



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Describe And Apply An Understanding Of The Interpretation Act 33 Of 1957 Interpretation Of Statutes Act Training

Business, Commerce and Management Studies / Human Resources

Unit Standard 119931 · NQF Level 6 · 6 Credits · 3 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with a comprehensive understanding of the Interpretation Act 33 of 1957, which governs the interpretation of statutes in South Africa. Participants will develop the skills to apply statutory interpretation principles correctly, ensuring legal compliance and effective decision-making in their professional roles.

Category	Business, Commerce and Management Studies
Subfield	Human Resources
Unit Standard	119931
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 6 · 6 Credits
Duration	3 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Explain the purpose and scope of the Interpretation Act 33 of 1957.
- Apply key definitions and rules of interpretation as set out in the Act.
- Analyze the effect of the Act on the commencement, amendment, and repeal of legislation.
- Evaluate the application of the Act to delegated legislation and statutory instruments.
- Demonstrate the correct use of the Act in resolving ambiguities in statutory language.
- Apply the Act to real-world scenarios involving statutory interpretation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Legal professionals, compliance officers, paralegals, government officials, and managers who need to interpret and apply South African legislation accurately in their work.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Statutory Interpretation and the Interpretation Act

- Overview of the South African legal system and sources of law
- Introduction to the Interpretation Act 33 of 1957: structure and purpose
- Key definitions: 'Minister', 'prescribed', 'regulation', 'commencement', etc.
- Types of legislation: primary vs. secondary, original vs. subordinate
- The hierarchy of laws and the principle of constitutional supremacy
- Commencement of legislation: publication, effective dates, and retrospectivity
- Repeal and amendment of legislation: express, implied, and partial repeal
- Practical exercise: locating and reading a sample Act

Day 2: Rules and Principles of Statutory Interpretation

- The literal rule: plain meaning and ordinary language
- The golden rule: avoiding absurdity
- The mischief rule: purpose and intention of the legislature
- Internal aids: long title, preamble, definitions, headings, schedules
- External aids: dictionaries, explanatory memoranda, law commission reports
- Constitutional interpretation: Bill of Rights, just administrative action
- Presumptions in interpretation: against retrospectivity, against ousting jurisdiction
- Case law analysis: key South African judgments on interpretation

Day 3: Practical Application and Integration of the Interpretation Act

- Interpretation of delegated legislation and regulations
- Dealing with conflicts between different pieces of legislation
- The role of the Interpretation Act in administrative law decisions
- Practical workshop: interpreting a complex statutory provision
- Group exercise: drafting a clause and applying interpretive rules
- Review of assessment criteria for Unit Standard 119931
- Mock assessment and feedback session
- Summary and key takeaways for professional practice

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 6**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 19,700.00	R 19,700.00
1	In-House	R 25,600.00	R 25,600.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 29,500.00	R 29,500.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
04 Aug 2026	06 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
04 Aug 2026	06 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
05 Aug 2026	07 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
05 Aug 2026	07 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Lagos, Nigeria
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

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 119931) 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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