



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Naval Tactical Operations Planning

Law, Military Science and Security / Sovereignty of the State

Unit Standard 259540 · NQF Level 5 · 12 Credits · 9 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips naval officers and tactical planners with the competencies to plan and coordinate naval operations at the tactical level. It covers the full planning cycle from receipt of mission to execution, including threat assessment, resource allocation, and contingency planning. Learners will be able to produce operation orders and briefs that align with standard naval doctrine and joint force requirements.

Category	Law, Military Science and Security
Subfield	Sovereignty of the State
Unit Standard	259540
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 5 · 12 Credits
Duration	9 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Analyse the operational environment and threat factors to inform tactical planning decisions.
- Apply the naval operational planning process to develop a coherent tactical plan.
- Evaluate courses of action using war-gaming and decision-support tools.
- Design an operation order that integrates logistics, intelligence, and fire support.
- Demonstrate the ability to brief a tactical plan to superiors and subordinates.
- Implement risk management and contingency measures within the tactical plan.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Junior to mid-level naval officers, naval warfare specialists, and staff officers responsible for tactical planning in maritime environments.
- Also suitable for personnel in joint operations centres who require an understanding of naval tactical planning processes.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Fundamentals of Naval Operations and Planning

- Introduction to naval doctrine and strategy.
- Maritime environment and its operational implications.
- Overview of the operational planning process (OPP).
- Joint and combined operations fundamentals.
- Command and control structures.
- Planning team organisation and functions.

Day 2: Operational Design and Course of Action Development

- Operational design: end state, objectives, effects.
- Centre of gravity analysis.
- COA development criteria and techniques.
- Wargaming methods for naval operations.
- Intelligence preparation of the operational environment.
- Risk assessment and mitigation.

Day 3: Naval Force Capabilities and Employment

- Surface warfare capabilities and limitations.
- Subsurface operations and anti-submarine warfare.
- Naval aviation and air defence.
- Amphibious operations and expeditionary warfare.
- Maritime domain awareness and surveillance.
- Logistics planning for naval task groups.

Day 4: Joint and Coalition Operations Planning

- Joint planning processes and products.
- Coalition warfare: command arrangements and liaison.
- Interoperability standards and communication protocols.
- Operational security and deception planning.
- Rules of engagement and legal considerations.
- Information sharing and intelligence fusion.

Day 5: Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Planning

- ISR assets and tasking procedures.
- Intelligence collection management.
- Electronic warfare and signals intelligence.
- Cyber operations in the maritime domain.
- Targeting cycle and collateral damage estimation.
- Battle damage assessment.

Day 6: Amphibious and Expeditionary Operations Planning

- Amphibious operation phases and planning considerations.
- Naval gunfire support planning.
- Air support and close air support integration.
- Embarkation, sea basing, and logistics over the shore.
- HADR mission planning and coordination.

- Non-combatant evacuation operations.

Day 7: Maritime Security and Counter-Piracy Operations

- Maritime security threats and challenges.
- Counter-piracy tactics and best management practices.
- Counter-terrorism at sea.
- VBSS planning and execution.
- Interagency coordination and information sharing.
- Legal frameworks for maritime law enforcement.

Day 8: Wargaming and Decision Support

- Wargaming techniques: action-reaction-counteraction.
- Decision support templates and matrices.
- Branch planning and sequel development.
- Risk management and mitigation strategies.
- Contingency planning for operational disruptions.
- After-action review and lessons learned.

Day 9: Capstone Planning Exercise and Course Integration

- Capstone exercise: develop a naval task group operation plan.
- Briefing and presentation techniques.
- Peer and instructor feedback sessions.
- Plan refinement and finalisation.
- Course review and key takeaways.
- Transition to operational application.

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 **12 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 5**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 35,000.00	R 35,000.00
1	In-House	R 45,500.00	R 45,500.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 52,500.00	R 52,500.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
11 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
12 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
13 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
14 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
14 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
17 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Harare, Zimbabwe
17 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
18 Aug 2026	28 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 259540) 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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