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## DANGEROUS GOODS SAFETY ADVISOR (DGSA)-CONSULTANCY

ADR creates a requirement for companies who **consign or transport or receive** dangerous goods by road, rail or inland waterways, above the threshold quantities, to appoint a suitably qualified Dangerous Goods Safety Adviser (DGSA).

### Who is affected?

Any employer or self employed person who is involved in the consignment, receipt or transport of dangerous goods.

### Responsibilities of the Company

- Appoint one or more suitably qualified DGSA
- Ensure that the DGSA has appropriate knowledge concerning the company's activities and adequate resources to perform their duties.
- On request inform the authorities of the identity of the advisor

### Duties of the DGSA

- Monitor compliance with the rules governing the transport of dangerous goods
- Provide advice to the employer on the transport of dangerous goods
- Prepare accident reports to the management of the company and/or the local public authority when an accident occurs during the transport or handling of dangerous goods
- Prepare an annual report to the management on the activities of the company concerning the transport of dangerous goods

### Qualifying to be a DGSA

The DGSA must hold a vocational training certificate valid for the mode of transport and the hazard classes involved. To obtain this you must pass at least 3 examinations:

Core - Compulsory to all candidates

**and** one mode paper for either Road, Rail or Inland Waterways

**and** one of the class papers, All Classes(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9), General Chemical (3,4,5,6,8,9), Class 1 Explosives, Class 3 Flammable Liquids (specific to UN 1202,1203,1223)

These examinations involve the candidate being able to demonstrate a significant knowledge of the relevant legislation in an open book written examination. It should be noted that the examinations are of a considerably higher standard than the current ADR or CPC examinations. The DGSA must pass refresher examinations every 5 years.

### Training

The training regime for the DGSA exams is unregulated unlike the current ADR regime, therefore there is no requirement to attend a training course. In order to be well prepared for the exams training is highly desirable. Courses are available, ranging from 5 to 10 days in duration, from various providers, however there are no legislative quality controls over these courses and therefore their content may vary.





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### What Will it Cost to Have a DGSA?

- Examination fees for 3 exams - £170
- Examination Materials, typically £140
- Training Course-£700-£2,500
- Wages for attending training course
- Wages and time in performing the duties of the DGSA
- Refresher training and examinations every 5 years
- There is the possibility of failing the exam or the DGSA leaving the company

### The Alternative

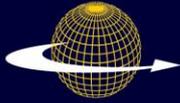
You can nominate one of LS&C's team of experts as your DGSA

### The advantages:

- Ongoing access to a DGSA
- No problems with holidays, sicknesses or staff turnover
- No need to pass the exams
- No necessity to buy and update the reference books
- Set costs spread over the years
- Additional payments on usage basis

Access to LS&C's existing range of training provision.





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