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COURSE BROCHURE

South African Military in a Democratic Society Framework

Law, Military Science and Security / Sovereignty of the State

Unit Standard 253914 · NQF Level 4 · 10 Credits · 7 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides learners with a thorough understanding of the constitutional, legislative, and policy framework that governs the South African military within a democratic society. It explores the roles and responsibilities of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) in upholding democratic principles, civilian oversight, and human rights. Learners will gain insight into how the military operates under the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, and related legislation.

Category	Law, Military Science and Security
Subfield	Sovereignty of the State
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Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 4 · 10 Credits
Duration	7 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Explain the constitutional and legal framework that underpins the South African military in a democratic society.
- Analyze the roles and functions of the SANDF in terms of national security and defence.
- Evaluate the mechanisms of civilian oversight and accountability within the defence sector.
- Demonstrate an understanding of human rights principles and their application within the military context.
- Apply the principles of democratic control and governance to military operations and decision-making.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for military personnel, defence force employees, government officials, and civilians working with or interacting with the SANDF.
- It is also suitable for students and researchers in security studies, political science, or public administration.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Democracy and Civil-Military Relations

- Definition of democracy and its principles.
- The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.
- Role of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) in a democracy.
- Historical overview: Apartheid military to democratic defence force.
- Civil-military relations theory.
- Oversight mechanisms: Parliament, Defence Secretariat, and Auditor-General.
- The White Paper on Defence and Defence Review.
- Ethical foundations: Human rights, dignity, and equality.

Day 2: Legal and Policy Framework for the SANDF

- Section 199-204 of the Constitution: Establishment, roles, and command.
- Defence Act (Act 42 of 2002) and Military Discipline Code.
- The Defence Review 2015 and its strategic direction.
- Parliamentary oversight: Joint Standing Committee on Defence.
- Role of the Defence Secretariat in policy formulation.
- Civilian control vs. military autonomy.
- International law: Geneva Conventions and Rules of Engagement.
- Case studies: Civil-military cooperation in disaster response.

Day 3: Military Ethics and Professionalism in a Democracy

- The SANDF Code of Conduct and its foundations.
- Ethical decision-making models.
- Professional military ethos: Discipline, integrity, and accountability.
- Political neutrality: The military as a non-partisan institution.
- Human rights and the use of force.
- Whistleblowing and protection mechanisms.
- Case studies: Ethical failures and lessons learned.
- The role of the Military Ombud in ensuring accountability.

Day 4: Civil-Military Cooperation and Community Engagement

- Principles of CIMIC: Coordination, collaboration, and communication.
- SANDF involvement in disaster management and relief.
- Peace support operations: United Nations and African Union missions.
- Community outreach programmes: Military skills development.
- Stakeholder mapping: Government departments, NGOs, and communities.
- Communication strategies for building trust.
- Challenges: Resource constraints and operational security.
- Case studies: Operation Fiela and COVID-19 response.

Day 5: Accountability, Transparency, and Oversight

- Internal accountability: Command structures and inspections.
- External oversight: Parliament, Auditor-General, and Public Protector.
- The Military Ombud: Functions and case handling.
- Role of the media in reporting military affairs.
- Civil society organisations: DefenceWeb, ISS, and others.

- Financial accountability: Defence budget and procurement.
- Transparency vs. operational security.
- Mechanisms for public complaints and redress.

Day 6: Contemporary Challenges and Future Directions

- Budgetary constraints and resource allocation.
- Corruption and fraud: Cases and preventive measures.
- Morale and retention: Addressing personnel issues.
- Technological advancements: Cyber defence, drones, and AI.
- Hybrid threats: Terrorism, insurgency, and information warfare.
- Gender integration and transformation in the SANDF.
- Future of defence: The Defence Review implementation.
- Regional security cooperation: SADC and African Union.

Day 7: Integration, Assessment, and Way Forward

- Recap of key concepts from Days 1-6.
- Group case study analysis: A real-world scenario.
- Presentation of findings and group discussion.
- Personal action plans: How to apply learning in daily work.
- Course assessment: Written test or oral examination.
- Feedback and evaluation.
- Certificates and closing remarks.

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 **10 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 4**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 28,200.00	R 28,200.00
1	In-House	R 36,700.00	R 36,700.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 42,300.00	R 42,300.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	18 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
12 Aug 2026	20 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
13 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
14 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
14 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
17 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Harare, Zimbabwe
17 Aug 2026	25 Aug 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 253914) 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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