DEFENSE LOGISTICS



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Introduction

Defense logistics keeps forces supplied, equipped, and sustained wherever they operate, often under conditions where failure is measured in mission capability rather than cost. It covers supply chains, stockholding, maintenance, transport, and disposal, and it operates under public procurement rules, security requirements, and audit scrutiny. This Defense Logistics Training Course gives defense logistics officers, supply chain professionals, and procurement staff a complete working method for this environment. Participants learn demand planning for operational needs, stockholding and readiness policy, procurement and contracting under defense rules, movement and distribution, maintenance and spares, and performance measurement.

Defense Logistics Course Objectives

- Apply defense logistics structures and their link to operational readiness.
- Plan demand for operations, exercises, and sustainment periods.
- Set stockholding policy: safety levels, readiness stock, and war reserve.
- Manage inventory with classification, codification, and stock accuracy controls.
- Procure and contract under public procurement rules and defense exemptions.
- Manage supplier qualification, security clearance, and technical conformity.
- Plan movement and distribution across national and deployed locations.
- Control maintenance, repair, and upgrade cycles with critical spares policy.
- Apply security, counterfeiting, and supply chain integrity controls.
- Measure performance with availability, fill rate, and readiness indicators.

Course Methodology

- Facilitated sessions built on real stock records, contracts, and operational plans.
- Case workshops on supply shortages, readiness gaps, and procurement disputes.

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- Inventory policy and codification exercises using live item data.
- Movement planning and distribution exercises across multiple locations.
- Group exercise on a logistics readiness improvement plan with measurable targets.

Who Should Take This Course

- Defense logistics and supply officers.
- Military supply chain and depot staff.
- Defense procurement and contracting professionals.
- Maintenance and spares managers in defense organizations.
- Inventory and codification specialists.
- Internal audit and compliance staff covering logistics.

Defense Logistics Course Outlines

Day 1: Defense Logistics Framework and Readiness

- Defense logistics structure and its role in operational capability.
- Supply classes and their planning implications.
- Preparedness levels and their effect on stockholding policy.
- Sustainment planning for operations and exercises.
- Roles across depots, bases, and deployed units.
- Governance, authority, and reporting in defense logistics.
- Readiness measurement and reporting practice.

Day 2: Demand Planning and Stockholding Policy

- Demand sources: operational plans, consumption history, and forecasts.

- Consumption rates and operational tempo effects.
- Safety stock, readiness stock, and war reserve determination.
- Reorder points and replenishment rules for defense items.
- Criticality classification linked to operational impact.
- Multi-location stock positioning and redistribution.
- Review cycles and stockholding policy updates.

Day 3: Inventory Control, Codification, and Accuracy

- Item codification and cataloguing standards.
- Stock control procedures from receipt to issue.
- Batch, serial, and lot tracking for controlled items.
- Cycle counting and stock accuracy governance.
- Storage conditions and preservation requirements.
- Surplus, obsolescence, and disposal procedures.
- Adjustment approval levels and audit trail practice.

Day 4: Procurement, Contracting, and Supplier Control

- Defense procurement rules and competitive tendering requirements.
- Sole source and urgent operational requirement procedures.
- Contract structures: supply, service, and maintenance agreements.
- Technical specifications and conformity verification.
- Supplier qualification, security clearance, and facility checks.
- Counterfeit part prevention and authenticity verification.
- Contract administration, variations, and claims handling.

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Day 5: Movement, Maintenance, and Performance

- Movement planning across national and deployed locations.
- Transport modes, security, and documentation for defense cargo.
- Warehousing and depot operations management.
- Maintenance, repair, and upgrade cycles with spares planning.
- Equipment availability and maintenance turnaround measurement.
- KPIs: fill rate, availability, order cycle time, and readiness level.
- Building a logistics readiness and improvement roadmap.

Conclusion

By successfully completing the Defense Logistics Training Course, participants will have acquired a thorough working knowledge of defense logistics structures, demand and stockholding planning, inventory and codification control, defense procurement and supplier management, movement and maintenance operations, and logistics performance measurement. They will leave able to sustain operations with the right stock in the right place, control procurement and supplier integrity, and report readiness with figures the command chain trusts. Gentex Training Center delivers this programme with defense logistics practitioners who manage these operations in live environments.

FAQs for the Defense Logistics course

Q1 What is the "Defense Logistics" course about?

It is a five-day programme on managing logistics in a defense setting. It covers logistics structures and readiness, demand and stockholding planning, inventory and codification, defense procurement and supplier control, movement and maintenance, and performance measurement.

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Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Defense Logistics" course?

Participants keep the right stock positioned for operational needs without over-holding, run procurement within defense rules and audit expectations, and protect the supply chain from counterfeit and non-conforming items. They also gain readiness reporting that the command chain can act on.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Defense Logistics" course?

You will gain defense readiness and stockholding policy design, demand planning and inventory control with codification, defense procurement and supplier integrity management, and movement, maintenance, and logistics performance management.

Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Defense Logistics" course?

The course works with supply class categories and their planning logic, preparedness levels and readiness stock determination, war reserve calculation, reorder point and replenishment rules, criticality classification, item codification and cataloguing standards, batch, serial and lot tracking, cycle counting with tolerance thresholds, preservation and storage requirements, disposal procedures, competitive tendering and sole source procedures under defense procurement rules, contract structures for supply and maintenance, technical conformity verification, supplier security clearance and facility checks, counterfeit part prevention, transport documentation and security for defense cargo, depot operations management, maintenance and upgrade planning with spares policy, and KPIs including fill rate, availability, order cycle time and readiness level.

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Q5 How is the "Defense Logistics" course applied in real-world practice?

Teams apply it when planning sustainment for an exercise, setting readiness stock levels, requisitioning critical spares, running a depot cycle count, tendering a maintenance contract, and reporting logistics readiness to the command chain.