



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Inquest Investigation Procedures for Legal Professionals

Law, Military Science and Security / Safety in Society

Unit Standard 253987 · NQF Level 5 · 6 Credits · 3 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips legal professionals with the procedural knowledge and practical skills required to conduct inquest investigations in accordance with South African law. Participants will learn to gather and analyze evidence, interview witnesses, and compile reports that meet legal standards. The course ensures compliance with the Inquests Act and related regulations, enhancing the quality of investigations.

Category	Law, Military Science and Security
Subfield	Safety in Society
Unit Standard	253987
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 5 · 6 Credits
Duration	3 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply the legal framework governing inquest investigations in South Africa
- Analyze evidence and witness statements to establish facts
- Evaluate the cause and circumstances of death in accordance with legal requirements
- Demonstrate proper procedures for scene management and evidence preservation
- Compile comprehensive inquest investigation reports
- Implement ethical and professional standards throughout the investigation process

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for legal practitioners, including attorneys, advocates, paralegals, and legal advisors, who are involved in or responsible for conducting inquest investigations.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Inquest Investigations

- Overview of the Inquests Act and relevant case law
- Legal definitions: unnatural death, sudden death, and reportable death
- The role of the magistrate, prosecutor, and legal representatives
- Differences between inquests and criminal proceedings
- Initial notification procedures and jurisdiction
- Evidence gathering: medical reports, scene documentation, and witness statements
- Chain of custody and exhibit management
- Ethical considerations for legal professionals in inquests

Day 2: Evidence Management and Witness Handling

- Admissibility of hearsay, opinion, and documentary evidence
- Forensic evidence: autopsies, toxicology, and ballistic reports
- Examination-in-chief, cross-examination, and re-examination in inquests
- Handling expert witnesses: medical practitioners, forensic analysts
- Privilege and confidentiality issues
- Creating evidence bundles and chronologies
- Dealing with vulnerable witnesses and family participation
- Practical exercise: drafting a witness examination plan

Day 3: Procedure, Findings, and Reporting

- Opening statements and presentation of evidence
- Closing arguments and submissions
- The magistrate's findings: cause of death, manner of death, and recommendations
- Review and appeal processes for inquest findings
- Record-keeping and reporting obligations
- Mock inquest: simulated hearing with role-play
- Ethical dilemmas and professional conduct in inquests
- Course wrap-up and assessment

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 **6 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 5**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 18,800.00	R 18,800.00
1	In-House	R 24,500.00	R 24,500.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 28,100.00	R 28,100.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	12 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
10 Aug 2026	12 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
11 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
12 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
12 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
17 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Shenzhen, China
17 Aug 2026	19 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 253987) 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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