



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Trained Service Dog Handling for Crime Deterrence

Law, Military Science and Security / Safety in Society

Unit Standard 243190 · NQF Level 3 · 8 Credits · 5 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the skills to handle a trained service dog effectively to deter crime in various security settings. Participants will learn to manage the dog's behavior, assess threats, and apply legal and ethical considerations to ensure safety and compliance. The course aims to enhance security operations through the strategic use of service dogs.

Category	Law, Military Science and Security
Subfield	Safety in Society
Unit Standard	243190
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 3 · 8 Credits
Duration	5 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate safe and effective handling techniques for a trained service dog in crime deterrence scenarios.
- Analyze potential threats and apply appropriate dog-handling responses to deter criminal activity.
- Evaluate the behavior of the service dog to ensure control and compliance during operations.
- Implement legal and ethical protocols for using service dogs in public and private security contexts.
- Assess environmental factors to minimize risks and maximize the deterrent effect of the service dog.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for security personnel, dog handlers, and law enforcement officers seeking to integrate trained service dogs into crime deterrence strategies.
- It is also suitable for individuals responsible for public safety in commercial, residential, or event environments.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Service Dog Handling and Crime Deterrence

- Overview of SAQA unit standard 243190 and relevant legislation.
- The service dog as a deterrent: principles and limitations.
- Canine behaviour basics: stress signals, aggression, and calmness.
- Handler-dog relationship: trust, leadership, and bonding.
- Safety protocols: gear handling, public awareness, and emergency procedures.
- Introduction to equipment: harness, leash, muzzle, and bite sleeve.
- Daily health checks and record-keeping.

Day 2: Advanced Handling and Obedience Control

- Advanced obedience: heel, sit-stay, down-stay, and recall under distraction.
- Loose-leash walking and directional control.
- Positioning for maximum deterrent effect: blocking, shadowing, and facing.
- Handling in crowded or confined spaces.
- Dealing with sudden noises, moving vehicles, and other animals.
- Use of voice, hand signals, and clicker for instant corrections.
- Scenario-based drills for obedience reliability.

Day 3: Deterrence Tactics and Public Interaction

- Deterrence tactics: stand-off, approach, and retreat patterns.
- The role of the handler's demeanour and verbal commands.
- Public interaction protocols: answering questions, managing approaches.
- De-escalation techniques: using dog as a visual deterrent without physical contact.
- Controlled aggression: bark, hold, and release commands.
- Legal limits: when force is justified and documentation requirements.
- Role-play: deterring suspicious persons and handling confrontations.

Day 4: Scenario-Based Training and Risk Assessment

- Risk assessment frameworks: site surveys, threat levels, and response plans.
- Simulated scenarios: theft, trespass, assault, and crowd disturbance.
- Coordination with security teams: communication codes and handover.
- Emergency procedures: dog-injury first aid, handler self-defence, and retreat.
- Use of barriers and environmental features for protection.
- Debriefing and incident reporting.

Day 5: Integration, Assessment, and Certification Preparation

- Final integrated scenario: multi-threat environment with public interaction.
- Assessment criteria review: handling, control, deterrence, and professionalism.
- Mock assessment with feedback.
- Written test: theory, law, and ethics.
- Handler-dog wellness: stress management and long-term care.
- Certification pathways and record-keeping requirements.
- Course evaluation and action plan for ongoing training.

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 3**.

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
10 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
10 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
10 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
10 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
10 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
10 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, 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 243190) 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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