



PURCHASING, LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN

Ship Chartering, Laytime and Demurrage

5 day course

Classroom, online or in-house

Course overview

Chartering commits an organisation to daily costs that accrue whether cargo moves or not, and laytime and demurrage disputes turn on document wording and timing recorded at the berth. This course covers both. Delegates work through charter party types and what each allocates, the main clauses governing the voyage, and freight, hire and payment structures. Laytime is covered in detail: when it commences, what interrupts it, the notice of readiness and the statement of facts that evidences it all. Demurrage and despatch calculation are worked through on real port documents, and the course closes on the claims and time bars that decide most disputes.

What you will learn

- Distinguish charter party types and what each allocates
- Interpret the main clauses governing a voyage
- Explain freight, hire and payment structures
- Determine when laytime commences and what interrupts it
- Assess a notice of readiness and a statement of facts
- Calculate demurrage and despatch from port documents
- Handle a claim within its time bar

Who should attend

- Chartering and shipping staff
- Commodity trading and operations personnel
- Port and terminal operations staff
- Legal and claims professionals in shipping
- Importers and exporters moving bulk cargo

Course outline

- 01 Why chartering costs accrue regardless of cargo
- 02 Charter party types and allocation
- 03 Main voyage clauses
- 04 Freight, hire and payment
- 05 Laytime commencement and interruption
- 06 Notice of readiness and statement of facts
- 07 Demurrage and despatch calculation
- 08 Claims, evidence and time bars

Upcoming dates

Dates	Venue	Format	Fee per delegate
23 to 27 November 2026	Kampala, Uganda	Classroom	USD 1,325
7 to 11 December 2026	Lusaka, Zambia	Classroom	USD 1,325
1 to 5 February 2027	Johannesburg, South Africa	Classroom	R19,950
8 to 12 February 2027	Online	Online	R8,500



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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