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COURSE BROCHURE

Advanced Customs Tariff Classification Problem Solving

Services / Transport, Operations and Logistics

Unit Standard 252254 · NQF Level 5 · 12 Credits · 9 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips customs practitioners, trade analysts, and supply chain professionals with advanced skills to resolve complex tariff classification problems under the Harmonized System (HS). Participants will master legal interpretative rules, customs rulings, and dispute resolution techniques to ensure accurate duty calculation and regulatory compliance.

Category	Services
Subfield	Transport, Operations and Logistics
Unit Standard	252254
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 5 · 12 Credits
Duration	9 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply the General Interpretative Rules (GIRs) to classify goods with conflicting or ambiguous headings.
- Analyze product characteristics, composition, and function to determine correct HS codes for multi-component or composite goods.
- Evaluate customs rulings, explanatory notes, and judicial decisions to support classification arguments.
- Design classification strategies for goods subject to anti-dumping duties, tariff preferences, or trade remedies.
- Demonstrate proficiency in using SA Customs & Excise tariff schedules and online classification tools.
- Implement a systematic problem-solving framework to resolve classification disputes with customs authorities.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Customs brokers, trade compliance officers, tariff analysts, and logistics managers who handle intricate classification issues and need to minimize risk of penalties or delays.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Tariff Classification

- Overview of the Harmonized System and its structure
- Legal framework: Customs and Excise Act, International Convention
- The 6 General Rules of Interpretation (GIRs)
- Rule 1: Heading terms and Section/Chapter notes
- Rules 2 and 3: Incomplete goods, mixtures, and composite goods
- Using Explanatory Notes and Compendium of Classification Opinions
- Structure of the South African Tariff Book
- Practical exercises on simple goods

Day 2: Advanced GIRs and Section/Chapter Notes

- GIR 4: Classification by analogy
- GIR 5: Containers and packing materials
- GIR 6: Subheading level classification
- Deep dive: Section and Chapter notes (legal notes)
- Notes that define, exclude, or include specific goods
- Case studies on note interpretation
- Conflict resolution strategies
- Group exercises on tricky classifications

Day 3: Classification of Textiles and Apparel (Section XI)

- Structure of Section XI: Chapters 50-63
- Classification of yarns and fibres
- Woven and knitted fabrics: key distinctions
- Apparel classification: gender, age, and construction
- Sets: classification of coordinated outfits
- Textile accessories and made-up articles
- Practical exercises on textile samples
- Common pitfalls and rulings

Day 4: Classification of Machinery and Electrical Equipment (Sections XVI-XVII)

- Section XVI: Chapters 84-85 overview
- Multi-function machines: principal function test
- Parts classification: specific vs general headings
- Chapter 84: Mechanical appliances
- Chapter 85: Electrical machinery and equipment
- Section XVII: Vehicles and transport equipment
- Classification of vehicle parts and accessories
- Case studies on industrial machinery

Day 5: Classification of Chemicals and Plastics (Sections VI-VII)

- Section VI: Chapters 28-38 structure
- Chapter 28: Inorganic chemicals
- Chapter 29: Organic chemicals
- Chapter 30: Pharmaceutical products
- Chapter 38: Miscellaneous chemical products

- Section VII: Plastics and articles thereof
- Chapter 39: Plastics in primary forms vs articles
- Practical exercises on chemical samples

Day 6: Classification of Foodstuffs, Agricultural Products, and Wood (Sections I-IV, IX)

- Section I: Live animals and animal products
- Section II: Vegetable products
- Section III: Fats and oils
- Section IV: Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, tobacco
- Section IX: Wood and articles of wood
- Classification of processed vs unprocessed goods
- Rules for mixtures and composite food products
- Practical exercises with food samples

Day 7: Classification of Metals, Precious Stones, and Jewelry (Sections XIV-XV)

- Section XIV: Pearls, precious stones, metals
- Classification of diamonds and other gemstones
- Jewelry and articles of precious metal
- Section XV: Base metals and articles
- Structure of Chapter 72-83
- Classification of iron, steel, and alloys
- Semi-manufactured metal products
- Practical exercises on metal samples

Day 8: Classification of Optical, Medical, and Precision Instruments (Section XVIII) and Miscellaneous Goods

- Section XVIII: Chapters 90-92
- Optical instruments and photographic equipment
- Medical and surgical instruments
- Clocks and watches
- Section XIX: Arms and ammunition
- Section XX: Miscellaneous manufactured articles
- Chapter 94: Furniture
- Chapter 95: Toys and sports equipment

Day 9: Integration, Rulings, and Dispute Resolution

- Comprehensive case studies across all sections
- Writing binding tariff rulings: format and content
- Customs audits and verification processes
- Dispute resolution: objections and appeals
- Using the World Customs Organization (WCO) tools
- Recent classification decisions and trends
- Final assessment and feedback
- Course wrap-up and resources

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 **12 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 5**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 35,000.00	R 35,000.00
1	In-House	R 45,500.00	R 45,500.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 52,500.00	R 52,500.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
03 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Johannesburg, South Africa
04 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
05 Aug 2026	17 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
06 Aug 2026	18 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
07 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
07 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Lagos, Nigeria
10 Aug 2026	20 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
10 Aug 2026	20 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius

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 252254) 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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