

SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION MANAGER | NQF LEVEL 7 - FACT SHEET

About the qualification

The purpose of this qualification is to prepare a learner to operate as a Supply Chain Manager.

This qualification is designed to provide the learner with generic management, human relationships, financial, and specific supply chain and operations knowledge and skills which can be applied in different sectors. It provides the learners with skills to become competent supply chain and operations workers and managers on both functional and strategic levels.

The Supply Chain Manager plans and manages all activities involved in sourcing and procurement and all logistic management activities. It includes coordination and collaboration with partners that can be suppliers and customers. In essence, the Supply Chain Manager integrates supply and demand management within and across boundaries.

A qualified learner will be able to:

- Develop an operational plan for your specific supply chain function.
- Compile a risk analysis, including a contingency plan for your unit.
- Develop performance standards to ensure efficiency and effectiveness of your division, yourself and your suppliers.
- Design a storage and distribution network.
- Develop and implement an international trade strategy.

Career & Job Opportunities

This qualification has therefore been designed to address these demands as well as support the competencies required in the key areas of supply chain management that were identified within the greater industry yielding the following elective areas:

- Procurement and Supply.
- Strategic Supply Chain Management.
- Distribution.
- Materials/Logistics Management.
- Disposal Management.
- Public Service.
- Freight Forwarding.

International Comparability

The international comparability was conducted to identify occupational standards or qualifications used in other countries that contain indicators of best practice and can be adopted into this qualification. The following possible best practices were identified, and these components are prevalent in this qualification:

- From the Australian Qualifications Framework, modules in relevant functional areas, especially Procurement and Contracting and Transport and Distribution were identified.
- The Dutch Purchasing Association (NEVI) provides best practices for the functional tasks and job profiles.
- As well as the United States Institute of Supply Management also provides relevant information regarding the functional tasks and job profiles.
- The US Supply-Chain Council outlines the Supply Chain processes underlying the Supply Chain Operations Reference (SCOR) model was used.
- These were therefore considered during the functional analysis and occupational mapping processes.

Thus, the curriculum contains the following components: Purchasing, Operations, Logistics and Supply Chain Management but the coverage of International Trade and Export is limited.

The identification of tasks and job profiles is based upon the information outlined by the Dutch Purchasing Association (NEVI) and United States Institute of Supply Management, resulting in valid and credible outputs that informed the development of the qualifications. In addition, the best practices advocated by the above-mentioned countries have been incorporated into the qualification to ensure learners are able to develop internationally recognised competencies.

Admission Requirements

The minimum entry requirement into this qualification is an NQF Level 05 Supply Chain Practitioner.

Duration

The duration of study for this professional qualification is 24 months ,

Qualification outline

The qualification is constructed in 3 segments or modules

• Knowledge Modules

- Supply Chain Management Theory, NQF Level 7, 10 Credits.
- Risks and Supply Chain Vulnerability Theory, NQF Level 7, 10 Credits.
- Supply Chain Performance Measurement Theory, NQF Level 7, 10 Credits.
- Storage and Distribution Theory, NQF Level 7, 10 Credits.
- International Trade Theory, NQF Level 7, 5 Credits.

Total number of credits for Knowledge Modules: 45

• Practical Modules

- Manage the supply chain function effectively and efficiently, NQF Level 7, 10 Credits.
- Use risk assessment tools and techniques within supply chain management, NQF Level 7, Credits 10.
- Improve supply chain efficiency and effectiveness, NQF Level 7, 10 Credits.
- Manage storage and distribution, NQF Level 7, 10 Credits.
- Implement international trade and counter trade system, NQF Level 7, 5 Credits.

Total number of credits for Practical Skill Modules: 45

• Workplace Modules

- Business planning - and decision-making techniques for supply chain in a variety of economic sectors, NQF Level 7, 10 Credits.

- Effective risk processes and procedures within supply chain, NQF Level 7, 10 Credits.
- Tools in improving supply chain performance, NQF Level 7, 10 Credits.
- Stores and distribution management processes throughout the supply chain, NQF Level 7, 10 Credits.
- International trade processes within the supply chain. NQF Level 7, 5 Credits.

Total number of credits for Work Experience Modules: 45.

Implementation method

- Implementation is 30% theory and 70% practical training (workplace experience with emphasis on peer to peer learning) and assessment;
- Research project – Learners to conduct research that will be used to develop the business plans for both the learner and host employer;
- ATC will profile each team and list their performance
- Each team is supported by a mentor; and
- Learners to get practical experience and implement the theory in the host employer's business.

Content of the Programme

- Supply Chain Management.
- Risks and Supply Chain Vulnerability.
- Supply Chain Performance Measurement.
- Storage and Distribution.
- International Trade.
- Manage the supply chain function effectively and efficiently.
- Use risk assessment tools and techniques within supply chain management.
- Improve supply chain efficiency and effectiveness.
- Manage storage and distribution; and
- Implement international trade and counter trade system.

Course material & additional fees

Study material, textbook and examination fees are included in the tuition fee. Students are required to cover any additional costs associated with practical activities and excursions.

Language Policy

All classes and assessments are conducted in English. Learners need to be able to understand spoken English and complete their assessments in English.

Disclaimer

Amilak Training Center reserves the right to change the programme content due to changes in the regulatory environment, market requirements and other reasons. All possible measures will be taken to minimize inconvenience to students.

I,..... (student name), hereby acknowledge that I understand the information stated in this factsheet and fully comprehend the specifics explained above pertaining to the NQF LEVEL 5 QUALIFICATION: SUPPLY CHAIN PRACTITIONER.

Student signature _____ Date _____
