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COURSE BROCHURE

Criminal Procedure Act Application for Investigators

Law, Military Science and Security / Safety in Society

Unit Standard 253983 · NQF Level 5 · 12 Credits · 9 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips investigators with the practical application of the Criminal Procedure Act (CPA) to ensure lawful and effective investigations. Participants will learn to navigate key provisions related to arrests, search and seizure, bail, and evidence handling, enabling them to conduct investigations in compliance with South African law.

Category	Law, Military Science and Security
Subfield	Safety in Society
Unit Standard	253983
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 provisions of the Criminal Procedure Act to various investigative scenarios, including arrest, search, and seizure.
- Analyze the legal requirements for obtaining and executing warrants and conducting warrantless actions.
- Evaluate the admissibility of evidence obtained during investigations in line with CPA provisions.
- Implement procedures for the proper handling of suspects, including rights during arrest and bail applications.
- Demonstrate compliance with statutory obligations when interacting with the South African Police Service and the National Prosecuting Authority.
- Design investigative strategies that uphold the principles of legality and due process under the CPA.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for private and corporate investigators, security managers, and legal compliance officers who require a working knowledge of the Criminal Procedure Act to support their investigative functions.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to the Criminal Procedure Act

- Overview of the Criminal Procedure Act (Act 51 of 1977).
- Constitutional framework: Bill of Rights and its impact on criminal procedure.
- Key definitions: arrest, search, seizure, bail, trial.
- The roles of police, prosecutors, and courts.
- Hierarchy of courts and jurisdiction.
- Sources of criminal procedure law.
- Principles of legality and due process.
- Introduction to case flow in criminal proceedings.

Day 2: Powers of Arrest and Detention

- Arrest with a warrant: requirements and procedures.
- Arrest without a warrant: circumstances and limitations.
- Use of force during arrest.
- Rights of arrested persons: section 35 of the Constitution.
- Detention procedures and time limits.
- Bail applications and considerations.
- Release on warning or summons.
- Documentation and reporting of arrests.

Day 3: Search and Seizure Powers

- Search warrants: application, execution, and return.
- Search without a warrant: exigent circumstances and consent.
- Search of arrested persons and premises incidental to arrest.
- Seizure of articles and forensic evidence.
- Preservation and chain of custody.
- Rights of individuals during searches.
- Forfeiture and disposal of seized property.
- Case law on search and seizure.

Day 4: Bail and Pre-Trial Procedures

- Types of bail: police bail, prosecutor's bail, court bail.
- Bail conditions and cancellation.
- Factors influencing bail decisions.
- Pre-trial detention and alternatives.
- The docket: contents and management.
- Charge sheets and drafting charges.
- Summons, warrants of arrest, and notices.
- First appearance and remand procedures.

Day 5: Gathering and Presenting Evidence

- Classification of evidence: direct, circumstantial, hearsay.
- Admissibility and relevance.
- Oral testimony and witnesses.
- Documentary evidence and exhibits.
- Expert evidence and forensic reports.

- Chain of evidence and continuity.
- Privilege and disclosure obligations.
- Preparing witness statements and summaries.

Day 6: The Trial Process

- Arraignment and plea.
- Trial stages: opening statements, examination-in-chief, cross-examination, re-examination.
- Closing arguments and judgment.
- Sentencing: options and factors.
- Appeals and reviews.
- Trial within a trial.
- Discharge of accused.
- Record of proceedings.

Day 7: Specialised Investigative Techniques and Procedures

- Entrapment and sting operations.
- Surveillance: electronic and physical.
- Undercover operations and informants.
- Vulnerable witnesses: children, victims of sexual offences.
- Witness protection programmes.
- Extradition procedures.
- Mutual legal assistance treaties.
- International cooperation in investigations.

Day 8: Ethics, Accountability, and Human Rights

- Code of conduct for investigators.
- Human rights: right to dignity, privacy, and fair trial.
- Abuse of process and civil liability.
- Handling of complaints against investigators.
- Corruption and disciplinary procedures.
- Oversight mechanisms: IPID, Civilian Secretariat.
- Case studies of ethical dilemmas.
- Balancing investigation effectiveness with rights.

Day 9: Practical Integration and Review

- Review of key concepts from days 1-8.
- Case study: a complete investigation from start to court.
- Mock trial exercise.
- Common errors and how to avoid them.
- Best practices in CPA compliance.
- Examination preparation.
- Q&A; and feedback session.
- Course evaluation and next steps.

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
30 Jun 2026	10 Jul 2026	On-Campus	Kigali, Rwanda
30 Jun 2026	10 Jul 2026	On-Campus	Maseru, Lesotho
01 Jul 2026	13 Jul 2026	On-Campus	Nairobi, Kenya
02 Jul 2026	14 Jul 2026	On-Campus	Mbabane, Eswatini
03 Jul 2026	15 Jul 2026	On-Campus	Mombasa, Kenya
06 Jul 2026	16 Jul 2026	On-Campus	Kigali, Rwanda
07 Jul 2026	17 Jul 2026	On-Campus	Kinshasa, DRC
08 Jul 2026	20 Jul 2026	On-Campus	Kampala, Uganda

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 253983) 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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