



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Searching and Sweeping Operations

Law, Military Science and Security / Safety in Society

Unit Standard 258016 · NQF Level 5 · 10 Credits · 7 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the competence to conduct searching and sweeping operations in a security or protective services context. It covers systematic search techniques, legal considerations, and safety protocols to ensure effective and lawful operations.

Category	Law, Military Science and Security
Subfield	Safety in Society
Unit Standard	258016
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 5 · 10 Credits
Duration	7 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Plan and prepare for searching and sweeping operations according to operational requirements.
- Apply systematic search techniques to locate objects or persons of interest.
- Implement safety and security measures during searching and sweeping activities.
- Evaluate search outcomes and report findings accurately.
- Demonstrate compliance with relevant legal and ethical standards.
- Conduct post-operation debriefing and documentation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Security officers, military personnel, private investigators, and individuals responsible for conducting searches in public or private settings.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Searching and Sweeping Operations

- Overview of searching and sweeping operations
- Legal and regulatory requirements (SAPS, PSIRA, etc.)
- Types of searches: area, building, vehicle, and personnel
- Principles of search planning and risk assessment
- Roles and responsibilities in a search team
- Safety protocols and personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Communication procedures and hand signals

Day 2: Search Techniques and Methodologies

- Search patterns: grid, spiral, lane, and quadrant
- Techniques for searching indoor and outdoor areas
- Use of search tools: mirrors, probes, torches, and metal detectors
- Searching vehicles and containers
- Searching persons: pat-down and frisk techniques
- Identifying hidden compartments and camouflage
- Containment and cordon procedures

Day 3: Sweeping Operations and Tactical Considerations

- Sweeping vs. searching: definitions and differences
- Types of sweeps: systematic, rapid, and tactical
- Tactical formations: line, wedge, and diamond
- Movement techniques: bounding overwatch, leapfrog
- Time management and resource allocation
- Threat assessment and dynamic risk management
- Night operations and low-light techniques

Day 4: Advanced Search Equipment and Technology

- Thermal imaging cameras and night vision devices
- Ground-penetrating radar (GPR) and wall-penetrating radar
- Electronic stethoscopes and listening devices
- Borescopes and video inspection systems
- Metal detectors and magnetometers
- X-ray and backscatter scanners
- Equipment maintenance and basic troubleshooting

Day 5: K9 Search Operations and Specialized Searches

- K9 search capabilities and limitations
- Handler-K9 communication and teamwork
- Narcotics, explosives, and cadaver detection
- Searching confined spaces: tunnels, crawl spaces, and ducts
- Hazardous environment searches: chemical, biological, radiological
- Crime scene searches and evidence preservation
- Mass casualty and disaster search operations

Day 6: Operational Planning and Command

- Search operation planning process
- Risk assessment and contingency planning
- Briefing and debriefing techniques
- Incident command system (ICS) for search operations
- Multi-team coordination and inter-agency collaboration
- Search documentation and reporting
- After-action reviews and continuous improvement

Day 7: Practical Application and Final Assessment

- Full-scale practical exercise: building and area search
- Scenario-based sweeps with multiple objectives
- Integration of technology and K9 support
- Team coordination and command during exercise
- Debrief and performance evaluation
- Written and practical assessments
- Course review and certification

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 **10 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 5**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 29,600.00	R 29,600.00
1	In-House	R 38,500.00	R 38,500.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 44,400.00	R 44,400.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	18 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
11 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	20 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
13 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
13 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
14 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
17 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
18 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE

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 258016) 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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