Laytime Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Project Management	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamentals of laytime and demurrage.
2. Identify key charter party clauses affecting laytime.
3. Apply legal principles in interpreting laytime provisions.
4. Calculate laytime and despatch accurately using real cases.
5. Analyze delays and interruptions to laytime.
6. Evaluate port and berth charter party distinctions.
7. Mitigate risks of demurrage liabilities.
8. Develop skills in drafting and reviewing shipping contracts.
9. Understand SOF (Statement of Facts) relevance in laytime.
10. Navigate laytime calculations in multi-port voyages.
11. Use software tools for laytime computation automation.
12. Handle disputes and arbitrations professionally.
13. Strengthen compliance with international maritime laws.

Target Audiences

1. Shipowners and Operators
2. Chartering Executives
3. Shipping Agents
4. Maritime Lawyers and Legal Counsel
5. Port Terminal Managers
6. Marine Insurance Professionals
7. Freight Forwarders
8. Logistics and Trade Compliance Officers

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Laytime and Demurrage

- Definition of laytime and its commercial importance
- Overview of voyage charterparty types
- Key clauses in laytime provisions
- Laytime vs time charter explained
- Legal framework governing laytime
- **Case Study:** Misinterpretation of laytime leading to legal dispute

Module 2: Charter Party Clauses Impacting Laytime

- Notice of readiness (NOR) conditions
- Commencement and termination of laytime
- Weather working days and exceptions
- Berth vs port charter parties
- Interruptions and suspensions of laytime
- **Case Study:** Delayed NOR acceptance and financial implications

Module 3: Laytime Calculations and Statement of Facts

- Use of SOF for laytime evidence
- Time counting principles
- Worked examples of laytime computations
- Time bar clauses and their effect
- Despatch and demurrage calculations

- **Case Study:** Miscalculated laytime in grain shipment

Module 4: Advanced Demurrage and Despatch Handling

- Contractual vs operational demurrage
- Detention vs demurrage
- Despatch incentives and how they work
- Liquidated damages considerations
- Cost recovery strategies
- **Case Study:** Demurrage claim due to port congestion

Module 5: Laytime in Multi-port and Transshipment Voyages

- Time apportionment across ports
- Deviation clauses and laytime effects
- Deadfreight and part cargo considerations
- Transshipment clauses overview
- Stoppages and delays in multi-port cargo handling
- **Case Study:** Transshipment delays in crude oil charter

Module 6: Legal Disputes and Arbitration in Laytime Cases

- Dispute resolution clauses in contracts
- Arbitration bodies and procedures
- Evidence required for successful claims
- Cost vs benefit of arbitration vs court
- Preventive contract wording
- **Case Study:** Arbitration case involving faulty NOR

Module 7: Digital Tools for Laytime Management

- Overview of laytime calculation software
- Inputting SOF and clauses digitally
- Reporting and tracking tools
- Benefits of automation in claims filing
- Industry-recommended platforms
- **Case Study:** Using digital tools to resolve laytime dispute

Module 8: Best Practices and Compliance in Laytime

- Contract management strategies
- Risk mitigation practices
- Periodic review of laytime policies
- Training and awareness for staff
- Global regulations and IMO considerations
- **Case Study:** Compliance failure leading to lost demurrage claim

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led interactive lectures
- Practical exercises and sample laytime problems
- Case study reviews for applied learning
- Group discussions and role-playing
- Access to laytime calculation tools and software
- Pre- and post-course assessment and certification

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

Send us an email: info@fineskilltrainingcenter.org or call *+254769199797*

Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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