

**PURCHASING, LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN**

Third Party Logistics and Warehouse Optimisation Strategy

3 day course

Classroom, online or in-house

Course overview

Outsourcing a warehouse transfers the work but not the accountability, and the contracts that go wrong are the ones that specified a rate per pallet without specifying what good performance looks like. This course covers both sides. Delegates work through deciding what to outsource and the costs that only appear after the decision, then selecting a provider on capability rather than price alone. Contracting is covered: service levels, gainshare, liability for stock loss and the exit provisions that make a change of provider possible. Warehouse operations follow, whether run in house or overseen: layout, slotting, and the travel distance that dominates picking cost. Receiving, put away, picking strategies and despatch are addressed. Inventory accuracy and cycle counting are covered. Labour, equipment and automation decisions follow. The course closes on performance measurement and on managing the relationship day to day.

What you will learn

- Decide what to outsource including costs that appear later
- Select a provider on capability rather than rate alone
- Contract service levels, liability and workable exit provisions
- Design layout and slotting to cut travel distance
- Run receiving, put away, picking and despatch effectively
- Maintain inventory accuracy through cycle counting
- Decide on labour, equipment and automation, and measure performance

Who should attend

- Warehouse and distribution centre managers
- Logistics and supply chain coordinators
- Procurement managers responsible for logistics contracts
- Operations managers in manufacturing and retail
- 3PL account managers seeking client side perspective

Course outline

- 01 Work transfers, accountability does not
- 02 What to outsource and the later costs
- 03 Provider selection on capability
- 04 Service levels, liability and exit
- 05 Layout, slotting and travel distance
- 06 Receiving, put away and picking
- 07 Despatch and inventory accuracy
- 08 Labour, automation, measurement and the relationship

Upcoming dates



Dates	Venue	Format	Fee per delegate
28 to 30 September 2026	Kigali, Rwanda	Classroom	USD 995
7 to 9 October 2026	Nairobi, Kenya	Classroom	USD 995
9 to 11 November 2026	Pretoria, South Africa	Classroom	R14,950
28 to 30 December 2026	Johannesburg, South Africa	Classroom	R14,950

Fees and how to register

This 3 day course is **R6,500** per delegate online, **R14,950** in the classroom in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho and Eswatini, and **USD 995** 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@afiscience.co.za, or WhatsApp us on **+27 63 479 1136**.

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