

BENEFITS OF ‘CERTIFICATION’

What is Certification?

Professional certification is a process in which an individual proves that he or she has the knowledge, experience, and skills to perform a specific job. The certificate assures employers that the holder is competent and professional. Some certifications are basic and require minimal effort and learning to obtain, such as certification in CPR. Others require multiple years of education and experience, such as a Certified Public Accountant.

⇒ **The Humanitarian Logistics Certification Program certifies that individuals have the skills required to be competent and professional humanitarian logisticians.**

Finding competent staff for immediate deployment is a constant struggle for humanitarian organizations. Emergencies require immediate response and organizations do not have time to develop or train personnel. Professional humanitarian logisticians have to be able to ‘hit the ground running’.

Senior logistics and supply chain personnel from UN, NGO, and the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement together defined the comprehensive skills required of a professional humanitarian logistician – what is required at an operational level and what is required at higher, more tactical or strategic levels. The Humanitarian Logistics Certification Program was subsequently designed, under the guidance of these organizations, to ensure graduates have the skills required to perform competently on the ground.



The Courses

The Humanitarian Logistics Certification Program has 3 courses:

- 1) **Certification in Humanitarian Logistics (CHL)** – Launched in September 2006 and updated in 2012, CHL teaches the base principles of logistics and supply chain operations in the humanitarian context in order to increase the proficiency and expertise of humanitarian logisticians working at an **operational level**.
⇒ CHL is designed to be completed in 18 months, working approx. 5 hours per week. It is available in French and English.
- 2) **Certification in Humanitarian Supply Chain Management (CHSCM)** – Launched in 2008, CHSCM emphasizes more strategic elements of supply chain management and is aimed at senior logisticians and logistics coordinators working at the **strategic level** of humanitarian operations.
⇒ CHSCM is designed to be completed in 24 months, working approx. 10 hours per week. It is available in English only.
- 3) **Certification in Humanitarian Medical Logistics Practices (MedLog)** – Launched in 2009, MedLog is, like CHL, at the **operational level**, but focused on the special supply chain requirements of medical items.
⇒ MedLog is designed to be completed in 6 months, working approx. 5 hours per week. It is available in English only.

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CHSCM	Identify Humanitarian Aid Requirements		Identify Product Requirements		Prepare Response To Requirements		Emergency Response Strategy	Ongoing & Supply Strategy
			Identify Operational Constraints					
CHL	Specify Supply Chain Configuration		Plan Supply Chain		Resource Supply Chain		Emergency Response Plan	Ongoing & Supply Plan
	Source Products	Manage Inventory	Store	Transport	Int'l Logistics	Specialized Functions		
	MedLog – the same activities/functions and situations as CHL, but with respect to medical items							

The full Competence Models for each respective course are available on the Humanitarian Logistics Certification Program website, here: www.hlcertification.org. With questions, please contact enquiry@hlcertification.org.