



## Fact Sheet 2024

# HEAT Hostile Environment Awareness Training



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The Swiss Armed Forces International Command SWISSINT presents to the Swiss Federal department of Foreign Affairs and its partners a training course designed to cover the most important fundamental security issues.

This course is run as a stand-alone training module for civilians working in a peacebuilding environment only.

Our HEAT (Hostile Environment Awareness Training) boasts five days of varied but complimentary security and safety-related topics to prepare you for the challenges of international field deployment. Our military expert team of specialized trainers will be on hand to coach and assist you in honing essential skills that will allow you to tackle difficult situations in uncertain environments successfully.

### AIM

On completion of the course, you will:

- Be effective in assessing and recognizing safety and security threats and challenges (incl. mine awareness, hostage situations, team under fire, and other personal security issues);
- Be confident and competent to make critical and appropriate decisions in stressful situations;
- Be comfortable in map-reading, navigation, and the use of radio and GPS;
- Have experienced difficult all-terrain driving and been shown how to change tires & use a car winch as well as carry out a thorough daily vehicle check;
- Be capable of applying basic first aid techniques and carrying out emergency life support.



## Additional Information / details

### Method of instruction

The HEAT is a balanced mix of classroom lessons and practical work. All topics taught during the course will be covered and tested (in terms of self-evaluation) during a field exercise on the last day.

### Target Audience

The course is designed for staff members of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, its partners, and any civilian personnel of other organizations (national or international) who wish to develop critical skills and competencies for future field deployment.

### Duration / Date

1 week (5 days)  
MONDAY 27 MAY to FRIDAY 31 MAY 2024

### Location

CH-6370 STANS-OBERDORF, Switzerland.

### Language Requirements

The course is held in English only. Participants must have the following standards of language proficiency:

- Listening (Professional / 3), Speaking (Professional / 3), Reading (Functional / 2), Writing (Functional / 2)
- No translation will be provided.

### Costs

- This course includes training, accommodation and all meals.
- Travel costs to/from Switzerland **shall be paid by either the sending nation / organization or by the participant.**
- Pick-up / drop-off at/from STANS train station will be provided at designated times.
- Other travel and/or accommodation in Switzerland is the responsibility of each participant.

### Restrictions

- The Course is limited to 24 participants. Generally, only two slots per organization will be accepted. A balanced gender and national/international ratio of the participants is strived for.
- Slot reservation of organizations is not possible.

### Application

- The application deadline is five weeks before the course.
- All applications will be pooled together and selected individually. Participants will be first informed on **08 March 2024** of their application status.
- Participants will either be admitted, declined, or put on the waiting list.
- Further selection steps will follow after the submission of the application form.

### Liability

- The Swiss Armed Forces do not cover health care expenses.
- All participants are individually responsible for arranging or securing adequate insurance (accident, liability, and health) or must confirm a Governmental guarantee to cover any health care expenses while in Switzerland.
- Participants without a valid driver's license (valid international driver's license for non-Schengen participants mandatory) will not be allowed to participate in the practical driver's education.
- For VISA-issues, please visit the following website: <http://www.bfm.admin.ch/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html>

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