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COURSE BROCHURE

Basic Legal Principles Of Shipping In South Africa Training

Services / Transport, Operations and Logistics

Unit Standard 117667 · NQF Level 4 · 8 Credits · 5 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides a comprehensive understanding of the legal principles governing shipping operations in South Africa. It equips learners with the knowledge to apply maritime law, manage shipping contracts, and ensure compliance with local and international regulations.

Category	Services
Subfield	Transport, Operations and Logistics
Unit Standard	117667
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 the key provisions of the South African Maritime Law and related legislation to shipping transactions.
- Analyze the legal implications of charter parties, bills of lading, and other shipping documents.
- Evaluate the roles and responsibilities of carriers, shippers, and consignees under South African law.
- Implement procedures for managing cargo claims, liens, and disputes in accordance with legal requirements.
- Demonstrate compliance with international conventions such as the Hague-Visby Rules and the Rotterdam Rules.
- Assess the impact of customs regulations and port authority rules on shipping operations.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for shipping clerks, logistics coordinators, freight forwarders, and other professionals involved in maritime trade who need a foundational understanding of shipping law.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to the South African Legal System and Maritime Framework

- Overview of the South African Constitution and its impact on maritime law.
- Introduction to the Admiralty Jurisdiction Regulation Act and other key statutes.
- The role and functions of the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA).
- Distinction between common law, statute law, and international conventions.
- Basic legal concepts: jurisdiction, liability, and negligence.
- Introduction to the National Ports Act and port authority regulations.

Day 2: Contracts and Carriage of Goods by Sea

- Formation and interpretation of maritime contracts.
- Types of charter parties: voyage, time, and demise.
- The bill of lading as a contract of carriage, receipt, and document of title.
- Carrier's duties: seaworthiness, care of cargo, and deviation.
- Shipper's obligations: accurate description and dangerous goods.
- Limitation of liability and time bars for claims.
- Electronic bills of lading and modern practices.

Day 3: Marine Insurance and Liability Regimes

- The Marine Insurance Act and the doctrine of uberrimae fidei.
- Hull and Machinery (H&M;) insurance vs. Protection and Indemnity (P&I;) insurance.
- Cargo insurance: Institute Cargo Clauses and claims processes.
- Liability for collision under the Collision Regulations and common law.
- South Africa's approach to pollution liability (MARPOL, National Environmental Management Act).
- Principles of general average declaration and adjustment.
- Law of salvage and the role of the South African salvage association.

Day 4: Port Operations, Customs and Regulatory Compliance

- Port state control inspections and detention procedures.
- Customs documentation: manifests, declarations, and clearance.
- The International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code implementation.
- Regulations for dangerous goods, waste, and ballast water management.
- Crew documentation and immigration requirements under the Immigration Act.
- Sanctions compliance and the role of the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC).
- Dispute resolution in ports: arbitration and mediation mechanisms.

Day 5: Dispute Resolution, Enforcement and Practical Integration

- Jurisdiction of the Admiralty Court and High Court in maritime matters.
- Procedure for in rem actions and vessel arrest under the Admiralty Jurisdiction Regulation Act.
- Alternative dispute resolution: arbitration and mediation in shipping.
- Enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards.
- Practical case study analysis: contract disputes, cargo claims, and insurance issues.
- Developing risk management and legal compliance frameworks.
- Course review and assessment of key legal principles.

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 117667) 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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