

CERTIFICATION IN HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS

The need for humanitarian assistance due to natural or man-made disasters has increased. Humanitarian organizations are tasked with getting the right goods, to the right people, at the right time and lives are hanging in the balance. Logistics is a critical component to the success of the ultimate goal of all humanitarian programs- to save and improve the lives and dignity of beneficiaries.

The demands for fast and efficient logistics support require professional logisticians to not only keep abreast of current best practice, but also commit themselves to a permanent cycle of learn, improve and grow.

Supply chain knowledge must be systematically maintained at the highest possible level and having the skills alone may not be sufficient. Holders of professional logistics qualifications have a tangible demonstration of their ability.

The Certification in Humanitarian Logistics (CHL) was developed in collaboration with an inter-agency committee consisting primarily of the Heads of Logistics from eight humanitarian organizations. The qualification was designed to meet their requirements for trained, skilled humanitarian logistics professionals.

Who should participate?

The Certification in Humanitarian Logistics is ideal for people who are working or will work within humanitarian organizations in supply chain functions at the operational level. There are no academic pre-requisites;

however the candidate must be fluent in English. CHL is a distance learning course that can be taken anywhere in the world with access to a computer and periodic email.

What will they learn?

The program is comprised of seven mandatory units that cover the entire supply chain including: Humanitarian Supply Chains, Procurement, Warehouse & Inventory, Transport, Fleet Management, Import/Export and Managing a Humanitarian Supply Chain Response.

How will they learn?

The Certification in Humanitarian Logistics is competence based. Participants are therefore required to apply the knowledge they have gained in a humanitarian environment. The innovative learning process is centered on the case study of a simulated relief operation, learning materials and interactive coaches.

Candidates are presented with a series of challenging objectives, reflecting the outcome they are working on. The achievement of these objectives will enable candidates to demonstrate how they will improve the logistics elements of an operation supporting the delivery of a humanitarian program. They will be required to undertake detailed analysis of the current and anticipated requirements, develop options to meet those requirements and finally implement the best option.

Throughout the program candidates have the support of their coaches who are experienced at operating in emergency environments.

Candidates should expect to take 18 months to complete the programme, studying 5 hours a week. During the process a portfolio of evidence of competence is collated which will be submitted for assessment and verification to the awarding body, Fritz Institute/CILT-UK.

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Following is a summary of the key features of each module. Full details are available in the Logistics Learning Alliance Guide to the Certification in Humanitarian Logistics.

Humanitarian Supply Chains

An overview of humanitarian interventions and the importance of the role of supply chain management and logistics in this context.

Procurement

Key processes of order management: sourcing, purchasing, supplier monitoring and the management of risk.

Warehouse & Inventory

Establishment and management of warehouse operations appropriate to humanitarian operations including the short and long term need to store and manage inventory.

Transport

Recognizes the importance of transport in the humanitarian supply chain process in moving goods from supply source to the final beneficiary delivery point. It covers planning and movement using a range of different modes of transport that may be available for different hu-

Fleet Management

The selection of vehicles and equipment and the setting up of systems and procedures necessary to monitor and manage a fleet.

Import/Export: International Commerce

Customs and excise procedures that need to be followed and the documentation needed to import and export, as well as contract and order administration.

Managing Humanitarian Supply Chain Response

The effective management of a humanitarian supply chain in response to an emergency including the management of: operations, orders, people, financial impact of activities and the overall working environment.

Course Fee & Registration

The fee includes all required course materials, coach support and final assessment. The course is offered on a tiered pricing schedule please contact Fritz Institute or Learning Logistics Alliance for further information. You can register for the course on the Fritz Institute website.

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