



ISPS Code - Port Facility Security Officer

Introduction

This course is designed to meet the requirements for training laid out in the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) and the guidance laid out in the SOLAS Regulations 1974. The Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) position was formalised under the regulations listed above and the training has become mandatory for all those wishing to fulfil the role of the Port Facility Security Officer at facilities servicing vessels involved in international transits.

Who Should attend and Entry Level

This course is suitable for those employed in the port sector of the maritime industry seeking to engage in aspects of security, or who are seeking to become employed as a Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO). It is also suitable for security professionals seeking to expand their employability or consultancy skills into the burgeoning maritime oil & gas security sectors. In particular many new entrants to the maritime security sector would be expected to possess this qualification prior to employment or contracting. There is no prior training or experience required. However, basic literacy and numeracy are required due to course content & knowledge of the maritime industry would be useful.

Course Content and Duration

The course is run over 3 days and covers:

- ISPS Code background & introduction
- Maritime Security Threats
- ISPS Duties & Responsibilities
- Maritime Security Levels
- The Port Facility Security Assessment
- The Port Facility Security Plan
- Security Verification & Certification
- Interaction with Vessels
- Training, Drills & Exercises
- Training the Trainer
- Suspicious Persons & Behaviour & Circumvention of Security
- Weapons & Explosives
- Practical Protective Measures & Contingency Planning
- Documents, Records, Communications & Confidentiality

Assesment

Candidates will be required to pass a multi choice examination paper that covers all the subject areas listed above.

Qualification

Successful candidates will achieve an internationally recognised Port Facility Security Officer certificate, approved by TRANSEC (a division of the UK Department for Transport).

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