



PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICES LAW

The **Private Security Services Law postgraduate certificate course** aims to give participants a sophisticated understanding of South African private security services law. The course will systematically and critically analyse the Private Security Industry Regulation Act 56 of 2001 and the Private Security Industry Regulation Amendment Bill (B27D of 2012), which was passed on 4 March 2014 and is awaiting Presidential assent. The course will also cover the Regulation of Foreign Military Assistance Act 15 of 1998 and the Prohibition of Mercenary Activities and Regulation of Certain Activities in Country of Armed Conflict Act 27 of 2006, for which the date of commencement still has to be proclaimed. International developments within the privatisation of security services will also be discussed.

The Mandela Institute of the School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, is offering the certificate in collaboration with the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA).

Outcomes

At the end of the course, the student should be able to:

- Explain the privatisation of security services phenomenon in South Africa
- Define the meaning of a security service within the meaning of South African private security services law
- Analyse and appraise the regulatory framework for the regulation of the private security services industry in South Africa
- Evaluate the legal implications of the exportation of private security services beyond South Africa
- Analyse the role of the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority and the Firearms Control Committee
- Discuss and compare the development of the international instrument on the regulation and control of private security services
- Assess the International Code of Conduct for private security service providers.

Course Content

The course consists of the following modules:

- History of private security services law
- The purpose of private security services law
- The difference between Mercenaries, Private Security Companies, Private Military Companies, Private Military and Security Companies
- The application of the Private Security Industry Regulation Act 56 of 2001 and implications of the Private Security Industry Regulation Amendment Bill (B27D of 2012) when it gets promulgated.

Course Dates & Duration

This is a block release course where participants attend daily lectures from 08:30 to 16:30 during the period Monday 17 September to Friday 21 September 2018.

Courses are held on the Wits Campus in Braamfontein at the Chalsty Teaching and Conference Centre, School of Law, Braamfontein Campus West.

Course Cost

The course fee is R13,200.

Method of Evaluation

Research assignment and examination.

Entry Requirements

- A relevant *Bachelor of Laws* or *Bachelor of Commerce in Law* or *Bachelor of Arts in Law* or equivalent qualification is a prerequisite for admission to the postgraduate certificate courses; OR
- Applicants with any other undergraduate qualifications must complete the bridging course *Introduction to Law for Non-Lawyers* or equivalent courses first as well as have relevant legal work experience in the specific legal field before they would be considered for other courses.

You will be required to submit a copy of your Bachelors Degree, academic record as well as a copy of your identity document or passport.

Certificate Criteria

One of the following certificates can be obtained:

- *Certificate of Attendance*: To obtain a certificate of attendance, students are required to attend and participate in 75% of the lectures.
- *Certificate of Competence*: To obtain a certificate of competence, students are required to attend and participate in 75% of the lectures and to complete the assessments as required in the course.

How to Apply

You can apply as follows:

- Complete the Online Application Form on the website.
- Kindly ensure that you provide all the correct details on the online application form and should your employer be responsible for the payment please complete the relevant section before submitting, as invoices cannot be amended afterwards for employer details.
- Please also submit a copy of your identity document or passport as well as Bachelors Degree and academic record.

Application Dates

11 July – 31 August 2018

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

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