



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Handling Suspects in Criminal Investigations

Law, Military Science and Security / Safety in Society

Unit Standard 253990 · NQF Level 5 · 8 Credits · 5 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips investigators, security personnel, and law enforcement officers with the legal, procedural, and ethical skills required to handle suspects during criminal investigations. Participants will learn to apply the principles of the South African Criminal Procedure Act, conduct lawful interviews, and ensure the rights of suspects are upheld while gathering admissible evidence.

Category	Law, Military Science and Security
Subfield	Safety in Society
Unit Standard	253990
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 legal framework governing the handling of suspects in terms of the South African Criminal Procedure Act.
- Demonstrate the correct procedures for informing suspects of their rights, including the right to legal representation.
- Conduct lawful interviews and interrogations that respect the suspect's constitutional rights.
- Evaluate evidence obtained from suspects for admissibility in court.
- Implement ethical practices to prevent coercion, false confessions, or violations of human dignity.
- Analyze case law and precedents to guide decision-making during suspect handling.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for corporate investigators, security managers, loss prevention officers, and law enforcement personnel who are responsible for handling suspects in the investigation of alleged crimes within a South African context.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Suspect Handling and Legal Framework

- Overview of the Criminal Procedure Act (Act 51 of 1977)
- Constitutional rights of suspects (Section 35 of the Constitution)
- Legal definitions: arrest, detention, and charge
- Role of the SAPS and IPID
- Ethical considerations in suspect handling
- Introduction to the suspect handling process

Day 2: Arrest Procedures and Use of Force

- Arrest with a warrant: requirements and execution
- Arrest without a warrant: circumstances and limitations
- Use of force continuum and proportionality
- Handcuffing and restraint techniques (theory)
- Post-arrest procedures: search, seizure, and documentation
- Case law examples on unlawful arrest

Day 3: Interviewing and Interrogation of Suspects

- The PEACE model: Planning, Engage, Account, Closure, Evaluation
- Rights of suspects during questioning (right to silence, legal representation)
- Techniques for building rapport and obtaining information
- Avoiding coercive tactics and ensuring voluntariness
- Recording and documenting interviews
- Detecting deception and false confessions

Day 4: Search and Seizure Related to Suspects

- Search incidental to arrest
- Search warrants: application and execution
- Consent searches: requirements and limitations
- Seizure of evidence and contraband
- Chain of custody and exhibit management
- Practical scenarios on search legality

Day 5: Custody Management and Court Preparation

- Detention conditions and suspect welfare
- Rights of detained suspects (access to legal aid, medical care)
- Case file compilation: statements, exhibits, and reports
- Courtroom procedures and giving evidence
- Dealing with vulnerable suspects (juveniles, mentally ill)
- Integrated scenario exercise

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 253990) 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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