

Training courses offered by the World Trade Organization (WTO)

The WTO offers online, expert-led training courses and self-taught courses entailing the use of various multimedia resources.

The WTO Regional Reference Center established at IICA Headquarters supports users by providing them with information about the courses, and the guides and tutorials used to access them.

This note, prepared by the WTO-IICA Regional Reference Center (WTO-IICA RRC), administered by the Center for Strategic Analysis for Agriculture (CAESPA) of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), provides information intended for officials in the Institute's member countries concerning the courses on international trade that the WTO offers to developing, least developed, and observer countries, especially the self-taught courses.

In its capacity as an observer member of the WTO Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, IICA encourages officials in its member countries to sign up for these courses, which are designed to enhance institutional capabilities and thereby help the countries play a more effective part in the multilateral trading system and obtain greater benefits from it.

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With a view to strengthening human capabilities in the countries, the WTO basically offers two types of courses:

Self-taught courses: Courses on very general aspects of the WTO: responsibilities, basic principles, and agreements, among others. No certification is awarded.

Online courses: These are more advanced courses that address technical aspects of trade: WTO multilateral agreements, trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights,

Non-agricultural market access, trade in services, trade and environment, trade remedies, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, and technical barriers to trade, among others.

All the courses are available in three languages (Spanish, English, and French), and the modules are based on training materials prepared by WTO experts.

More information about the courses can be found on the WTO's E-Learning Web page (<https://etraining.wto.org>), including the registration process, the requirements, and the content of the courses, most of which are free. The WTO-IICA RRC can also provide you with information, by phone or email, about the types of courses available and the topics covered, and help you to access them.

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