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CISCP, the Certified International Supply Chain Professional credential, covers the core knowledge an early-career practitioner needs for international supply chain tasks: forecasting, stock, purchasing, transport and supplier follow-up. This 1-week foundation course prepares operational staff and new entrants for the CISCP exam and ends with a mapped supply chain for one product, marked with stock and transport choices. Blackbird Training Centre provides this CISCP Certified International Supply Chain Professional Preparation course.

Introduction

The course follows the CISCP syllabus and teaches three working models at entry level. Economic Order Quantity EOQ balances ordering cost against holding cost to set order size. Just-in-Time JIT and lean principles cut stock and waste by matching supply to actual demand. The seven rights of logistics set out what a delivery must get right, from product and quantity to place and time. The level is foundation, and teaching uses short case studies from manufacturing and retail with exam-style practice questions after each topic.

Course Objectives

- Define the main supply chain functions and explain how a delay in one passes to the next.
- Distinguish forecasting from demand planning and apply a simple forecast to a product's monthly sales.
- Compare EOQ and Just-in-Time replenishment and select the one that suits a given item.
- Interpret supplier performance data on delivery, quality and price and flag suppliers that need follow-up.
- Select a transport mode and the shipping documents an international consignment needs.
- Apply the CISCP syllabus to exam-style questions and explain the reasoning behind each answer.

Target Audience

- New entrants to supply chain, purchasing or logistics teams who need to decide which concepts to master first.
- Purchasing and buying assistants who raise orders and choose between suppliers on delivery, quality and price.
- Warehouse and inventory staff who count, store and issue stock and decide when an item needs reordering.
- Shipping and logistics coordinators who book freight and judge which documents a consignment needs before it moves.
- Operational staff moving into supply chain roles from production, sales or accounts who must choose a certification path.



Course Outline

Day 1: Supply Chain Fundamentals and Key Terms

- Supply Chain vs Logistics: The Whole Flow Compared With Moving and Storing Goods
- Upstream and Downstream Flows: Material, Information and Cash Across Partners
- Supply Chain Strategy: Cost Leadership and Service Differentiation as Competitive Advantage
- Key Performance Indicators: On-Time Delivery, Fill Rate, Inventory Turns and Lead Time
- Network Basics: Suppliers, Plants, Warehouses and Customers on a Single Map

Day 2: Forecasting and Inventory Control

- Forecasting vs Demand Planning: Predicting Sales Compared With Agreeing a Plan
- Simple Forecasting Techniques: Naive Forecast, Moving Average and Seasonal Adjustment Basics
- Economic Order Quantity: Ordering Cost and Holding Cost Balanced to Size Orders
- Just-in-Time vs Buffer Stock: Lean Replenishment Compared With Holding Safety Inventory
- Warehouse and Distribution Centre Basics: Receiving, Put-Away, Picking and Dispatch Steps

Day 3: Purchasing and Supplier Relations

- Purchasing vs Strategic Sourcing: Buying Transactions Compared With Long-Term Supplier Choices
- Supplier Selection Criteria: Price, Quality, Capacity, Delivery Record and Location
- Contract Basics and Negotiation: Purchase Orders, Terms of Supply and Simple Bargaining
- Supplier Performance Scorecards: Measuring Delivery, Quality and Responsiveness Each Month
- Global Sourcing Challenges: Lead Times, Currency, Language and Cultural Differences

Day 4: Transport, Documents and Customs

- Road vs Rail vs Sea vs Air: Choosing a Mode by Cost and Speed
- Intermodal Transport: Containers Moving Between Ships, Trains and Lorries Without Unpacking
- International Trade Documentation: Invoices, Packing Lists, Certificates of Origin and Bills of Lading
- Customs Clearance Basics: Declarations, Tariff Codes, Duties and Compliance Checks
- Last-Mile and Reverse Logistics: Final Delivery and Handling of Returned Goods

Day 5: CISCP Exam Practice and Supply Chain Mapping

- Risk and Sustainability Basics: Common Disruptions, Mitigation Steps and Responsible Sourcing
- Emerging Technologies: AI, IoT and Blockchain Uses in Supply Chain Visibility
- Exam-Style Practice Set: Questions Drawing on Forecasting, Inventory, Purchasing and Transport
- Recall vs Application Questions: Reading Scenario Items and Eliminating Wrong Options
- Final Deliverable: Mapping One Product's Supply Chain With Stock and Transport Choices



Skills You Will Gain

- Supply chain terminology
- Basic demand forecasting
- EOQ calculation
- Reorder point setting
- Supplier scorecards
- Shipping documentation
- Customs clearance basics
- Supply chain mapping

Why Attend This Course

- From picking up supply chain terms on the job to using them correctly across purchasing, warehouse and transport tasks.
- From reordering stock by habit to sizing orders with EOQ and a reorder point.
- From booking freight on instruction to choosing a mode and checking the documents a consignment needs.
- From scattered notes on one product to a mapped supply chain with stock and transport choices, the final deliverable of the course.

Conclusion

Supply chain work at entry level means knowing how goods, information and money move between partners and how each task affects the next. The course clarifies the difference between purchasing and sourcing, between forecasting and demand planning, and between Just-in-Time and buffer stock. It is the right choice for early-career and operational staff who want a structured grounding and a route towards the CISCP exam, before moving on to manager-level strategy courses.

Course FAQs

What is the CISCP Certified International Supply Chain Professional credential?

CISCP is an entry-level credential in international supply chain management. It covers supply chain fundamentals, forecasting, inventory, purchasing, supplier relations, transport and trade documents, and suits practitioners early in their supply chain careers.

What is the difference between Just-in-Time and buffer stock in CISCP preparation?

Just-in-Time brings materials in as they are needed and keeps stock low, which cuts holding cost but leaves little room for delays. Buffer stock holds extra units against uncertainty, which protects service but ties up cash and space.



Which syllabus does the CISCP preparation course follow?

It follows the CISCP syllabus, from supply chain fundamentals to transport and customs, and teaches it through entry-level models such as Economic Order Quantity, Just-in-Time and the seven rights of logistics.

Is the CISCP preparation course right for a warehouse supervisor?

Yes, for a warehouse supervisor at an early stage of a supply chain career. The course links stock control to purchasing, transport and supplier performance, which widens a supervisor's view beyond the warehouse.

What do delegates produce in the CISCP preparation course?

Delegates produce a map of one product's supply chain from supplier to customer, marked with order sizes, reorder points, transport modes and required documents, and work through sets of exam-style questions.

