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COURSE BROCHURE

Law of Evidence Principles for South Africa

Law, Military Science and Security / Safety in Society

Unit Standard 253978 · NQF Level 5 · 8 Credits · 5 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with a comprehensive understanding of the principles of the law of evidence as applied in South African legal contexts. Participants will gain the ability to identify, classify, and apply rules of evidence in both criminal and civil proceedings, ensuring competent handling of evidentiary matters.

Category	Law, Military Science and Security
Subfield	Safety in Society
Unit Standard	253978
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 5 · 8 Credits
Duration	5 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply the rules of admissibility of evidence in criminal and civil proceedings.
- Distinguish between different types of evidence, including oral, documentary, and real evidence.
- Evaluate the weight and sufficiency of evidence in accordance with legal standards.
- Demonstrate the ability to handle evidentiary objections and submissions effectively.
- Analyze the role of presumptions and burdens of proof in legal proceedings.
- Implement procedures for the presentation and exclusion of evidence in court.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for legal practitioners, paralegals, law enforcement officers, and anyone involved in legal processes who needs a foundational understanding of evidentiary rules.
- It is also suitable for students and professionals seeking to enhance their knowledge of South African evidence law.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of the Law of Evidence

- Introduction to the law of evidence: definition, purpose, and sources.
- The Constitution and the Bill of Rights in relation to evidence.
- Relevance and admissibility: basic principles.
- The burden and standard of proof.
- Judicial notice and formal admissions.
- The competence and compellability of witnesses.

Day 2: Witnesses and Oral Evidence

- Examination-in-chief: purpose and limitations.
- Cross-examination: scope and techniques.
- Re-examination and refreshing memory.
- The rule against hearsay evidence.
- Exceptions to hearsay: res gestae, admissions, and confessions.
- Witness credibility and impeachment.

Day 3: Documentary and Real Evidence

- Classification of evidence: oral, documentary, real, and demonstrative.
- The best evidence rule and its exceptions.
- Admissibility of documentary evidence: original vs. copies.
- Electronic evidence and the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act.
- Real evidence: objects, exhibits, and inspection in loco.
- Demonstrative evidence: charts, diagrams, and computer-generated evidence.

Day 4: Hearsay, Opinions, and Character Evidence

- Hearsay: definition, rationale for exclusion, and statutory exceptions.
- Expert evidence: qualifications, duties, and admissibility.
- Lay opinion evidence: when permissible.
- Character evidence: good character, bad character, and the accused's character.
- Similar fact evidence: admissibility and probative value.
- Privilege and public interest immunity.

Day 5: Practical Integration and Emerging Issues

- Application of evidentiary rules in a mock trial.
- Digital evidence: social media, emails, and metadata.
- Evidentiary issues in bail applications and sentencing.
- Evidence in civil proceedings: discovery, affidavit, and hearsay.
- Ethical considerations for legal practitioners.
- Recent case law developments in South African evidence law.

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 5**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 24,200.00	R 24,200.00
1	In-House	R 31,400.00	R 31,400.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 36,200.00	R 36,200.00

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 253978) 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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