



State Railway
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DGSA training, certification and surveillance

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Safety advisers (1.8.3)

Participants in the carriage of dangerous goods (1.4):

- Carriers
- Consigners
- Packers
- Loaders
- Fillers
- Unloaders



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Legislative framework

(implementation of 1.8.3 of RID)

**Law on the Movement of Dangerous Goods –
general requirements**

**Regulations of Cabinet of Ministers for Safety
Advisers Regarding Carriage of Dangerous
Goods by Road and by Rail –**

requirements for obtaining a certificate of training
of a safety adviser and the examination
requirements as well as the requirements in
relation to the training courses and their
supervision



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Responsible institutions

- **Examination Commission approved by the Ministry of Transport**
- The Examination Commission shall consist of representatives from the Ministry of Transport, the Road Transport Administration, and the State Railway Technical Inspectorate.
- The Road Transport Administration and the State Railway Technical Inspectorate shall ensure the material and technical provision for the activities of the Examination Commission.



Training Courses

A training institution shall develop a **training course content** in accordance with the requirements laid down in **1.8.3.11** of RID/ADR

Teachers must have at least second level vocational higher education, professional qualification of the safety adviser for work with all classes of dangerous goods in the relevant mode of transport, and practical work experience in the work of the safety adviser of at least three years.



Training Courses

The Examination Commission shall examine the documents submitted by the training institution and provide an acceptance of the training institution

The Examination Commission shall control how the training institutions comply with the requirements. Representatives of the Examination Commission have the right to enter study rooms, to request and receive from the training institution all documents related to training of safety advisers



Training Courses

Candidate shall complete at least 72-hour basic training course for the carriage of dangerous goods (except for Class 1 and Class 7 dangerous goods) related to carriage by road or carriage by rail.

To obtain the right to also work with Class 1 and Class 7 dangerous goods, a candidate shall also complete additional training course

A candidate who have the qualification in the field of carriage by road or carriage by rail may obtain the qualification for the second type of transport if he or she completes at least 24-hour training course for the other type of transport.



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DGSA Exam

Test with multiple-choice questions:

40 questions

2 hours and 30 minutes

You need to answer 32 questions correctly

Case study:

Solving the problem of a specific situation:

2 hours

You need to give the correct answer to at least 70% of the problem

Case study

A case study shall consist of a description of the case and questions that allow to check the skills of a candidate:

- to analyse and evaluate information;
- to find regularities;
- to recommend a solution;
- to use laws and regulations;
- to justify the answer provided.



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Certificate of DGSA

Issued by Ministry of Transport

Validity 5 years

The period of validity shall be extended after refreshing training and passing examination

All information is entered into an electronic database which is available for supervision bodies



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Examination Commission

- Creating and improving exam questions
- Analysis of the teaching process
- Analysis of exam results
- Suggestions for improving learning
- Suggestions for improving teaching materials



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Supervision of DGSA

The activities of DGSA shall be supervised and controlled by the State Railway Technical Inspectorate:

- As Transport of dangerous goods supervision institution
- As NSA (National safety authority) (*next presentation*)



Supervision of DGSA (TDG)

- Notification of responsible DGSA
- Safety reports of DGSA– send every year by 1 April
- Audits and checks of enterprises which deals with transportation of dangerous goods (loaders, fillers, consignor, etc.)
 - Analysis of carriage of dangerous goods
 - Controls work of DGSA in enterprises
 - planned audit – every 5th year
 - unplanned – random choice according risk assessment and after serious violations



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Staff of State Railway Technical Inspectorate

All inspectors have been trained in control of Dangerous goods - basic level of education;

2 expert -inspectors;

Expert-inspectors audit the transportation of dangerous goods in enterprises;



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Supervision of DGSA

As NSA (National safety authority)

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Many thanks for your attention!

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