



BASIC TRAINING FOR AIRPORT SECURITY PERSONNEL – 5 - 8 Days

INTRODUCTION

The course, followed by a minimum of six months of practical experience working under the guidance of a qualified AVSEC supervisor in the field, will train basic airport security personnel to enforce, monitor and apply airport security preventative measures in accordance with locally approved programmes.

Detailed Content / Topics - The following Subjects will be addressed

Day 1

INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

1. Describe the course aims, structure and methodology.
2. Specify the nature of the threat made against the air transport industry.
3. Appreciate the scope for a career in the field of aviation security.

WORKING AT THE AIRPORT

1. Describe and recognize the main features of an airport.
2. Locate all main airport buildings and services on an airport.
3. Specify the boundaries between non-restricted and restricted area of an airport.
4. Move about an airport complying with the airport safety rules.
5. Apply the rules of an airport permit system
6. Communicate by portable radio with other security staff and staff of other agencies.
7. Appreciate the need to recognize suspicious activity and take corrective action.

Day 2

ACCESS CONTROL

1. Describe the threat made by unauthorized access.
2. Check the operational status of control points.
3. Maintain a log.
4. Apply standard operating procedures to control access.
5. Recognize unusual behaviour at access points.

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Day 2

RECOGNITION OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AND OFFENSIVE WEAPONS

1. Define and classify prohibited items.
2. Recognize improvised and incendiary devices, restricted articles, weapons and dangerous objects, including when they are disguised, dismantled or camouflaged.
3. Identify the places and methods used to hide explosive and incendiary devices and prohibited items.

Day 3

ACCESS CONTROL – VEHICLES

1. Check that access control point equipment is in satisfactory working order.
2. Monitor vehicle access at the control point by checking vehicle permits.
3. Carry out basic search of a vehicle to detect weapons, explosives devices and prohibited items.
4. Specify the procedures for search of the vehicle occupants.
5. Describe the procedures for dealing with irregularities.

EMERGENCY AND FIRE PREVENTION

1. Demonstrate a set of basic skills in fire prevention and basic fire fighting.
2. List the different types of airport emergency.
3. Describe the procedure for searching an area in response to specific incident.
4. Under supervision, search a specified area for a 'suspect' item.
5. Specify the action to be taken when a 'suspect' item is located.

PATROLLING AND GUARDING

1. Explain the principles of airport protection.
2. Specify which physical elements are involved in the landside/airside barrier.
3. List the methods of protecting the airside/landside barrier.
4. Locate the vulnerable points on a plan of the airport.
5. Apply standard operating procedures for dealing with signs of interference/intrusion of the airport physical barrier.
6. Comply with airport regulations governing the airside movement of security vehicles.

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Day 4

PASSENGER SCREENING AND PHYSICAL SEARCH OF PASSENGERS

1. List the four stages involved in the passenger inspection/screening process.
2. Describe the functions of each member of the inspection/screening team.
3. Place different types of carry-on baggage on an x-ray conveyor belt in the correct manner.
4. Control a flow of passengers and direct each passenger through a walk-through metal detector.
5. Scan a passenger with a hand held metal detector.
6. Physically search selected passengers according to standard operating procedures.
7. Monitor and respond to a metal detector alarm in accordance with standard operating procedures.

Day 5

X-RAY EXAMINATION OF BAGGAGE

1. Switch on a typical X-Ray machine and operate it safely.
2. Interpret images on an X-Ray monitor and identify items that may be prohibited or dangerous.
3. Select baggage for physical examination according to standard operating procedures.

Day 6

PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF BAGGAGE

1. Open and physically search various types of carry-on baggage in the presence of the passenger.
2. Recognize prohibited and dangerous items that may be contained, hidden or camouflaged on carry-on baggage.
3. Take action in accordance with standard operating procedures to deal with prohibited and dangerous items detected in carry-on baggage.

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Day 6

SEARCHING AND SECURING A STERILE HOLDING AREA

1. List the three basic types of 'sterile' passenger holding areas.
2. Conduct a physical search of a holding area for prohibited items.
3. Take response action to deal with 'suspect' items located in a holding area in accordance with standard operating procedures.
4. Maintain the sterility of a holding area.

Day 7

ESCORTING PEOPLE AND CONSIGNMENTS

1. Escort people in the restricted areas of an airport.
2. Escort consignments over a pre-determined route.
3. Maintain radio communication with security control centre.
4. Apply contingency plans for emergencies involving people and consignments under escort.

PROTECTION OF PARKED AIRCRAFT

1. Define the scope of responsibility for airport security personnel to the protection of parked aircraft.
2. Check that unattended parked aircraft are protected in accordance with airport standard operating procedures.
3. Take the appropriate action to notify the responsible airline representative if an unattended parked aircraft is not protected.

Day 8

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

1. Appraise the training activities of the course.
2. Incite responsibility in executing future job tasks.

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Target groups

The target population will be new entrants and existing personnel at the basic level employed by the authority or organization primarily responsible for the application of aviation security preventative measures at airports and from such other aviation related agencies engaged in support activities.

Pre-requisites

Trainees should satisfy the following criteria:

- a) Have satisfactorily completed secondary school or equivalent education; and
- b) Have written and oral command of the language of instruction.

Learning Objectives

The course has been designed to enable selected security personnel to:

- a) Work in and move about an airport safely;
- b) Communicate and cooperate with other airport agencies;
- c) Control the movement of people and vehicles;
- d) Guard and patrol airport vulnerable areas, facilities and aircraft;
- e) Recognize weapons and explosive/incendiary devices;
- f) Inspect/screen/search passengers and baggage;
- g) Respond to airport emergency situations;
- h) Escort people and consignments.

Duration

5-8 Working Days - Depending on client requirements

Each training day will commence at 09.00 and finish at 17.00, with appropriate refreshment breaks.

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