

Dangerous Goods Safety Advisers

It is strongly recommended that those new to dangerous goods who are intending to train as Dangerous Goods Safety Advisers (DGSA) attend the Introduction to Dangerous Goods course first (see page 25).

Who should attend

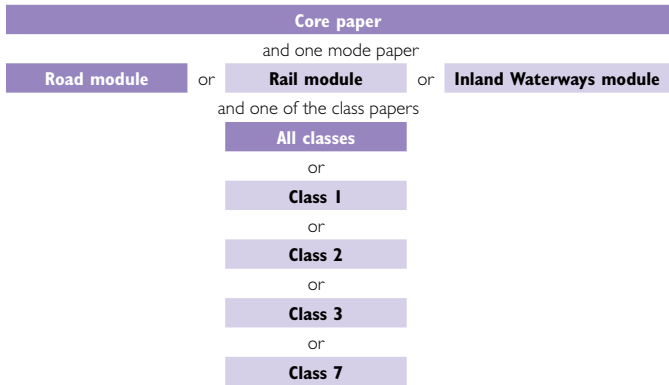
Candidates for the DGSA qualification should have a previous knowledge of dangerous goods and ideally a high level of numeracy and literacy skills, with a keen eye for detail. A high level of application to study will be required.

Key benefits

The Transport of Dangerous Goods (Safety Advisers) Regulations came into force on 1 March 1999. Under these regulations, companies which transport dangerous goods by road, rail and inland waterway are required to appoint a Dangerous Goods Safety Adviser to carry out specific duties and functions from 31 December 1999. The regulations require DGSA's to be suitably qualified and to hold a valid vocational training certificate (VTC) before carrying out these required duties and functions. The purpose of the regulations is to minimize the risk of accidents occurring during loading, transport and unloading of dangerous goods.

How to gain a Vocational Training Certificate

To qualify as a DGSA, you must undertake and successfully complete an examination in three subjects as follows.



Note Following consultations with industry and the Department for Transport it has been decided that the General Chemicals paper will no longer be an option after the December 2007 examination. Revalidation candidates will not have an option of the General Chemical Classes paper.

You may only be employed as a DGSA in the mode(s) and class(es) you have passed and hold a Vocational Training Certificate for. The VTC issued will be limited to the classes passed.

Course content

- **Core module**
 - classification and identification of dangerous goods
 - containment systems, marking, labelling and placarding, documentation requirements
- **Road module**
 - transport units, marking, labelling and placarding, documentation
 - compliance thresholds, filling, stowing, loading and segregating, cleaning and/or decontamination
- **All classes module**
 - (UN classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
 - classification
 - containment systems, marking, labelling and placarding, documentation, compliance thresholds, stowage, loading and segregation
 - operational requirements, emergency response, training, legal framework

Required books

All units are based on an 'open book' exam basis. There are a number of official texts which delegates will require both for the purposes of the training and examinations and also for use in their daily work as DGSAs.

The price for these books is included in the course fees. Books will be available to delegates on arrival at the course venue.

Examination fees

The standard examination fee is £275 (no VAT). This covers the core module, one modal module and one class module. The examination fee for each additional modal or class module is £100 (no VAT). These fees are subject to change from July 2008.

FTA will make all arrangements for delegates to take examinations at an SQA approved examination centre. Delegates must pass an appropriate combination of three papers within 12 months to qualify as a Dangerous Goods Safety Adviser. The 12 month period is calculated from result dates not examination dates.

Course duration

5 days

Residential course

Venue	Dates			
Tunbridge Wells	25–29 February	9–13 June	8–12 September	17–21 November
Exam dates	6 March	19 June	18 September	27 November

Residential price

£1,425 + VAT

This price includes tuition, course materials and full board accommodation. Examination fees are excluded from the price shown.

Non-residential course

Venue	Dates			
Leamington Spa	11–15 February			10–14 November
Stirling	18–22 February	2–6 June	1–5 September	10–14 November
Leeds	25–29 February		8–12 September	
Manchester		9–13 June		10–14 November
Exam dates	6 March	19 June	18 September	27 November

Non-residential price

£980 + VAT

This price includes tuition, course materials, lunch and refreshments. Examination fees are excluded from the price shown.