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COURSE BROCHURE

Analyse Sa And International Regulatory Discussion Papers Training

Communication Studies and Language / Communication Studies

Unit Standard 115036 · NQF Level 5 · 15 Credits · 12 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the skills to critically analyse South African and international regulatory discussion papers. Participants will learn to identify key issues, evaluate stakeholder positions, and assess the potential impact of proposed regulations on their organisations. The course supports informed decision-making and effective participation in regulatory consultation processes.

Category	Communication Studies and Language
Subfield	Communication Studies
Unit Standard	115036
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 5 · 15 Credits
Duration	12 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Analyse the structure and purpose of SA and international regulatory discussion papers.
- Evaluate the key issues and stakeholder perspectives presented in discussion papers.
- Assess the potential impact of proposed regulatory changes on organisational operations.
- Formulate well-reasoned responses to discussion papers for submission during consultation periods.
- Demonstrate the ability to track and interpret regulatory trends across different jurisdictions.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for compliance officers, regulatory affairs professionals, legal advisors, and managers who need to interpret and respond to regulatory discussion papers from bodies such as the FSCA, SARB, or international standard-setters.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Regulatory Discussion Papers

- What is a regulatory discussion paper?
- Overview of the policy cycle
- Key stakeholders: government, industry, civil society, academia
- The role of public participation in regulation
- Introduction to SA and international regulatory frameworks
- Examples of recent discussion papers in SA (e.g., financial sector, data protection)

Day 2: The South African Regulatory Landscape

- The three spheres of government and their regulatory roles
- The legislative process: Green Paper White Paper Bill Act
- Key regulatory bodies: SARB, FSCA, NERSA, ICASA, etc.
- The role of the National Economic Development and Labour Council (NEDLAC)
- Constitutional principles affecting regulation (e.g., just administrative action)
- Case study: Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act process

Day 3: International Regulatory Frameworks and Bodies

- Overview of international regulatory models
- EU: Directives and Regulations, ESMA, EBA
- US: SEC, CFTC, Dodd-Frank Act
- UK: FCA, PRA, post-Brexit framework
- Australia: ASIC, APRA
- International standard-setters: Basel Committee, IOSCO, IAIS, FATF
- The role of the G20 and Financial Stability Board (FSB)
- Impact of global crises on regulatory trends

Day 4: Analysing Discussion Papers – Structure and Content

- Anatomy of a discussion paper: executive summary, background, options, questions
- How to identify the core problem and regulatory objective
- Evaluating the range of policy options presented
- Assessing the quality of evidence and data sources
- Identifying assumptions, gaps, and potential biases
- Practical exercise: deconstruct a sample discussion paper

Day 5: Stakeholder Analysis and Mapping

- Stakeholder identification: who is affected and who has influence?
- Stakeholder mapping tools (power-interest grid)
- Understanding stakeholder motivations and positions
- The role of lobbying and advocacy in regulatory processes
- Case study: stakeholder responses to a recent SA discussion paper
- Techniques for gathering and analysing stakeholder feedback

Day 6: Economic and Social Impact Assessment

- Introduction to Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)
- Types of impacts: economic, social, environmental, distributional
- Basic cost-benefit analysis concepts

- Measuring compliance costs and administrative burden
- Social impact considerations: vulnerable groups, access to services
- Practical exercise: conduct a mini-RIA on a discussion paper option

Day 7: Legal and Constitutional Analysis

- Constitutional provisions relevant to regulation (e.g., Bill of Rights)
- Principles of administrative law: legality, reasonableness, procedural fairness
- The Promotion of Administrative Justice Act (PAJA)
- Potential for judicial review and constitutional challenges
- Case law analysis: examples of regulatory challenges in SA
- Practical exercise: legal review of a discussion paper proposal

Day 8: Comparative Regulatory Analysis

- Frameworks for comparative regulatory analysis
- Case study: data protection regulation – SA vs. EU GDPR
- Case study: financial regulation – SA vs. Basel III implementation
- Case study: energy regulation – SA vs. international renewable energy policies
- Identifying transferable lessons and contextual differences
- Practical exercise: write a comparative analysis section for a discussion paper

Day 9: Writing Effective Submissions and Comments

- Anatomy of a submission: cover letter, executive summary, detailed comments
- How to structure arguments: problem, evidence, recommendation
- Addressing consultation questions directly
- Using evidence: data, case studies, references
- Tone and style: formal, respectful, and constructive
- Practical exercise: draft a submission on a sample discussion paper

Day 10: Evaluating Discussion Papers – Critical Thinking and Bias

- Critical thinking tools for policy analysis
- Common logical fallacies in regulatory arguments
- Cognitive biases: confirmation bias, anchoring, framing effects
- Evaluating source credibility: academic, industry, government, advocacy
- Techniques for deconstructing arguments
- Practical exercise: critical evaluation of a discussion paper section

Day 11: Practical Workshop – Analysing a Current SA Discussion Paper

- Selection of a current SA discussion paper (e.g., from DTI, FSCA, or DPME)
- Team-based analysis: stakeholder mapping, impact assessment, legal review
- Comparative analysis with international approaches
- Drafting a group submission or comment
- Presentation of findings and recommendations
- Peer review and feedback session

Day 12: Integration, Ethics, and Future Trends

- Building a personal regulatory analysis toolkit
- Ethics in regulatory analysis: transparency, conflict of interest, integrity
- Emerging trends: RegTech, big data, AI in regulation
- Sustainability and ESG regulation

- The future of public participation: digital consultations, e-governance
- Course wrap-up and Q&A;
- Action planning: applying skills in the workplace

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 **15 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 5**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 43,000.00	R 43,000.00
1	In-House	R 56,000.00	R 56,000.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 64,600.00	R 64,600.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
11 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
13 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
13 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
14 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
17 Aug 2026	01 Sep 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
18 Aug 2026	02 Sep 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE

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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 115036) 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.
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