



OIL, GAS AND PETROCHEMICALS TRAINING

Offshore Decommissioning and Asset Retirement

5 day course

Classroom, online or in-house

Course overview

Removing a platform and plugging a field's wells can cost as much as building them did, and the liability stays with the licence holders until the work is finished and accepted. It opens with the regulatory and contractual framework: IMO guidelines, national abandonment rules, decommissioning security agreements and residual liability of former partners. Planning the work follows: late life strategy, cessation of production, well plug and abandonment, flushing and cleaning, topside removal options, jacket and subsea structure removal, pipeline leave in place decisions and onshore disposal. Cost estimation, comparative assessment of options, environmental surveys and stakeholder consultation come next, with reference to ageing Gulf of Guinea fields. Participants leave able to prepare a decommissioning programme, estimate its cost and defend it to regulators and the public.

What you will learn

- Explain international and national rules governing offshore decommissioning
- Plan late life operations and the transition to cessation of production
- Describe well plug and abandonment requirements and barrier design
- Compare removal options for topsides, jackets and subsea structures
- Apply comparative assessment to pipeline and structure disposal decisions
- Estimate decommissioning cost and the provisions that fund it
- Structure decommissioning security and liability arrangements between partners
- Prepare a decommissioning programme for regulatory approval

Who should attend

- Asset managers of late life fields
- Decommissioning and well engineers
- Regulators responsible for abandonment approvals
- Finance staff managing decommissioning provisions
- Environmental and stakeholder engagement specialists

Course outline

- 01 Regulatory and liability framework
- 02 Late life planning and cessation of production
- 03 Well plug and abandonment
- 04 Cleaning and making safe
- 05 Topside and jacket removal methods
- 06 Subsea infrastructure and pipelines
- 07 Comparative assessment and environmental surveys
- 08 Cost estimation and financial security
- 09 Programme preparation and approval

Upcoming dates



Dates	Venue	Format	Fee per delegate
2 to 6 November 2026	Online	Online	R8,500
30 November to 4 December 2026	Kampala, Uganda	Classroom	USD 1,325
4 to 8 January 2027	Accra, Ghana	Classroom	USD 1,325
8 to 12 February 2027	Windhoek, Namibia	Classroom	R19,950

Fees and how to register

This 5 day course is **R8,500** per delegate online, **R19,950** in the classroom in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho and Eswatini, and **USD 1,325** in the classroom elsewhere in Africa. In-house training is quotation on request. Book 2 or more delegates on this course and save 10%.

To register or request an in-house proposal, visit www.afrisciencegroup.com, email info@afriScience.co.za, or WhatsApp us on **+27 63 479 1136**.

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