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COURSE BROCHURE

Structure and Functioning of SA Criminal Justice System

Law, Military Science and Security / Safety in Society

Unit Standard 255761 · NQF Level 4 · 8 Credits · 5 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides a comprehensive understanding of the structure and functioning of the South African criminal justice system. Participants will gain insight into the roles and responsibilities of key institutions, the legislative framework, and the processes from reporting a crime to post-trial procedures. The aim is to equip learners with practical knowledge to navigate and engage with the system effectively.

Category	Law, Military Science and Security
Subfield	Safety in Society
Unit Standard	255761
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 4 · 8 Credits
Duration	5 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Describe the structure of the South African criminal justice system, including the roles of the South African Police Service, National Prosecuting Authority, courts, and correctional services.
- Explain the legislative framework governing the criminal justice process, including the Criminal Procedure Act and relevant constitutional provisions.
- Analyze the flow of a criminal case from reporting and investigation through to trial, sentencing, and post-sentencing procedures.
- Evaluate the rights of victims, accused persons, and witnesses within the criminal justice process.
- Apply knowledge of the criminal justice system to identify challenges and propose improvements for effective service delivery.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is ideal for legal professionals, law enforcement officers, social workers, community leaders, and anyone seeking a foundational understanding of the South African criminal justice system.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

- Overview of the criminal justice system
- The South African Police Service (SAPS): structure and functions
- The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA): mandate and processes
- The court system: Magistrates' Courts, High Courts, Supreme Court of Appeal, Constitutional Court
- The Department of Correctional Services: role in rehabilitation and reintegration
- Key legislation: Criminal Procedure Act, Constitution of South Africa

Day 2: Pre-Trial and Trial Procedures

- Arrest procedures and rights of the accused
- Bail applications and considerations
- Charge sheets, indictments, and plea bargaining
- The trial process: arraignment, plea, examination of witnesses
- Rights of the accused: fair trial, legal representation
- Victim empowerment and participation
- Sentencing options: imprisonment, fines, correctional supervision

Day 3: Post-Trial and Correctional Services

- Appeals and reviews: process and outcomes
- The Department of Correctional Services: facilities and programmes
- Rehabilitation and treatment programmes
- Parole: eligibility, conditions, and revocation
- Probation and community corrections
- Reintegration into society: halfway houses, aftercare
- Challenges: overcrowding, recidivism, resources

Day 4: Specialised Courts and Role Players

- Specialised courts: sexual offences, children's courts, commercial crimes courts
- The Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI/Hawks)
- The Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID)
- The Public Protector and Chapter 9 institutions
- NGOs and community-based organisations in criminal justice
- Inter-agency cooperation and information sharing
- Role of private security in the justice system

Day 5: Current Issues and Reform in the Criminal Justice System

- Current challenges: case backlogs, corruption, violence against women and children
- Reform initiatives: integrated justice system, case management systems
- Technology: electronic monitoring, forensic databases, cybercrime
- Restorative justice: processes and benefits
- Case studies: applying the criminal justice process
- Future trends and legislative amendments
- Professional ethics and accountability

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 4**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 23,000.00	R 23,000.00
1	In-House	R 29,900.00	R 29,900.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 34,500.00	R 34,500.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Harare, Zimbabwe
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Shenzhen, China
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
24 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
24 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, 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 255761) 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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