



Apparel Costing Online course

Introduction

The **Apparel Costing** Course is a deep dive into apparel costing. It covers the basic elements of cost, defines IMU from the retail and sourcing perspective and gives a thorough grounding in other important considerations that impact product development decisions.



This course has been developed in partnership with Textile and Fashion Industry Training Centre.



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Key learning outcomes

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand cost components of a garment and the respective logistics influencing cost and delivery time frame
- Evaluate potential trade-offs among materials, labor and/or manufacturing location in meeting brand or retailer objectives
- Communicate and negotiate with buyers regarding sourcing alternatives with confidence

Who this course is for

The course is geared for junior and senior individuals and teams who need to refresh or learn garment costing fundamentals. It is well-suited for apparel sourcing and buying offices, buyers, merchandisers, product developers and tech designers.

Format

The course is self-paced and includes a pre-assessment test; **5 modules of interactive instruction and exercises; and a final assessment followed by an Alvanon Certification of Completion for successful course participants.** The recommended commitment for this course is a minimum **2 hours per week over a 6 week period.**

Course outline	Estimated minutes
Pre-assessment	60 mins
Course overview	30 mins
Module 1: Cost vs price	40 mins
Understanding cost & price	
Cost led pricing & price led costs	
Module 2: Cost components of a garment	240 mins
Markers	
Markers in practice	
Trims	
Cut & make	
Line efficiency	

The instructor



Ed Gribbin has 4 decades of expertise from the factory floor to the boardrooms of global apparel companies. Ed has helped clients around the globe develop and implement growth strategies and solutions in disciplines ranging from marketing, merchandising to product development and supply chain. He is widely recognized as one of the world's leading authorities on apparel sizing and fit. Ed serves on numerous industry boards, including the American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA); and the International Apparel Federation (IAF).

Module 3: Estimated landed cost (ELC)

120 mins

Duties and tariffs

Freight cost

Estimating carton dimensions

Calculating ELC & FOB

Module 4: Initial mark-up (IMU)

60 mins

Determining IMU

Module 5: Costing considerations during negotiation

60 mins

Cost effectiveness

Additional costing considerations

Engineer end-to-end efficiency

Final assessment

60 mins



Alvanon Certificate of Completion
for successful course participants

About Alvanon

When Alvanon was founded in 2001 it was focused on solving the sizing and fit challenges inherent in the apparel industry. It has since evolved into a global company, shaping the future of fit through modern technology and an innovative data-driven approach.

About TaF.tc

Textile and Fashion Industry Training Centre (TaF.tc) is the training arm of the Textile & Fashion Federation (Taff). It's also the first Continuing Education and Training Centre (GET) for the textile and fashion industry in Singapore, with the vision of becoming a global fashion school without boundaries.



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