Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice

GExperts Learning Academy | PC-X21 | PC | 12-18 weeks

Course overview

12-18 weeks PC programme focused on Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice, using energy-sector cases and applied decisions.

Designed for: Experienced professionals

Learning outcomes

- Explain core principles and terminology for Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice.
- Interpret an applied case using evidence and stated assumptions.
- Identify risks, safeguards, role boundaries and escalation points.
- Prepare a clear recommendation for a multidisciplinary audience.

Course guide

Work through each module objective, lesson and teaching note, complete the applied activity and assessment, then use the separate Academy practice page for practice questions and answer feedback.

Separate practice questions:
https://www.globalexpertsconsultoria.com/training/academy/courses/questions/?course=PC-X21

Academic and certification status

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Module 1: Petroleum legislative architecture

Learning objectives

- Explain petroleum legislative architecture, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Petroleum legislative architecture
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Distinguish legislation, regulations, licence conditions, contracts and internal procedures. Public-law obligations and private agreements serve different functions. A commercial agreement cannot be assumed to waive a statutory requirement. Identify which authority and jurisdiction govern each issue.

Decision logic. Teach a verification method rather than unverified current legal rules: locate the official instrument, record amendment and commencement status, confirm applicability, and obtain qualified review. Classroom comparisons of concessions and PSAs are not statements of Namibia's adopted system.

Worked example. A contract refers to an old environmental instrument; the legal register must check current requirements before relying on it.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Create a legal-register template for exploration, development and operations.

Model answer guide. Include instrument, version, duty, applicability, owner, evidence and next review date.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Create a legal-register template for exploration, development and operations.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

Use the separate Academy practice questions and answer key page for this module.

Module 2: Licensing and acreage management

Learning objectives

- Explain licensing and acreage management, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Licensing and acreage management
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Licences define rights and obligations within specified areas and periods. Work commitments, reporting, transfers and relinquishment may be governed by the applicable framework. Explain the difference between holding acreage and receiving all approvals to develop or operate.

Decision logic. Assess technical capability, beneficial ownership, financial capacity and compliance evidence within lawful processes. Keep commercial attractiveness separate from eligibility. Do not invent bid-round dates, licence terms or regulator powers for Namibia.

Worked example. A fictional explorer holds an exploration right but has not secured approval for a later development activity.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Build an approval dependency map and identify verification questions.

Model answer guide. Separate rights, environmental approvals, development decisions and operational consents; verify each duty.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Build an approval dependency map and identify verification questions.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

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Practice

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Module 3: Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice: Systems and

Learning objectives

- Explain regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: systems and interfaces, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice: Systems and Interfaces
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice: Systems and Interfaces describes a practical part of Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: systems and interfaces. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: systems and interfaces while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Prepare a decision brief for regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: systems and interfaces: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: systems and interfaces: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Module 4: Environmental legal register and compliance

Learning objectives

- Explain environmental legal register and compliance, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Environmental legal register and compliance
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Environmental duties can arise across assessment, permits, operating conditions, waste, monitoring and closure. Identify the activity, receptor and obligation before choosing evidence. A permit application is different from an issued approval.

Decision logic. Build a current obligations register verified against official instruments and site-specific conditions. Do not import foreign discharge limits as local law. Compliance monitoring should record accountable owners, exceedances, corrective action and reporting requirements.

Worked example. A project has an assessment report but no verified record of the required approval decision.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Review a fictional compliance register and classify missing evidence.

Model answer guide. Flag unverified approvals and conditions; do not mark compliant merely because a study exists.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Review a fictional compliance register and classify missing evidence.

Assessment

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Practice

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Module 5: Maritime and offshore legal interfaces

Learning objectives

- Explain maritime and offshore legal interfaces, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Maritime and offshore legal interfaces
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Offshore activities can involve coastal-state, flag-state, port-state, class and contractual requirements. These are overlapping functions, not synonyms. Explain vessel status, marine pollution prevention and personnel competence as separate assurance areas.

Decision logic. Identify jurisdiction and task before applying a rule. A vessel certificate does not by itself approve every cargo transfer or offshore activity. Obtain current maritime and legal advice for actual operations; classroom guidance is not a statutory checklist.

Worked example. A vessel is classed but its planned task requires additional operational and port checks.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Map responsible parties and verification documents for a fictional supply voyage.

Model answer guide. Distinguish class, flag, port, coastal-state and charter requirements without asserting universal document lists.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Map responsible parties and verification documents for a fictional supply voyage.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Module 6: Contract strategy and risk allocation

Learning objectives

- Explain contract strategy and risk allocation, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Contract strategy and risk allocation
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Contracts define scope, deliverables, payment, acceptance, change and remedies. Lump sum, reimbursable and target-cost arrangements allocate uncertainty differently. Begin with scope maturity and market capability rather than choosing a familiar contract label.

Decision logic. Risk should be allocated to parties able to manage it, with realistic pricing and assurance. Unclear interfaces create disputes despite detailed clauses. Actual indemnity, liability, insurance and governing-law terms require qualified legal and commercial review.

Worked example. A supplier prices an undefined offshore interface as an exclusion; the owner's total risk remains unresolved.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Draft a scope and interface schedule for a fictional package.

Model answer guide. Include deliverables, acceptance evidence, owner interfaces, change control and exclusions.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Draft a scope and interface schedule for a fictional package.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Module 7: Dispute prevention and resolution

Learning objectives

- Explain dispute prevention and resolution, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Dispute prevention and resolution
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Disputes often begin with ambiguity, undocumented change or inconsistent expectations. Teach contemporaneous records, issue escalation and contractual notice awareness. Separate technical disagreement from entitlement and relationship management.

Decision logic. Map negotiation, mediation, expert determination, arbitration or litigation only as options governed by actual agreements and law. Protect privileged or sensitive information and obtain legal advice where needed. Never invent notice periods or enforceability claims.

Worked example. A contractor requests extra payment for changed access conditions but the instructions and impact records are incomplete.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Assemble an issue chronology and identify evidence gaps.

Model answer guide. Separate established facts, disputed facts, contract questions and commercial options.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Assemble an issue chronology and identify evidence gaps.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Module 8: Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice: Communicati

Learning objectives

- Explain regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: communication and escalation, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice: Communication and Escalation
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice: Communication and Escalation describes a practical part of Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: communication and escalation. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: communication and escalation while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Prepare a decision brief for regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: communication and escalation: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: communication and escalation: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Module 9: Petroleum policy and institutional governance

Learning objectives

- Explain petroleum policy and institutional governance, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Petroleum policy and institutional governance
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Policy sets objectives, institutions assign authority, and governance creates accountability for decisions and resources. Explain government, regulator and state enterprise roles conceptually without asserting an unverified current Namibian structure.

Decision logic. Separate commercial participation from regulatory judgement and manage conflicts transparently. Define decision rights, disclosure, assurance and challenge. A strong governance design includes implementation capacity and an audit trail, not just an organisation chart.

Worked example. A fictional institution both promotes investment and evaluates its own project compliance, creating a conflict to manage.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Draft a responsibility matrix and conflict-management controls.

Model answer guide. Identify segregated decisions, independent review, declarations and public accountability where applicable.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Draft a responsibility matrix and conflict-management controls.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Module 10: Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice: Competenc

Learning objectives

- Explain regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: competence review, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice: Competence Review
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice: Competence Review describes a practical part of Regulatory Compliance and Petroleum Law Practice. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: competence review. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: competence review while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Prepare a decision brief for regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: competence review: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for regulatory compliance and petroleum law practice: competence review: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Facilitator close-out and resources

Facilitator close-out

Record attendance, assessment evidence, learner support needs, incidents and improvement actions according to approved provider processes. Do not sign learners off for regulated or safety-critical work without the authorised assessment and certification route.

Resources and references

- Supplied GExperts/IUM reference materials; verify reuse rights and currentness.
- Current applicable Namibian legislation, standards and approved site procedures supplied by the provider.
- Case worksheet and instructor slides must be produced and reviewed before course release.