

DANGEROUS GOODS SAFETY ADVISOR (DGSA)

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).

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 using the permitted texts. 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. The examinations are held on set days at set examination centres. It is recommended that the candidate books the examination separately in order to access the most convenient examination location. Van Hee can book examinations and source exam texts, where requested.

Training

The 5 day intensive course is focused on developing the techniques and knowledge associated with undergoing the examinations. Emphasis is geared towards navigation of the permitted texts and practice of example questions. The course covers the syllabus laid down by the awarding body with subjects covered including:

Use of the regulations, Role of the DGSA, Classification, Hazard Precedence, Excepted & Limited Quantities, Package Identification and Selection, Marking and Labeling, Vehicle Requirements, Documentation, Crew Requirements, Solutions and mixtures, Tanker Requirements



