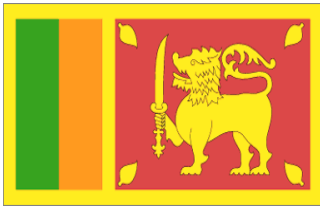


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TRAINING, EDUCATION & AWARENESS PROGRAMS

In an era defined by rapid technological advancements, digital border transformations, and shifting global supply chain networks, the Sri Lanka Logistics and Freight Forwarders' Association (SLFFA) remains deeply committed to raising industry benchmarks. Recognizing that regional competitiveness depends heavily on the caliber of its human capital, the SLFFA has placed human resource development at the core of its strategic roadmap. Through its specialized training infrastructure, the Association continuously works to uplift local operational standards, align domestic workforces with international best practices, and transform the freight forwarding sector into a highly dynamic, compliant, and professional trade community.

The central pillar of this educational mission is the Academy of International Trade and Transport (AITT), which serves as the official, specialized training arm of the SLFFA. Established to design, develop, and execute top-tier supply chain education, the Academy holds prestigious international and national endorsements that validate its pedagogical rigor and industry alignment. Globally, it is endorsed by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA). In the aviation sector, the AITT is fully certified under the Competency-Based Training and Assessment (CBTA) system of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), ensuring strict adherence to global air cargo safety and training mandates. Nationally, it operates as a regulatory-approved training institution under the Directorate of Merchant Shipping (DMS) of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Aviation.

To systematically cater to various professional tiers within the Asia-Pacific logistics landscape, the AITT executes a structured, progressive educational matrix. For school leavers and young entrants seeking a career pivot into global logistics, the Foundation Course in Multi-Modal Transport and Logistics serves as a vital entry point, introducing students to basic shipping terminology, multimodal documentation, and transport geography to build a reliable talent pipeline. For mid-level practitioners, the Certificate Course in Freight Forwarding and Multi-Modal Transport expands technical knowledge and fulfils a strict national regulatory requirement; the DMS mandates that all registered Class A and Class B freight forwarding companies must have a minimum of two staff members qualified through this program to secure their annual commercial operating licenses.

For advanced professionals aiming to operate on a global scale, the Academy delivers the FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding and Logistics. This comprehensive, internationally recognized qualification covers complex legal frameworks, multimodal transport law, customs procedures, supply chain security, and risk management. This structure is supplemented by highly specialized air cargo safety training through the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR) Initial and Refresher courses. Operating under the rigid IATA CBTA system, these courses provide mandatory compliance training on the identification, packing, marking, labeling, and documentation of hazardous cargo, ensuring total safety within the air transport chain.

Looking to the future, the SLFFA has continuously updated the Academy's curriculum to reflect contemporary global trade transformations. By modernizing its educational framework and aligning its metrics with advanced regional hubs like Singapore and Dubai, the AITT ensures that local logistics professionals possess the technical capabilities needed to operate complex Sea-Air multimodal corridors and high-volume Air Cargo Villages. Through this synchronized educational push, the SLFFA is not merely teaching logistics; it is actively shaping the professional workforce necessary to anchor Sri Lanka firmly into the future of global commerce.

Logistics & Multimodal Transport Training Program

The Logistics & Multimodal Transport training programs are currently being delivered virtually. In the year 2025, a total of 111 students participated in the courses: 63 students in the Certificate course, and 48 students in the Foundation course.

FIATA Diploma Training Program

The FIATA diploma course is currently being delivered with 12 modules virtually. The program is currently in progress with the participation of 18 students.

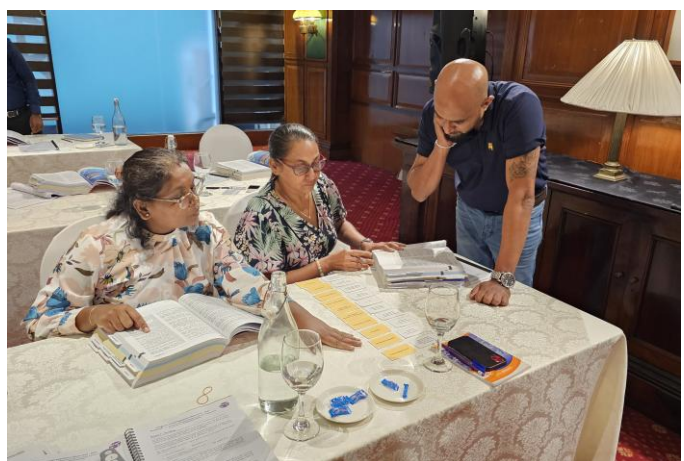
Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR) Training Program

During the full year of 2025, five DG Refresher courses were conducted in April, May, October, November, and December, with 11, 12, 13, 13, and 9 students attending, respectively. In addition, two DGR Initial courses were held in July and December, recording participant numbers of 18 and 10, respectively.

For the year 2026 to date, two Refresher courses were conducted in April and May, with 9 participants attending each program to revalidate their certificates. Accordingly, we are pleased to note that a total of 110 participants successfully completed the training programs during the period under review. We also look forward to conducting the next DGR Initial and Refresher programs in June and November 2026, respectively.



AITT Graduation Ceremony 2025



DGR Initial and Refresher courses 2025