREGS).
- Look-out duties and use of navigational aids.
- Communication protocols: bridge team, engine room, and external communications.
- Fatigue management and fitness for duty.
- Logbook entries and record-keeping.

Day 2: Practical Steering Operations and Watchkeeping Procedures

- Steering in confined waters, open sea, and heavy weather.
- Use of autopilot and manual steering modes.
- Watchkeeping routines: arrival, departure, and underway watches.
- Navigational aids: radar, electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS), compass.
- Emergency procedures: steering failure, fire, collision, and man overboard.
- Bridge resource management and team coordination.
- Practical drills: helm orders, course changes, and collision avoidance maneuvers.
- Assessment of situational awareness and decision-making.

Day 3: Advanced Watchkeeping, Assessment, and Certification Preparation

- Advanced collision avoidance: multi-vessel scenarios and traffic separation schemes.
- Watchkeeping in restricted visibility and at night.
- Incident analysis: lessons from maritime accidents.
- SAMSA certification requirements: knowledge, skills, and documentation.
- Final practical assessment: steering and watchkeeping simulation.
- Written examination preparation and review.
- Course debrief and certification guidance.

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 **6 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 3**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 17,900.00	R 17,900.00
1	In-House	R 23,300.00	R 23,300.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 26,800.00	R 26,800.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	12 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
10 Aug 2026	12 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
11 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
11 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
17 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Harare, Zimbabwe
17 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE

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 113979) 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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