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COURSE BROCHURE

Legal Framework of Freight Forwarding in South Africa

Services / Transport, Operations and Logistics

Unit Standard 252291 · NQF Level 5 · 7 Credits · 4 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with a comprehensive understanding of the legal framework governing freight forwarding in South Africa. It covers key legislation, contractual obligations, and regulatory compliance, enabling professionals to navigate the legal complexities of the industry effectively.

Category	Services
Subfield	Transport, Operations and Logistics
Unit Standard	252291
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 5 · 7 Credits
Duration	4 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply the principles of South African contract law to freight forwarding agreements.
- Analyze the impact of the Customs and Excise Act on cross-border freight forwarding.
- Evaluate the legal implications of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act and related conventions.
- Demonstrate understanding of liability and insurance requirements in freight forwarding.
- Implement compliance procedures for the National Ports Act and transport regulations.
- Assess the role of the Consumer Protection Act in freight forwarding transactions.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Freight forwarders, logistics managers, customs brokers, and supply chain professionals who need to understand and apply South African laws and regulations in their daily operations.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to the South African Legal System and Regulatory Bodies

- Sources of South African law: common law, statute law, case law
- Hierarchy of courts and their jurisdiction
- Overview of regulatory bodies: Department of Transport, SAMSA, Ports Regulator, SARS Customs
- National Ports Act (Act 12 of 2005) and port regulations
- Customs and Excise Act (Act 91 of 1964) and its relevance to freight forwarding
- Licensing requirements for freight forwarders and customs brokers
- Introduction to international trade law and treaties (e.g., WTO, UNCITRAL)
- Ethical considerations and professional conduct

Day 2: Contracts and Liability in Freight Forwarding

- Essential elements of a contract: offer, acceptance, consideration, intention to create legal relations
- Types of contracts: contracts of carriage, warehousing agreements, agency contracts
- Standard trading conditions of the South African Association of Freight Forwarders (SAAFF)
- Liability of freight forwarders as principals vs agents
- Hague-Visby Rules and the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act (Act 1 of 1986)
- Liability for dangerous goods and special cargo
- Insurance requirements and claims procedures
- Dispute resolution mechanisms: arbitration, mediation, litigation

Day 3: Customs Compliance and Trade Facilitation

- Customs clearance process: import and export procedures
- Documentation: bill of lading, airway bill, commercial invoice, packing list, certificate of origin
- Tariff classification and the Harmonized System
- Valuation of goods for customs purposes
- Rules of origin and preferential trade agreements (e.g., SADC, EU-SADC EPA)
- Customs audits and penalties for non-compliance
- SARS e-filing and electronic data interchange (EDI) systems
- Trade facilitation initiatives: Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) programme

Day 4: Advanced Legal Issues and Professional Practice

- Multimodal transport and the UN Convention on International Multimodal Transport of Goods
- Competition law: the Competition Act (Act 89 of 1998) and its application to freight forwarding
- Anti-dumping and countervailing duties
- Environmental regulations affecting freight forwarding (e.g., hazardous waste, emissions)
- Data protection and privacy laws (POPIA) in logistics
- Case studies: liability claims, customs disputes, and regulatory enforcement actions
- Legal risk management and compliance strategies
- Professional ethics and continuing professional development (CPD)

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 **7 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 5**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 21,500.00	R 21,500.00
1	In-House	R 27,900.00	R 27,900.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 32,300.00	R 32,300.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
04 Aug 2026	07 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
04 Aug 2026	07 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
04 Aug 2026	07 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
04 Aug 2026	07 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
04 Aug 2026	07 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Johannesburg, South Africa
04 Aug 2026	07 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Lagos, Nigeria
10 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
10 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 252291) 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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