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COURSE BROCHURE

Close Protection for VIPs in Transit

Law, Military Science and Security / Safety in Society

Unit Standard 244319 · NQF Level 5 · 15 Credits · 12 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the competencies to provide close protection to designated persons during transit, covering risk assessment, route planning, vehicle security, and emergency response. It ensures that close protection officers can anticipate and mitigate threats while maintaining the safety and dignity of the protected person.

Category	Law, Military Science and Security
Subfield	Safety in Society
Unit Standard	244319
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

- Conduct a comprehensive risk assessment for transit operations, identifying potential threats and vulnerabilities.
- Develop and implement a transit security plan, including route selection, vehicle preparation, and contingency measures.
- Demonstrate effective communication and coordination with support teams during transit.
- Apply defensive driving techniques and vehicle security procedures to protect the designated person.
- Evaluate and respond to security incidents or emergencies during transit, ensuring the safety of the protected person.
- Implement post-incident procedures, including debriefing and reporting.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for security professionals, bodyguards, and close protection officers who are responsible for the safety of VIPs, dignitaries, or high-profile individuals during travel.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Close Protection and VIP Threats

- Definition and principles of close protection
- VIP categories and threat profiles
- Legal framework: Use of force, privacy, and firearms regulations
- Ethical conduct and professionalism
- Overview of the course structure and assessment criteria

Day 2: Risk Assessment and Threat Analysis

- Risk assessment methodologies (e.g., CARVER, matrix)
- Threat identification: criminal, terrorist, activist, stalker
- Vulnerability assessment of routes and venues
- Risk mitigation planning
- Case studies of VIP transit incidents

Day 3: Advance Work and Route Planning

- Advance party roles and responsibilities
- Route reconnaissance techniques
- Safe havens and rally points
- Communication with command and control
- Contingency planning for route disruptions

Day 4: Vehicle Dynamics and Convoy Operations

- Vehicle types: armoured vs. soft-skinned
- Convoy formations: principal vehicle, advance, follow, support
- Pre-trip vehicle inspections
- Anti-ambush drills
- Evasive driving principles

Day 5: Tactical Driving and Defensive Techniques

- Evasive driving: J-turns, ramming, box formations
- Counter-ambush techniques
- Vehicle interdiction and blockade management
- Driver-protection officer hand signals
- Navigation under stress

Day 6: Close Protection Formations and Movement on Foot

- Formations: diamond, box, wedge, V-formation
- Crowd management and corridor creation
- Vehicle loading and unloading procedures
- Building entry and exit drills
- Surveillance detection during movement

Day 7: Surveillance Detection and Counter-Surveillance

- Principles of surveillance detection
- Types of surveillance: static, mobile, technical
- Counter-surveillance techniques
- Use of mirrors, cameras, and trackers

- Reporting and response protocols

Day 8: Communication and Team Coordination

- Radio procedures and etiquette
- Encryption and secure communication
- Team roles and handover protocols
- Incident communication flow
- Debriefing and reporting

Day 9: Medical Emergencies and First Aid

- Basic life support and CPR
- Haemorrhage control and tourniquets
- Airway management
- Medical evacuation procedures
- Stress management and psychological first aid

Day 10: Hostile Environment and Crisis Management

- Hostile environment awareness
- Active shooter and armed attack response
- Kidnap and hostage survival
- Crisis communication and negotiation
- Emergency evacuation and safe havens

Day 11: Integrated Scenario Training

- Full-day simulated VIP transit operation
- Multiple threat vectors: ambush, surveillance, medical
- Team coordination and command decisions
- Scenario debrief and performance feedback
- Lessons learned and improvement areas

Day 12: Assessment, Review, and Certification

- Written knowledge test
- Practical assessment: transit protection scenario
- One-on-one feedback and results
- Certification requirements and next steps
- Course evaluation and closing

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	Abu Dhabi, UAE
10 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
12 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
13 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
14 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
17 Aug 2026	01 Sep 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
18 Aug 2026	02 Sep 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, 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 244319) 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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