



## Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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### COURSE BROCHURE

# Marital Status Impact on Legal Rights and Obligations

Law, Military Science and Security / Justice in Society

Unit Standard 256957 · NQF Level 6 · 8 Credits · 5 Days

## COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the ability to analyse how marital status influences legal rights and obligations within the South African legal framework. It covers the legal distinctions between marriage, civil unions, and cohabitation, and their impact on property, inheritance, and contractual obligations. The course aims to enhance professional competence in advising clients or managing legal affairs related to marital status.

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Category        | Law, Military Science and Security        |
| Subfield        | Justice in Society                        |
| Unit Standard   | 256957                                    |
| Accreditation   | SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 6 · 8 Credits |
| Duration        | 5 days                                    |
| Training Method | Online, On-Campus, In-House               |
| Certificate     | Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online |

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply the legal definitions of different marital statuses within the South African context.
- Analyse the effect of marital status on proprietary rights and obligations.
- Evaluate the impact of marital status on inheritance and succession rights.
- Implement strategies to advise clients on legal rights and obligations based on marital status.
- Demonstrate understanding of the legal consequences of marriage, civil unions, and cohabitation.
- Assess the implications of marital status on contractual capacity and liability.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for legal professionals, HR practitioners, estate planners, and financial advisors who need to understand the legal implications of marital status.
- It is also suitable for individuals seeking to formalise or dissolve relationships and want to comprehend their rights and obligations.

## COURSE OUTLINE

### Day 1: Introduction to Marital Status and Legal Framework

- Overview of marital status categories: single, married, divorced, widowed
- Legal framework: Constitution of South Africa, Marriage Act, Recognition of Customary Marriages Act
- Types of marriages: civil, customary, religious, civil unions
- Marital property regimes: community of property, out of community, accrual
- Introduction to legal obligations: maintenance, inheritance, decision-making
- Role of the Department of Home Affairs and courts

### Day 2: Rights and Obligations in Marriage

- Spousal duties: cohabitation, support, fidelity
- Property regimes: community of property (joint estate), out of community (separate property)
- Accrual system: calculation and application
- Liability for debts before and during marriage
- Customary marriage requirements and registration
- Legal capacity of spouses: contracts, litigation, consent

### Day 3: Dissolution of Marriage and Its Legal Effects

- Grounds for divorce: irretrievable breakdown, mental illness, imprisonment
- Divorce procedures: contested vs. uncontested, mediation
- Asset division: redistribution orders, forfeiture, pension interests
- Maintenance: spousal and child support, factors considered
- Parental rights and responsibilities: custody, access, guardianship
- Inheritance implications: wills, intestate succession after divorce

### Day 4: Death of a Spouse and Legal Consequences

- Intestate succession: surviving spouse's share, children's rights
- Wills: execution, amendment, revocation
- Estate administration: executors, inventory, distribution
- Maintenance claims against the estate
- Customary marriage: widow's rights, levirate and sororate practices
- Tax implications: estate duty, capital gains tax

### Day 5: Practical Application and Case Studies

- Case studies: divorce settlements, estate disputes, maintenance claims
- Drafting antenuptial contracts and postnuptial agreements
- Legal documents: marriage certificates, divorce orders, wills
- Role of legal practitioners: family law attorneys, mediators
- Ethical considerations and client confidentiality
- Review of key concepts 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 **8 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 6**.

## PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

| Delegates | Training Method      | Price per Delegate | Total       |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1         | Online               | R 25,300.00        | R 25,300.00 |
| 1         | In-House             | R 32,900.00        | R 32,900.00 |
| 1         | On-Campus (Pretoria) | R 38,000.00        | R 38,000.00 |

## 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](http://www.aaticd.co.za), open the page for this course (Unit Standard 256957) 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](mailto: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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