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WELCOME NOTE FROM THE CEO

Thank you for choosing the Australian Salesmasters Training Co (ASTC) to assist you in achieving your personal development goals.

Your decision to participate in a training course is a wise one, whether it will be employment-based or at your own leisure via correspondence or online. We look forward to assisting you in receiving formal recognition that is nationally recognised for the competencies you are studying or those that you already possess.

This Learner Handbook sets out a range of processes, procedures, and information for you on how best to enjoy the learning process with us.

It is important that you read this Learner Handbook and complete the Declaration at the end of this handbook and return it to us via post, fax, or email.

On behalf of our team at the Australian Salesmasters Training Co, I wish you an enjoyable and valuable learning experience.

Ashraf Hanna CEO

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ABOUT AUSTRALIAN SALESMASTERS TRAINING CO

Welcome to the Australian Salesmasters Training Co (ASTC).

ASTC is an innovative Registered Training Organisation (RTO) specialising in providing quality training and assessment in Health Services, Business, Sales, Financial Management, Warehousing, Project Management, Real Estate (Property Services) and a wide range of other qualifications.

ASTC's trainers have a long history in industry and are committed to providing quality training and assessment services. All hold the necessary training and assessment competencies as determined by the National Skills Council or its successor's accreditation.

Our trainers and assessors are highly qualified and have extensive vocational experience. We are here to support our Learners through our training programs and to ensure they have an enjoyable learning experience.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Phone: 138 300 (02) 9700 9333 National: 1800 180 480 (free call) Fax: (02) 9700 8988



Our commitment to you

Australian Salesmasters is committed to bringing to you the most relevant and current training courses and materials available.

We commit to assisting you complete the training and assessments in your enrolled course. We also commit to support you, throughout your learning experience.

Where help or assistance is required, please call our team on 1300 008 880.

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Email: Contact Learner Support info@astc.edu.au

IT support: afifi@astc.edu.au

YOUR TRAINING EXPERIENCE

The Australian Quality Framework Standards (AQF STANDARDS)

You are about to become a Learner in the process that can result in achieving a nationally accredited qualification. These qualifications can only be delivered by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

To be an RTO, ASTC must ensure that it complies with the conditions of its registration throughout the period of its registration. These conditions are described within the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011.

As an RTO ASTC must comply with the VET Quality Framework, which includes:

- the Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015
- the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

ASTC is audited by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) to ensure compliance to the above.

These standards and the auditing process are intended to provide the basis for a nationally consistent, high quality vocational education and training system.

These standards are described in more detail in the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011, which basically confirms the right of ASQA to audit ASTC, apply penalties for non-compliance, define the requirements to retain records and other administration and operational requirements of a functioning RTO, etc.

Australian Salesmasters is RTO #6854.

Please refer to <u>https://www.asqa.gov.au/</u> for more information.

What is the Australian Qualifications Framework?

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) provides a national framework for all education and training qualifications in Australia. There are ten qualifications in the AQF. Six of these are relevant to the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector. The ten qualifications are:

Schools Sector	Vocational Education and Training Sector	Higher Education Sector (Tertiary)
Senior Secondary	Vocational Graduate Diploma	Doctoral Degree
Certificate of Education	Vocational Graduate Certificate	Masters Degree
	Advanced Diploma	Graduate Diploma
	Diploma	Graduate Certificate
	Certificate IV	Bachelor Degree
	Certificate III	Associate Degree
	Certificate II	Advanced Diploma
	Certificate I	Diploma

Information on the Characteristics of competencies and the Distinguishing Features of Learning Outcomes for qualifications under the AQF may be obtained at: <u>www.aqf.edu.au</u>.

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ENROLMENT

LEARNER SELECTION REGARDING PRE-REQUISITES

There are pre-requisites to enrolling in some of our training programs.

Specific details of these pre-requisites are contained in individual course information documentation on our website.

If you have any questions, please discuss the course with your trainer or the Student Support Officer.

FEE PAYING LEARNER

Enrolment will consist of you contacting Australian Salesmasters Training Co Pty Ltd on 138 300.

You will be provided electronically via email, or we will post to you:

- a Learner Handbook
- an Enrolment form
- training Learner Acceptance Agreement
- training Plan
- any available literature on the courses being considered and any other relevant documentation.

If fee paying, please complete the enrolment form.

TRAINEESHIP

To enrol in one of ASTC's Government Funded courses you will need to obtain the permission of your employer to allow ASTC to enrol you in the training program.

If fee paying, just complete the enrolment form.

Enrolment will consist of you contacting Australian Salesmasters Training Co Pty Ltd on 138 300.

Our Customer Service Officer accompanied by an officer from an Australian Apprenticeship Centre will attend upon you and supply you with:

- a Learner Training Folder
- an Enrolment form
- training Plan
- traineeship documentation (as required by law from time to time refer to <u>http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au</u>) any available literature on the courses being considered and any other relevant documentation

NSW – SMART AND SKILLED

Smart and Skilled is a reform of the NSW vocational education and training system. It's helping people get the skills they need to find a job and advance their careers.

Smart and Skilled provides eligible students who are resident in New South Wales with:

- an entitlement to government-subsidised training up to and including Certificate III
- government funding for higher-level courses (Certificate IV and above) in targeted priority areas.

Please refer to our website for detailed information:

[https://www.thesalesmasters.com.au/funding/smart-skilled/].

Eligibility

To be eligible for Smart and Skilled fee-free programs, you must, at the time of enrolment, be:

- an Australian citizen, permanent resident, or New Zealand passport holder resident for more than 6 months, or
- an eligible humanitarian visa holder, and
- living or working in NSW, and
- at least 15 years of age, and
- not enrolled in or attending secondary school

Alternatively, please refer to the Smart and Skilled website for up-to-date information [https://education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw/students-and-job-seekers/low-cost-and-free-trainingoptions/smart-and-skilled-training#Am0]

Before or at the time of enrolment a Smart and Skilled Learner must be given a copy of the current version of the Smart and Skilled Fee Administration Policy (https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/index.html).

Be aware of the ASTC'S policies and processes on:

- evidence required for eligibility for Smart and Skilled programs and fee exemptions and concessions where relevant
- withdrawal without penalty
- repeat attempts to complete a unit of competency
- fee refunds
- recovery of outstanding fees
- levying of participant fees

The current information related to ASTC's obligations under Smart and Skilled is located on ASTC's website: <u>https://www.thesalesmasters.com.au/funding/smart-skilled/</u>

For assistance to enrol into a Smart and Skilled program, please contact one of our Smart and Skilled enrolment officers on 138 300.

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Student Rights and Obligations Under Smart and Skilled

As a Learner receiving government-subsidised training under Smart and Skilled, you have certain rights and obligations.

You have the right to:

- expect that the quality of your training meets the standards, regulations and requirement set down by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) and Smart and Skilled
- be informed about the collection of your personal information and be able to review and correct that information
- access your training provider's consumer protection complaints process.

Your obligations include:

- providing accurate information to the training provider
- behaving in a responsible and ethical manner.

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MODE OF LEARNING

ASTC offer the following learning modes:

- Face to face
- eLearning
- Distance (Correspondence)
- Blended

For face-to-face training, there is a set schedule to follow with a fixed completion date.

With distance learning and e-learning, you set the pace for your learning activities. These modes will help you achieve your desired result with good time management and self-motivation.

Blended mode combines the flexibility of online learning with the support of face-to-face training.

THE TRAINING PLAN

What is a Training Plan?

The training plan will outline who will deliver the training, and when and where you need to go to receive the structured component of the training. Treat the training plan as a working document. It should be flexible enough to meet all your needs. Remember that you can talk about this to your ASTC trainer or ASTC Administration at any stage during the training.

What is the purpose of a Training Plan?

The Training Plan provides detailed information on training and assessment agreed to by you, your trainer, your employer (where applicable) and ASTC. This information ensures that all parties are making informed decisions about the services required and the respective obligations in the delivery of these services. It is an important document that you, your employer (where applicable) and ASTC must sign and provides a record of intent and progress during the learning process.

What are the requirements for monitoring a Training Plan?

The details of the Training Plan should be monitored and amended where required. For example, changes to time frames or to the person responsible for training or assessment should be amended on the Training Plan. The Training Plan should also provide evidence that training and assessment is progressing satisfactorily, and regular visits have taken place (if applicable).

What is to be included in the Training Plan

The training plan must specify the following:

- the competencies to be obtained
- the timeframe for achieving the competencies
- the training to be undertaken
- the delivery mode(s) to be employed
- the details (when, how and how much) of the time allocated outside routine work duties is for off-the-job training
- who is responsible for the delivery and/or assessment of each competency
- assessment details and arrangements

- a record of any recognised prior learning (RPL) for qualifications and cross-credit hours granted prior to commencing the training. RPL involves the assessment of any existing relevant skills and/or qualifications. This crediting process can reduce the length or the duration of your training
- the name of the qualification to be issued
- any other specific requirements to be met in accordance with the particular training contract in question

Who signs the Training Plan?

The following individuals sign the training plan as confirmation that they contributed to the development of the plan and are aware of their responsibility to ensure that it is implemented and monitored.

- ASTC
- Learner/Apprentice/Trainee
- Employer (where applicable)

INDUCTION

Once all Learners have completed the enrolment session, they must complete an induction program which will cover:

- introduction to the ASTC training team
- confirmation of the course to be delivered
- the training and assessment procedures, including method, format and purpose of assessment
- learner behaviour
- qualifications to be issued
- assistance with RPL process
- assessment guidelines
- payment for course
- assessment completion
- support services
- complaints procedures
- appeals procedures
- feedback
- confirmation that all the above information was provided via face to face, DVD or other methods and handouts distributed are required to be acknowledged by the training learner.

LANGUAGE, LITERACY AND NUMERACY (LLN) ASSISTANCE

Our course standard material contains written documentation and limited numerical calculations depending on the qualification requirements.

We recognise that not all people are able to read, write and perform calculations to the same standards.

We aim at all times to provide a positive and rewarding learning experience for all of our learners. Our enrolment form asks learners to provide information regarding their LL&N requirements or any other special learning needs. In the event of LL&N becoming an issue, the Student Support Officer will contact the learners to discuss their requirements.

Learners must ensure that they have discussed with the Student Support Officer any concerns they may have about their capacity to participate because of any Language, Literacy or Numeracy difficulties. Based on that, we will offer to any learner at enrolment a reading and comprehension exercise to ascertain suitability for enrolment into a course.

Where language, literacy and numeracy competency is essential for course learners, we will make every effort to ensure that learners are adequately supported to enable them to complete their training. Some examples of the type of support that we are able to offer include:

Language

- Present information in small chunks
- Speak clearly, concisely and not too quickly
- Give clear instructions in a logical sequence
- Give lots of practical examples
- Encourage learners to ask questions
- Ask all questions to ensure learners understand

Literacy

- Provide learners only essential writing tasks
- Consider the use of group exercises so that the responsibility for writing rests with more than one person
- Provide examples and models of completed tasks
- Ensure that documents and forms are written and formatted in plain English
- Use clear headings, highlight certain key words or phrases and provide explanations of all technical terms used

Numeracy

- Ask learners to identify in words, what the exact problem is and how they might solve it
- Show learners how to do the calculations through step by step instructions and through examples of completed calculations
- Help learners to work out what math's/calculations/measurements are required to complete the task
- Encourage the use of calculators and demonstrate how to use them

We will endeavour to help you where we can to accommodate anyone with difficulties with Language, Literacy or Numeracy.

In the event that a Learner's needs exceed our skill, we will refer the Learner to an external support provider.

Australian Council for Adult Literacy	<u>info@acal.edu.au</u>		
Reading and Writing Hotline	P: 1300 655 506		
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LEARNER SUPPORT, WELFARE AND GUIDANCE

We will assist all Learners in their efforts to complete the training programmes.

In the event that you are experiencing any difficulties with your studies, we would recommend that you see or contact your trainer, or another member of ASTC's team.

We will ensure that the full resources of our RTO are made available to ensure that you achieve the required level of competency in all nationally recognised qualifications.

Should you be experiencing any personal difficulties you should make contact directly with the ASTC's Student Support Officer who will assist you to the full extent of our capacity.

If your needs exceed ASTC's support capacity, we will refer you onto an appropriate external agency.

You can seek support immediate by contacting:

Police/Fire/Ambulance	Interpreting Services (TIS):
Ring 000	P: 13 14 50
Poisons Information Centre 24hr advice on all exposures to poisons, medicines, plants, bites/stings P: 13 11 26	National Alcohol and Other Drug (24-hour counselling and information) 1800 250 015
Abortion Grief Counselling	DV Hotline (Domestic Violence support and referral)
1300 363 550	P: 1800 737 732
Family Drug Support Information, help and support for families affected by drugs P: 1300 368 186	Literacy and Numeracy Support: P: 1300 363 079
Lifeline	MensLine Australia
Crisis support and suicide prevention services	for men with family and relationship concerns
P: 131 114	P: 1300 789 978
Pregnancy Counselling Australia	Pregnancy Help Line
Pregnancy termination alternatives and post	24-hour counselling and information for pregnant
termination counselling	women and their families
P: 1300 737 732	P: 1300 139 313
Salvation Army Salvos	Sexual Abuse and Redress Support Service
P: 137 258	P: 1800 211 028

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FLEXIBLE DELIVERY AND ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

ASTC recognises that not all Learners learn in the same manner, and that with an amount of "reasonable adjustments" Learners who may not study best with traditional learning and assessment methods will still achieve good results.

ASTC will make any necessary adjustments to meet the needs of a variety of Learners. The ability to complete a written assessment is not to be interpreted as a barrier to competency, provided that the Learner can verbally demonstrate competency.

These adjustments may include having someone read assessment materials to Learners or they may include having someone record the Learner's spoken responses to assessment questions.

ASTC undertakes to assist Learners achieve the required competency standards where it is within our ability.

Where we cannot assist a Learner, we will refer them, where possible, to an agency that can assist.

Any further questions can be referred to your trainer or ASTC's Student Support Officer.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND OBLIGATIONS

ASTC attempts to provide training and assessment services in a spirit of co-operation and mutual respect.

If a trainer or team member is unhappy or dissatisfied with the behaviour or performance of a Learner, the trainer has the authority to:

- warn the Learner that their behaviour is unsuitable, or
- ask the Learner to leave the class, or
- immediately cancel the class.

If a Learner wishes to express a complaint in relation to the disciplinary action taken, they have the opportunity to follow our complaints procedure.

Examples of when disciplinary action may be required to be taken include when a Learner:

- fails to attend the required minimum number of classes for any course without reasonable explanation
- brings onto, or consumes on our premises, any drug of addiction or dependence (except drugs prescribed by a qualified medical practitioner)
- brings onto or consumes on our premises any alcohol
- exhibits any form of behaviour that is adversely affected by the influence of drugs or alcohol
- damages or removes any property or resource of or any training venue hired by ASTC
- assaults (physically or verbally) any person or persons on the premises of or any training venue hired by ASTC
- fails to comply with any instructions given by a member of team relating to the safety of any person or persons on the premises
- exhibits any form of conduct within our premises that is considered to be aggressive, disorderly, disruptive, harassing or interferes with the comfort, safety or convenience of any person who is acting lawfully and entitled to be present

- colludes, plagiarises or cheats in assignments, assessments or examinations which may be detected from non-referencing of source materials, collusion with other Learners in the submission of assessment materials or by reference to the resources detailed on the ASQA Guideline Frequently asked question document
- breaches assessment guidelines
- enters any part of our premises or any other place to which Learners have access for the purpose
 of tuition, when not entitled to do so, or having entered, refuses to leave said premises

Fee Paying Learner

When disciplinary action is taken, the Chief Executive Officer will notify the Learner of the reason for the action.

- A verbal warning will be given to the Learner and documented on the Learner's individual file.
- Where the behaviour continues after the verbal warning, the Chief Executive Officer will counsel the Learner and a written warning will be provided to the Learner. A copy of this written warning will be kept on the Learner's file.
- Where disciplinary action is the result of collusion, plagiarism, cheating or a breach of assessment guidelines, in addition to the above, the Learner will be requested to resubmit their work.
- In the event that the behaviour continues beyond the written warning, the Learner will be removed from the training program. Notification of the Learner's removal will be made in writing and a noted copy will be placed on the Learner's individual file.

Traineeship

When disciplinary action is taken, the Chief Executive Officer will notify the Employer and the Learner of the reason for the action.

- A verbal warning will be given to the Learner and documented on the Learner's individual file.
- Where the behaviour continues after the verbal warning, the Chief Executive Officer will counsel the Learner and a written warning will be provided to the Learner and a copy provided to the Employer. A copy of this written warning will be kept on the Learner's file.
- Where disciplinary action is the result of collusion, plagiarism, cheating or a breach of assessment guidelines, in addition to the above, the Learner will be requested to resubmit their work.
- In the event that the behaviour continues beyond the written warning, the Learner will be removed from the training program. Notification of the Learner's removal will be made in writing to the Learner and a copy provided to the Employer and a noted copy will be placed on the Learner's individual file.

If a Learner wishes to express a complaint in relation to the disciplinary action taken, they have the opportunity to follow our complaints procedure.

We expect that our team will maintain a professional and ethical working relationship with all other staff, management, and Learners. Any breach of our disciplinary standards will be discussed with the trainer, ASTC's Student Support Officer and CEO and the appropriate action will be taken.

RECOGNITION OF OTHER QUALIFICATIONS/ PRIOR LEARNING

NATIONAL RECOGNIATION

We accept and recognise the outcomes of training from any other RTO or body in partnership with an RTO throughout Australia, thereby ensuring acceptance of the qualifications and statements of attainment awarded by all RTOs.

National Recognition requires ASTC to recognise and accept Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) qualifications conferred by other registered training organisations.

Your previous study will be recognised and automatically credited towards their course where the same or equivalent units of competence have been successfully completed.

Procedure:

- Complete a separate application form for National Recognition available upon request
- Submit the application form AND a certified copy of an appropriate statement of attainment from another RTO.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) POLICY

All of our potential or enrolled Learners are provided with full recognition of their current skills and knowledge. We promote acknowledgement of 'non-traditional' forms of learning as valid pathways for recognition of competency achievement during the RPL assessment process.

The recognition of prior learning [RPL] process conducted by us is an assessment process, which provides acknowledgement of all skills and knowledge gained through life experiences, work experience, previous training, and formal education.

Our RPL process examines the evidence within the following key principles:

- Adopting a focus on the competencies held, rather than on how, when or where the learning occurred.
- Demonstrated commitment to recognising the prior learning of adults.
- Providing access to the RPL process for all potential Learners of course.
- Undertaking RPL processes which are fair to all those involved.
- Providing adequate support for all potential RPL applicants.

The RPL assessment process includes the initial provision of information, support and counselling, formal application, assessment, post-assessment guidance and certification for course Learners.

All Learners are offered RPL at time of the pre-enrolment contact and can elect to be considered for RPL by selecting the option available on the enrolment form. The special needs of RPL applicants are recognised by us and we will make all the necessary and reasonable adjustments [taking into account such areas as LL&N] during the RPL assessment process, where appropriate.

A variety of RPL assessment options will be available for potential applicants to identify whether they have achieved standard in the relevant national training program. All assessment mechanisms used are valid, reliable, flexible, and fair and conducted in an ethical manner.

The key objectives of our RPL assessment process are to:

- minimise duplication of learning, training or skill acquisition
- allow the completion of studies in the shortest possible time
- provide clear RPL outcomes and access to further learning/training and career development
- provide quality advice and support to potential and current applicants
- conduct the RPL process only in respect to courses that we are registered to assess
- ensure that only fully qualified consultants are involved in the RPL process
- provide adequate information and support to enable applicants to gather reliable evidence to support their claim for recognition of competencies currently held regardless of how, when or where they were learned
- recognise competencies and modules gained through an RPL process conducted at another registered training organisation via the requirements of recognition of other qualifications
- ensure the RPL applicants of their right of appeal through the formal process
- ensure fees and charges are fair, competitive with the industry standard and are structured to minimise the time and cost to applicants.

Learners can make an application for Recognition of Prior Learning at any time during the training program.

Procedure:

- 1. The applicant fills in the application for recognition of prior learning (exemption), as detailed in the RPL application kit.
- 2. Attached to the application should be:
 - a. Certified copies of the relevant qualifications, transcripts, course outlines and other academic records including the title of the module, duration (hours) of learning, results (marks and grades).
 - b. Evidence of clinical practice, as mentioned above, if exemption is sought.

Applications without presenting the relevant qualifications will not be recognised.

- ASTC reserves the right to check and identify the original qualifications and academic records. Usually, ASTC's Student Support Officer will interview the applicant and verify the authenticity of original documents.
- 4. The module(s) exemption application is finally approved by the CEO and/or the ASTC Board. The following fees apply:

Under a Traineeship:	Nil
Under Smart & Skilled:	Refer to Smart & Skilled Fee
	Administration Policy
Fee for Service:	
Payment of administrative application fee charged	
when unit(s) exemption application is finally approved	\$100
by the CEO and/or the ASTC Academic Committee and	
a fee per module approved will apply	
Certificate II, III, IV	\$150
Diploma, Advanced Diploma	\$250

5. The Applicant will be required to "sign off" on the approval of recognition of prior learning or disapproval from the original form will be placed on the applicant's file and a copy given to the applicant.

An RPL application kit is available upon application and from our website.

Reference: <u>RPL Information Kit</u>

CREDIT TRANSFER POLICY

Credit Transfer is available to all Learners enrolling in any of our training programs on our scope of registration.

Credit Transfer – means credit towards a qualification granted to the Learners on the basis of outcomes gained by a Learner through participation in courses or nationally training package qualifications with another Registered Training Provider.

Credit transfer applies when credit can be given for formal learning equivalent to the competency outcomes. This may include credit transfer based on formal learning that is outside the AQF.

We recognise the AQF qualifications and statements of attainment issued by any other RTOs.

Credit Transfer will only be granted for an entire unit of competency, not for individual elements of competency.

The procedure to make a Credit transfer application is as follows:

- Learner completes a separate application form
- Learner submits the application form AND supporting documentary evidence
- the Application and supporting documentation will then be determined by the Training Manager (or delegated assessor)
- the Training Manager (or delegated assessor) compares the evidence against the unit of competency (may ask for interview to clarify some points)
- the Training Manager (or delegated assessor) makes a judgement and records it on the application
- the Training Manager returns application to RTO administration with result
- RTO administration records result against Learner's name
- RTO administration notifies Learner of result either by email or post to their recorded home address
- Learner may appeal within 30 days of notification. Please refer to Complaints and Appeals Procedure

Supporting Documentation

If your previous study was a program at ASTC, you do not need to submit any supporting documentation. If your previous study was undertaken with another institution, you must submit documentation to support your application. This documentation may include:

- a certified copy of a *Statement of Attainment* for any completed VET studies
- course outlines showing content, learning outcomes and assessment requirements
- an explanation of the grading structure used.

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Assessment Process

ASTC will assess all applications for credit transfer for relevance towards the ASTC program and the currency of the learning outcomes:

Relevance

To receive credit for a previously completed course that course must be equivalent in content, learning outcomes and assessment requirements to the course you wish to receive credit for.

Currency

ASTC will assess your previous study for its currency to determine if the body of knowledge and practice has changed significantly. If the course content has changed significantly and the learner has not maintained sustained practice in the field of study, your application may be rejected.

The Training Manager

- compares the evidence against the unit of competency (may ask for interview to clarify some points)
- makes a judgement and records it on the application
- returns application to RTO administration with result

RTO Administration

- records result against your name
- notifies you of the result either by email or post to your recorded home address You may appeal within 30 days of notification.

Please refer to Assessment Appeals a Credit Transfer Application template is available upon request.

Fees

No fees are applied to Credit Transfer



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PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING POLICY

How do I ensure my own Academic Integrity?

You can achieve Academic Integrity by honestly submitting work that is your own. Presenting work that fails to acknowledge other people's work within yours can compromise Academic Integrity.

This includes:

- plagiarism
- cheating in an assessment
- copying or submitting whole or parts of computer files as if they are your own (e.g. web pages).

Collusion, plagiarism or cheating in assignments will not be tolerated. Your trainer will advise all Learners of the many different ways to avoid plagiarism.

It is a form of cheating, known as plagiarism, to use another's work without appropriate acknowledgment.

All work produced must acknowledge the sources of ideas presented and cite the original written work which informed it.

Plagiarism may occur in oral, written, or visual presentations. It is the presentation of the work, idea, or creation of another person, without appropriate referencing, as though it is your own.

It is also a disciplinary offence for you to allow your work to be plagiarised by another learner. You are responsible for keeping your work in a secure place.

Plagiarism covers a variety of inappropriate behaviours, including:

- failure to properly document a source
- copying material from the internet or databases
- collusion between training learners
- purchasing pre-written or on-demand papers from the numerous paper mills and cheat sites

You must reference the following types of information:

- thoughts, ideas, definitions, or theories
- research and other studies
- statistics
- information from the Internet, including images and media
- designs or works of art
- facts that are not common knowledge

If you don't reference information in your work, it is assumed that:

- it's your own idea
- it's common knowledge, e.g. you wouldn't need to reference that Bendigo is in Victoria
- it's common knowledge in your field of work, e.g. you must have a forklift licence to drive a forklift.

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To maintain Academic Integrity:

- Make sure you understand how to reference your sources.
- Don't leave your assignments around for others to read.
- Make sure you take your discs out of the computers.
- When photocopying or making notes from texts, make sure you record all bibliographic information.
- Make sure your work clearly distinguishes between the ideas of others and your own ideas. If you're not sure how to do this, check with your Trainer about requirements for referencing.

Learners must not:

- submit an assessment completed by another person as their own work
- present as their own work information, text, artwork, graphics or other material taken from any source without referencing
- quote or paraphrase material from a source without referencing

Detection of Plagiarism

The following may be utilised to detect plagiarism:

- Unusual phrasings, noticeable unevenness of style (some very sophisticated sentences followed by some amateurish ones), concepts that seem too sophisticated for the level of the class, unclear or incorrect sources listed in the bibliography, a writing style or diction choice in a particular paper that seems inconsistent with that found in other samples of the Learner's writing
- Enter an unusual phrase or sentence into a standard search engine (e.g., Google, Yahoo) and to locate a match
- Holding a conference with the Learner writer and discuss the paper to determine the Learner's familiarity with his/her own paper and its concepts

Disciplinary Action

Refer Discipline section of this manual.

Copyright

All ASTC team members and learners must observe the following copyright regulations, a copy of which is on display near the photocopier in our Head Office.

A copyright owner is entitled to take legal action against a person who infringes his/her copyright. Unless otherwise permitted by the Copyright Act 1968, unauthorised copying of a work in which copyright subsides may infringe the copyright in that work.

Where making a copy of a work is classed as fair dealing under section 40 of the Copyright Act 1968, making that copy is not an infringement of the copyright in that work.

It is classed as fair dealing to make a copy, for the purpose of research or study, of one or more articles on the same subject matter in a periodical publication or, in the case of any other work, of a reasonable portion of a work.

In the case of a published work that is of not less than 10 pages and is not an artistic work, 10% of the total number of pages, or one chapter, is a reasonable portion.

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More extensive copying may constitute fair dealing for the purpose of research or study. To determine whether it does, it is necessary to have regard to the criteria set out in sub-section 40 (2) of the Copyright Act 1968.

A copy of the Copyright Act 1968 is available for viewing upon request to the Student Support Officer.

COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following applies:

Learner(s) refers to all persons enrolled or seeking to enrol in a course with the Australian Salesmasters Training Co Pty Ltd.

Complainant refers to Learners (as defined above) who have lodged a grievance with the Australian Salesmasters Training Co Pty Ltd.

1. Overview

Australian Salesmasters Training Co Pty Ltd (ASTC) is committed to providing an effective, efficient, timely, fair and confidential grievance-handling procedure for all Learners. This policy covers both academic and non-academic grievances and appeals.

Academic matters include those matters which relate to learner progress, assessment, course content or awards in a VET course of study.

Non-academic matters include those matters which do not relate to learner progress, assessment, course content or awards in a course and include grievances in relation to personal information that the provider holds in relation to a Learner.

Complainants are entitled to access the grievance procedures regardless of the location of the course at which the grievance has arisen, the Complainant's place of residence or mode of study.

This policy does not replace or modify policies or any other responsibilities that may arise under other policies, statutes, or any other law. Also, the dispute resolution procedures outlined below in this document do not circumscribe an individual's rights to pursue other legal remedies.

The ASTC complaints policy and appeals policy will:

- ensure the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness are adopted at every stage of the complaint and appeal process
- be publicly available
- set out the procedure for making a complaint or requesting an appeal
- ensure complaints and requests for an appeal are acknowledged in writing and finalised as soon as practicable, and
- provide for review by an appropriate party independent of ASTC and the Complainant or Appellant, at the request of the individual making the complaint or appeal, if the processes fail to resolve the complaint or appeal.

2. Responsibility

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The Compliance Officer is responsible for the implementation of this policy and procedure and ensuring that all staff are fully trained in its operation and Learners and Complainants are made aware of its availability.

3. General principles

These principles, which will be adhered to by ASTC, apply to all stages of this grievance procedure:

- The Complainant and any respondent will have the opportunity to present their case at each stage of the procedure.
- The Complainant and any respondent have the option of being accompanied/assisted by a third person (such as a family member, friend or counsellor) if they so desire.
- The Complainant and any respondent will not be discriminated against or victimised.
- At all stages of the process, discussions relating to grievances and appeals will be recorded in writing. Reasons and a full explanation in writing for decisions and actions taken as part of this procedure will be provided to the Complainant and/or any respondent if requested.
- Records of all grievances will be kept for a period of five years to allow parties to the grievance appropriate access to these records. These records will be kept strictly confidential and stored at ASTC, Level 3, 30-40 Harcourt Parade, Rosebery, NSW 2018. Access to these records may be requested by writing to the Office Manager at the aforementioned address.
- A Complainant shall have access to the internal stages of this grievance procedure at no cost.
 Costs for an external appeal will be shared equally by ASTC and the Complainant.

4. Informal Grievance Procedure

Learners are encouraged initially to attempt to resolve a grievance informally by talking directly with the person concerned to resolve the problem. This step is not mandatory, and a Learner may proceed directly to the Formal Grievance Procedure.

5. Formal Grievance Procedure

5.1 Stage One

Formal grievances should be submitted in writing on the Formal Grievance Form to the Learner Support Officer at ASTC, PO Box 638, Rosebery, NSW 1445 or by email to **info@astc.edu.au**. The Complaints Form is located on the ASTC site at <u>https://www.thesalesmasters.com.au/support/learner-faq/</u>.

The Complainant is invited to include suggestions about how the grievance might be resolved. The Learner Support Officer will notify the Complainant of receipt of the grievance within 5 working days.

The Learner Support Officer will then investigate the grievance. This may include consultations or a possible meeting with the Complainant and any other relevant party to clarify the issues. After the investigation, the Learner Support Officer will determine the outcome and advise the Complainant in writing of their decision within 10 working days. The Complainant will be advised of their right to access Stage Two of this procedure if they are not satisfied with the outcome of Stage One.

5.2 Stage Two

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If the Complainant is not satisfied with the outcome of Stage One, they may lodge an appeal in writing within 20 working days of receiving the written response to the CEO at ASTC, PO Box 638, Rosebery, NSW 1445.

The CEO will notify the Complainant of receipt of the appeal within 5 working days.

The Complainant's appeal will be determined by the CEO, who will conduct all necessary consultations with the Complainant and other relevant persons and make a determination of the appeal. The Complainant will be advised in writing of the outcome of their appeal, including the reasons for the decision, within 10 working days. The Complainant will be advised of their right to progress to Stage Three of the grievance procedure if they consider the matter unresolved.

5.3 Stage Three

If the Complainant is not satisfied with the outcome of their appeal, then an independent mediator will be sourced by ASTC through the Resolution Institute. Complainants may request that their grievance is referred to the independent mediator by writing to the CEO at ASTC, PO Box 638, Rosebery, NSW 1445.

Costs of such mediation will be shared equally by ASTC and the Complainant. As a guide, the mediator's costs would be \$385 for the first four hours (or part thereof). Subsequent hours would be \$137.50 per hour. It is common for most disputes to be resolved within the initial four-hour allocation.

If the Complainant remains unsatisfied with the outcome of the mediator's decision, then they may contact the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA). For contact details and information, please see https://www.asqa.gov.au/about/complaints/complaints-about-training-providers.

ASTC will give due consideration to any recommendations arising from the external review of the grievance within 30 days of receipt of the recommendations.

6. Publication

This Learner Grievance Policy and Procedure (Academic and Non-academic) will be made available to Learners and those seeking to enrol with ASTC through publication on the website (<u>https://www.thesalesmasters.com.au/</u>).

7. Continuous Improvement

Any improvement arising from a learner's academic grievance or appeal will be recorded in the Continuous Improvement Register. This register will be revised by the CEO and the Program Co-ordinator (or delegated nominee) at least four times per year and will provide a report to the Board of Directors.

8. Record keeping and confidentiality

Records of all academic grievances handled under this procedure and their outcomes shall be maintained for a period of at least 5 years to allow all parties to the grievance appropriate access to these records upon written request to the Program Co-ordinator (or delegated nominee).

All records relating to complaints will be treated as confidential and will be covered by the Privacy Policy and Procedure.

9. Assessment Appeals

An application for appeal will be considered where a Learner disagrees with an assessment outcome or claims they have been unfairly treated during the assessment process.

Where appropriate, the Learner should first approach the assessor concerned within 30 days of receiving the assessment result, where practicable.

Where the outcome is not satisfactory to the Learner, the Training Learner Support Officer should be contacted in writing (mail/email) by the Learner, setting out:

- the circumstances surrounding the issue
- who was involved
- why an appeal is being lodged
- any evidence, including dates and documentation
- the name of any witnesses who could support the appeal

An Appeal Form is available from ASTC Administration upon request and may be downloaded from our website.

The Training Learner Support Officer will refer the appeal to the Board of Directors, who will further investigate and consider the appeal. This may involve consultations with the appellant, relevant staff and/or subject matter experts. The Learner will be notified in writing of the outcome and the reason for the decision.

If the Learner is not satisfied with the outcome, the appeal will be referred to an independent person, who is agreed to by both parties, and the Learner will have an opportunity to formally present their case.

10. Appeal Third Party Referral

In the event that the Learner is still unsatisfied with the outcome, they will be informed that they can contact and/or refer the matter to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA). Please refer to the following website <u>Complaints about training providers | Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)</u> or call ASQA's enquiry line on 13 38 73.

11. Recording and Documentation of Complaints and Appeals

Any complaints or appeals, whether formal or informal, and their outcomes must be recorded in the Complaints Register or Appeals Register, respectively. This will allow ASTC to investigate and identify potential primary/root causes of complaints and appeals and take appropriate corrective action to eliminate or mitigate the likelihood of reoccurrence. Information gathered from complaints and appeals will be utilised to review and improve ASTC's processes and practices to prevent recurrence or mitigate the likelihood of similar issues arising. The outcomes handling process of complaints and Appeals must be documented using the Complaints Form and Appeals Form, respectively.

Any changes made to systems and actions taken as a result of reviewing complaints and appeals to eliminate or mitigate the likelihood of reoccurrence and address the primary/root cause of the complaints or appeals must be recorded and documented in the "For Office Use Only" section of the Complaints or Appeals Register.

Evidence demonstrating how complaints and appeals were dealt with, including any correspondence exchanged and the outcomes (including timeframes), will be retained for reference.

Complaints and appeals will be monitored and reviewed periodically to ensure timeliness, identify systemic issues, and improve ASTC's operations and services. Feedback from complainants will be actively sought and considered as part of ASTC's continuous improvement process.

Reference: Appeals Form

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Appeals Register Complaints Form Complaints Register QMS

Complaint Smart and Skilled

Location:

A Learner enrolled under a Smart and Skilled funded program may contact the Smart and Skilled customer support centre to seek assistance, ask for advice, make a complaint, or provide feedback.

Learner can lodge the complaint to Smart and Skilled customer support centre or Training Services NSW by calling 1300 772 104, or if you are calling from overseas +61 2 8267 7770. Learner can also lodge a complaint to Smart and Skilled by sending a detail description of the complaint to the following email address <u>smartandskilled.enquiries@det.nsw.edu.au</u> or visit one of <u>Training Services NSW</u> offices.

The Smart and Skilled customer support centre can provide:

- information and advice on your rights
- support with your complaint or dispute, including:
 - > a process for progressing any unresolved complaint
 - > referrals to other agencies that can help with specific complaints within their scope
 - > a mediation service to help you resolve your complaint with the training provider.

Who to Contact

- Issues to do with quality of training, contact the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)
 Website: https://www.asqa.gov.au/
- Smart and Skilled enquiries/complaints

Phone: 1300 772 104

Email: smartandskilled.enquiries@det.nsw.edu.au

 Consumers specifically asking for a refund or similar should contact NSW Fair Trading Phone: 13 32 20, Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 5pm

Website: https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/

Smart and Skilled Complaints and Disputes Handling Process

Where Training Services NSW receives a complaint, the Learner is asked whether they have raised their concerns with their training provider and whether the provider has responded. If the Learner asks for further assistance, the Training Services NSW officer initially tries to resolve the issue through information and mediation.

The officer contacts the training provider and you to help you to resolve the issue. This is done by mediation – trying to get each party to understand and respect each other's points of view, negotiating over differences and discussing possible solutions.

These discussions may take place through letters, emails, telephone conferences, video conferences or face-to-face meetings. The officer then advises on the most effective solutions to resolve the complaint.

While the officer handling the complaint will do all they can to help resolve the complaint, they cannot guarantee a successful solution for you or the training provider. The officer will inform both you and the training provider when they have done all they can to assist. It's then up to you or the training provider to look for another, more formal process to resolve the dispute. View list of all <u>Consumer Protection</u> <u>contacts.</u>

For more information about complaints procedure please visit <u>Smart and Skilled - Information for</u> <u>students (nsw.gov.au)</u>, <u>Training Services NSW</u> website and <u>Students | Australian Skills Quality Authority</u> (ASQA).

LEGISLATIVE REQUIRMENTS

We are subject to a variety of legislation related to training and assessment as well as general business practice.

This legislation governs our obligations as a Registered Training Organisation, our obligations to you as our clients, and relates to the industry that we are conducting training for.

This legislation is continually being updated and all our team are made aware of any changes.

Current legislation is available onli	ne at http://www.austlii.edu.au/	and
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Commonwealth	http://www.comlaw.gov.au
Queensland	http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/OQPChome.htm
New South Wales	http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au
Australian Capital Territory	http://www.legislation.act.gov.au
South Australia	http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au
Western Australia	https://legislation.wa.gov.au/
Tasmania	http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au
Northern Territory	https://legislation.nt.gov.au/

The legislation that particularly effects your participation in Vocational Education and Training includes:

Commonwealth Legislation:

State Based Legislation:

- Copyright Act 1968
- Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act 1986
- Disability Standards for Education 2005
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- Racial Hatred Act 1995
- Racial Discrimination Act 1975
- Sex Discrimination Act 1984
- Privacy Act 1988
- National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011

- Education Act 1990
- Workers' Compensation Act 1987
- Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 (the Care Act)
- Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012

Information on relevant information can also be found on the following websites:

Work Health & Safety	https://www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/projects- and-initiatives/agencies-replaced-workcover-nsw
The Australian Human Rights Commission	https://humanrights.gov.au/
NSW Department of Education and Communities	https://education.nsw.gov.au/
Privacy Commissioner	https://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/

Legislation that which impacts upon and/ or regulates the Property Services industry include but not limited to:

Commonwealth Legislation:

- Competition and Consumer Act 2010
- Corporations Act 2001
- Fair Work Act 2009
- Privacy Act 1988
- Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986

Commonwealth Regulations:

- Competition and Consumer Regulations 2010
- Corporations Regulations 2001
- Fair Work Regulations 2009
- Privacy Regulation 2013

State Based Legislation:

- Anti-Discrimination Act 1977
- Conveyancing Act 1919
- Fair Trading Act 1987
- Property and Stock Agents Acts 2002
- Residential Tenancies Act 2010
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011

State Based Regulations:

- Anti-Discrimination Regulation 2019
- Conveyancing (General) Regulation 2018
- Conveyancing (Sale of Land) Regulation 2022
- Fair Trading Regulation 2019
- Property and Stock Agents Regulation 2022
- Residential Tenancies Regulation 2019

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WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Work Health and Safety (formerly Occupational Health and Safety) describes ASTC's duty of care to provide a safe and healthy working environment for all employees, and the employee's duty of care to take reasonable care for the health and safety of others within the workplace. This includes the provision of:

- a workplace that is safe to work in, with working procedures that are safe to use,
- adequate team training including topics such as safe work procedures,
- properly maintained facilities and equipment,
- a clean and suitably designed workplace with the safe storage of goods such as chemicals.

The following procedures and standards must be observed to achieve a safe working and learning environment:

- Maintain a safe, clean, and efficient, working environment,
- Implement procedures and practices, in a variety of situation, in accordance with State and Local Government Health regulations,
- Store and dispose of waste according to health regulations,
- Clean walls, floor and working surfaces to meet health and safety standards without causing damage,
- Check all equipment for maintenance requirements,
- Refer equipment for repair as required,
- Store equipment safely,
- Identify fire hazards and take precautions to prevent fire,
- Safe lifting and carrying techniques maintained,

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- Ensure Learner safety at all times,
- Ensure procedures for operator safety are followed at all times,
- All unsafe situations recognised and reported,
- Display first aid and safety procedures for all team and Learners to see,
- Promote an environment that is drug and alcohol free,
- Report any identified Work Health and Safety hazard to the appropriate team member as required. Fact sheets may be obtained at: <u>https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/</u>

HARASSMENT AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

ASTC strictly adheres to the Anti-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity, as set out in the Legislation. Copies of the Legislation are available on the Internet and from the Administration Office.

ASTC has a legal obligation to ensure that no member of its team or a Learner is discriminated upon on the grounds of race (colour, ethnic origin, or nationality), gender, age, disability, marital status or sexual orientation. Harassment on the grounds of race or sex will not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action.

At ASTC, everyone, regardless of whether they are a Learner, trainer, administration, or support team, is entitled to expect the same rights. These rights are listed below:

- The right to learn, teach or carry out their duties
- The right to be treated with respect and treated fairly
- The right to be safe in the workplace emotionally and physically
- The right to have all reports of harassment and discrimination to be treated seriously, impartially, and sensitively. Harassment and discrimination, including victimisation and bullying, is unwelcome, uninvited, and unacceptable behaviour that will not be tolerated.
- The right to inform management of any harassment or discrimination. Management has the responsibility to take immediate and appropriate action to address it.
- The right to when dealing with all complaints, the rights of all individuals should be respected, and confidentiality maintained.
- The right to whenever possible, all complaints should be resolved by a process of discussion, cooperation, and conciliation.
- Both the person making the complaint, and the person against whom the complaint has been made, has the right to receive information, support, and assistance in resolving the issue.

Learners have the responsibility to:

- allow others to learn
- make ASTC safe by not threatening, bullying or hurting others in any way

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- make the classroom safe by obeying instructions
- make ASTC safe by not bringing illegal substances or weapons into ASTC
- not steal, damage or destroy the goods of others

Team and Learners should be aware of the following definitions:

'**Bullying**' - is an unwelcomed and offensive behaviour that intimidates, humiliates and/or undermines a person or group. Bullying involves a persistent pattern of behaviour over a period of time and may include verbal abuse, physical assault, unjustified criticism, sarcasm, insult, spreading false or malicious rumours about someone, isolating or ignoring a person, putting people under unnecessary pressure with overwork or impossible deadlines, and sabotaging someone's work or their ability to do their job by not providing them with vital information and resources.

'Confidentiality' - refers to information kept in trust and divulged only to those who need to know.

'**Discrimination**' - is treating someone unfairly or unequally simply because they belong to a group or category of people. Equal opportunity laws prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sex, marital status, pregnancy, family responsibility, family status, race, religious beliefs, political conviction, gender history, impairment, age, or sexual orientation. Victimisation is also treated as another ground of discrimination.

'Harassment' - is any unwelcomed and uninvited comment or action that results in a person being intimidated, offended, humiliated, or embarrassed. Equal opportunity laws prohibit harassment on the grounds of sex and race.

'Personnel' - refers to all employees of ASTC.

'**Racial Harassment'** - occurs when a person is threatened, abused, insulted, or taunted in relation to their race, descent or nationality, colour, language or ethnic origin, or a racial characteristic. It may include derogatory remarks, innuendo and slur, intolerance, mimicry, or mockery, displays of material prejudicial to a particular race, racial jokes, allocating least favourable jobs or singling out for unfair treatment.

'Sexual Harassment' - is any verbal or physical sexual conduct that is unwelcomed and uninvited. It may include kissing, embracing, patting, pinching, touching, leering or gestures, questions about a person's private or sexual life, requests for sexual favours, smutty jokes, phone calls, emails, facsimiles or messages, offensive noises or displays of sexually graphic or suggestive material.

'*Victimisation*' - includes any unfavourable treatment of a person as a result of their involvement in an equal opportunity complaint. Unfavourable treatment could include adverse changes to the work environment, denial of access to resources or work.

Specific principles

- All team members and Learners have a right to work in an environment free of any form of harassment and discrimination,
- All reports of harassment and discrimination will be treated seriously, impartially, and sensitively. Harassment and discrimination, including victimisation and bullying, is unwelcomed, uninvited and unacceptable behaviour that will not be tolerated,
- When management is informed of any harassment or discrimination it has the responsibility to take immediate and appropriate action to address it,
- In dealing with all complaints, the rights of all individuals should be respected, and confidentiality maintained,

- Whenever possible, all complaints should be resolved by a process of discussion, cooperation, and conciliation. The aim is to achieve an acceptable outcome while minimising any potential damage to our organisation,
- Both the person making the complaint, and the person against whom the complaint has been made, will receive information, support, and assistance in resolving the issue,
- Victimisation is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. No person making a complaint, or assisting in the investigation of a complaint, should be victimised,
- Harassment or discrimination should not be confused with legitimate comment and advice (including feedback) given appropriately by management or trainers,
- Team members and Learners should not make any frivolous or malicious complaints. All team and Learners are expected to participate in the complaint resolution process in good faith.

Further information may be gained by accessing the publications located on the Communities and Justice NSW website:

https://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/publications-research

PRIVACY POLICY

ASTC takes the privacy of our Learners very seriously and will comply with all legislative requirements.

These include the Privacy Act 1988 and Australian Privacy Principles.

If your learning is a traineeship your enrolment form provides for Learners to give permission for us to discuss your progress with your employer

In some cases, we will be required by law or required by the AQF standards to make Learner information available to others. In all other cases we ensure that we will seek the written permission of the Learner.

13 Australian Privacy Principles

- 1. open and transparent management of personal information
- 2. anonymity and pseudonymity
- 3. collection of solicited personal information
- 4. dealing with unsolicited personal information
- 5. notification of the collection of personal information
- 6. use or disclosure of personal information
- 7. direct marketing
- 8. cross-border disclosure of personal information
- 9. adoption, use or disclosure of government related identifiers
- 10. quality of personal information
- 11. security of personal information
- 12. access to personal information

13. correction of personal information

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More information about the Australian Privacy Principles can be found at:

https://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/australian-privacy-principles/

GOVERNMENT FUNDED TRAINING POLICY

ASTC delivers government funded training programs and we will ensure that we comply with the guidelines and policies issued by the relevant Commonwealth, State or Territory regulator and/or funder responsible for these programs.

These guidelines and policies define our obligations to comply with requirements for funding of the relevant nationally accredited funded programs, including our reporting and other obligations.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN POLICY

As we accept people under the age of 18 in our training programs, we comply with all Federal and State Working with Children legislation such as the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People Act 2014. A list of all relevant legislation is available at https://aifs.gov.au/

Further information on the Working with Children's Check is available from our Compliance Manager.

This effectively means, that all staff who come in contact with people under the age of 18, such as trainers, must be cleared as not being a risk to the health and safety of minors.

This is done through a submission to the appropriate government agency such as <u>https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/</u>, and until the response is received, we cannot allow the person being reviewed to conduct or interact with the minors unsupervised.

FEES AND REFUND POLICY

Fee Paying Learners

ASTC does not accept payment of no more than \$1000 from each individual student prior to the commencement of the course. Following course commencement, ASTC may require payment of additional fees in advance from the student but only such that at any given time, the total amount required to be paid, which is attributable to tuition or other services yet to be delivered to the student, does not exceed **\$1,500**.

Please refer below for information regarding fees and fee invoicing.

A pro rata refund will be paid if ASTC defaults on the occurrence:

- a course stops being provided after it starts and before it is completed or
- if a course is not provided fully to the Learner because ASTC has had a sanction imposed by either ASQA or DEEWR.

We will provide all Learners with a statement that explains how the refund amount has been calculated if requested.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Students are advised of all applicable fees prior to enrolling in a course. Students will be issued an official receipt upon payment of fees. Students should retain this receipt.

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Students should always check their enrolment and ensure they have enrolled in the correct course. If you are unsure of the course to enrol in, you should check this immediately with the Australian Salesmasters Training Co (ASTC). If you participate in and/or complete an incorrect course without checking with ASTC, no refund will be applicable. Exemptions from this will be at the sole discretion of ASTC Management.

Face-to-face training programs

- 1. There are no refunds for cancellations less than 24 hours* prior to commencement of the training. If you would like to transfer to another course with less than 24 hours* notice, you will be required to pay an administration fee of 50% of the course fee.
- 2. For cancellations less than fourteen (14) days but more than 24 hours* prior to the commencement of the training, there will be no refunds. The student is entitled to:
 - Transfer the course fee to another course.
- 3. For cancellations more than fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the training, the student is entitled to:
 - Transfer the course fee to another course. If the student then cancels this transferred course, no refund will apply; or
 - Request a refund. If a refund is requested, ASTC will retain a 20% administration fee of the course price.
- 4. If a course is cancelled by ASTC, the student is entitled to:
 - Transfer the course fee to another course; or
 - Receive a full refund of the course fee.

* If your courses commence on a Monday, you will be required to notify ASTC on the Friday prior to the course due to ASTC's operational times.

Distance Education/Correspondence training programs

• No refunds will apply after the course materials have been dispatched.

Online courses

• Once you have received access to your online learning portal, no refund will apply.

ASTC reserves the right to cancel or postpone courses due to unforeseen circumstances and/or if minimum numbers of enrolments are not reached. Students will be offered a full refund for any course fee paid for the cancelled course or have their course fee credited towards another ASTC course.

Traineeship... New Entrants

ASTC does not charge any fees in advance of the commencement of training. A training employer will receive an invoice in the sixth month of commencement of training with regard to traineeship delivery.

If a Learner withdraws from a course at any time after the commencement date of the course, **No Refund** will be made.

Traineeship... Existing Workers

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A training employer will receive an invoice on completion of the course.

A refund will be paid if ASTC defaults on the occurrence:

- a course stops being provided after it starts and before it is completed, or
- if a course is not provided fully to the Learner because ASTC has had a sanction imposed by either ASQA or DEEWR under either and/or the AQF.

We will provide all training employers with a statement that explains how the refund amount has been calculated.

Smart and Skilled

Smart and Skilled student fees are set for the whole qualification, rather than year-by-year, regardless of how long it takes to complete your qualification. Your student fee covers the cost of all training and assessment.

Under Smart and Skilled, students contribute towards the cost of their training through the payment of a student fee and the balance is paid as a subsidy from the government.

The Schedule of Fees for each qualification on the NSW Skills List can be accessed at http://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/prices_fees.html

ASTC must charge the student the relevant fee set by the NSW Government.

ASTC will confirm what the Student Fee is once we have entered your data into the Smart and Skilled Provider Calculator.

Should a Smart and Skilled learner wish to withdraw prior to course commencement (the 'cut-off date') they will receive a full refund for any payment they have already made.

Should a Smart and Skilled learner withdraw after the course has commenced the fees paid will be calculated pro rata and any refund owing will be refunded.

Further information may be accessed on our website: <u>https://www.thesalesmasters.com.au/funding/smart-skilled/</u>

OR

From the NSW Smart and Skilled website: <u>https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-students/how-much-will-your-course-cost</u>

Fee Base

Training and assessment fees for both fee paying and government funded are calculated in accordance with the Commonwealth and/ or State Government incentives which may vary and change from time to time depending on government policy. Additional information can be found on:

- https://www.training.com.au/
- https://www.aapathways.com.au/
- https://www.studyassist.gov.au/
- http://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/prices_fees.html

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Further information may be obtained by contacting the ASTC Administration team on 138 300 or the "CONTACT US" located in the top right tab on our web-homepage. (https://www.thesalesmasters.com.au)

Issue of Testamur (Qualification)

- a. Testamurs are system generated protected documents, produced to an authorised template including AQF certification documentation and is issued to a learner. Amendments or the addition or deletion of details from a testamur is not allowed except where demonstrably incorrect information is presented on the document.
- b. Testamurs will be produced and issued within **30 days** of the learner being assessed as meeting the requirements of the training product if the training program in which the learner is enrolled is complete, and providing all agreed fees the learner owes to the RTO have been paid.
- c. Multiple copies will not be provided. Replacements will only be made available where the original has been permanently lost, damaged, or destroyed. Any replacement testamur will be issued in the format current at the time of replacement or reissue and will state the current date of printing as well as the original date of conferral. As a consequence, signatories to the replacement testamur may be different from those on the original testamur.

If ASTC has closed, or you have lost your original copy, ASQA may be able to provide a replacement.

Before you apply for a copy of your student records, please be aware that:

- Since July 2011, all registered training organisations (RTOs) that close are required to provide ASQA with a record of all qualifications and statements of attainment issued to students
- Some state and territory regulators opening before July 2011 did not collect records from closed providers, so ASQA may not have these records
- If ASQA holds your provider's records-but not a record of your qualification or statement of attainment-ASQA can provide you with a letter, which includes a verified record of your assessment results. You may then use this record to apply to an RTO for an assessment of your eligibility to receive a statement of attainment or a qualification
- There is a **\$60** fee for the return of your records

ASQA-Issued Certificates and Statements of Attainment

In exceptional circumstances, ASQA may issue a vocational education and training (VET) qualification or statement of attainment to a current or former VET student.

Exceptional circumstances may include when a former student has changed their identity because of witness protection or fleeing domestic violence. A statutory declaration regarding exceptional circumstances will be required.

ASQA will only issue a certificate or statement of attainment if satisfied you have successfully completed the qualification's requirements or units of competency. For more information, please visit: https://www.asqa.gov.au/

The following fees may be applied:

Training and assessment	Under a traineeship - up to \$4,000 (incl. GST)
	Fee for service – up to \$4,000 (incl. GST)
	#Fee per unit (traineeship/fee for service) \$165 (incl. GST)

refer fee invoicing below

	Under a traineeship	Nil
Cancelled Visit Fee	Fee for service: Charged when a learner cancels or is not present at a scheduled visit and has not provided more than 24 hours notice of cancellation.	\$75.00
	Under a traineeship	Nil
Learning Material Replacement Fee	Fee for service: Charged when training learner requests replacement of learning material which has already been issued or provided.	Not Ascertainab
	Under a traineeship Smart & Skilled	Nil
Recognition of Prior	Fee for service: Payment of administrative application fee	\$100
Learning	Charged when unit(s) exemption application is finally approved by the CEO and/or the ASTC Validation Panel and a fee per module approved will apply:	
	 Certificate II, III, IV Diploma, Advanced Diploma 	\$150 \$250
	Under a traineeship	Nil
Reassessment of a unit of competency	Fee for service: Charged when a training learner submits a unit of competency for reassessment which has previously been assessed as Not yet Competent on 2 prior occasions.	\$125.00
	Under a traineeship	Nil
Re-Issue of Qualification	Fee for service: Charged when a training learner requests the reissue of a qualification which has already been issued or provided.	\$35.00
	Charged for urgent (within 24 hours of request) reissue of a	\$50.00

	Statement of Attainment which has already been issued or provided	
	Under a traineeship	Nil
Re-Issue of Statement of Attainment	Fee for service: Charged when a training learner requests the reissue of a Statement of Attainment which has already been issued or provided.	\$35.00
	Charged for urgent (within 24 hours of request) reissue of a Statement of Attainment which has already been issued or provided.	\$50.00

* Items marked as "Not Ascertainable" are regarded as such due to the significant variations in place for individual training learners and individual enrolments. For those items marked as "Not Ascertainable" the training learner may request a written quote prior to the provision of the services and will not be held liable for these services until they receive a written quote.

Fee Invoicing

Fees will be invoiced at:

- i. the expiration of three (3) months from the date the training plan has been finalised for those units completed, and
- ii. the balance of fees upon the expiration of fourteen days from the date of completion or
- iii. fees for units completed prior to withdrawal, cancellation or transfer excluding (i) above

LEARNER TRAINING RECORDS POLICY

We are committed to maintaining and safeguarding the accuracy, integrity, and currency of our records without jeopardising the confidentiality of the records or our Learner's privacy. Individual Learner training records will be stored in a locked secure office area. Our electronic records are stored in "VETtrak" and are protected by password access. We further protect our records by maintaining up to date virus, firewall and spyware protection software.

The Compliance Officer will undertake a validation of the training records of approximately 10% of registered trainees and report the accuracy to the CEO.

The ASTC Compliance Officer is responsible to conducting a weekly back up of our computer systems to a password protected external hard drive. This backup is then taken offsite.

Our software and hardcopy systems will retain Learner results for a period of not less than 30 years.

In the event that we cease to operate as an RTO we will transfer all records to ASQA in appropriate format and detail as specified by ASQA at the time of ceasing RTO operations.

All other records including, training records, taxation records, business and commercial records will be retained for a period of at least seven years.

Should we be required to submit statistical data on our Learners in the future (AVETMISS), we will use the features inside our VETtrak software program.

We will ensure that any confidential information acquired by us, individuals or committees or organisations acting upon our behalf is safeguarded.

Access to individual Learner training records will be limited to those required by the AQF such as:

- trainers and assessors to access and update the records of the Learners whom they are working with,
- management team as required to ensure the smooth and efficient operation of the business,
- Officers from a Commonwealth, State or Territory body responsible for regulating and/or funding of traineeships, ASQA, or their representatives for activities required under the Standards for Registered Training Organisations,
- Employer if the Learner is a trainee

Or those required by law such as:

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- People as are permitted by law to access these records (e.g. subpoena/ search warrants/ social service benefits / evidence act). Or
- Learners authorising releases of specific information to third parties in writing,
- The Learner themselves, after making application in writing. For example, Learners seeking a replacement Qualification or Statement of Attainment.

Reference: Participants Record Request Form

At any time, you may access your records of participation and progress. This can be ascertained in the following ways:

- You are able to ring ASTC on Ph: 138 300 and receive a copy of completed competencies which will be emailed to you within 2 working days.
- Written request to ASTC
- Refer to your Training Plan

Reference: Testamur Reissue Application Form

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ACCESS AND EQUITY POLICY

We are committed to ensuring that we offer training opportunities to all people on an equal and fair basis, including women where under-represented, people with disabilities, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, Indigenous Australians, and rural and remote Learners.

All Learners have equal access to our training programs irrespective of their gender, culture, linguistic background, race, socioeconomic background, disability, age, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation or carer's responsibilities.

All Learners who met the entry requirements [if applicable] as prescribed by the appropriate National Training Package will be accepted into any program within our scope of registration.

Some examples of our support include:

- We are able to offer Language and Literacy support to Learners who have difficulty with written or spoken English
- Equally so, we are able to support Learners with numeracy issues.
- As the qualifications are largely self-paced, we are able to accommodate the unique needs of expectant or new parents or Learners with other carer's responsibilities
- The ability to modify learning and assessment tasks to accommodate the unique cultural or personal needs of Learners

The principles of Access and Equity are covered at our Learner induction and regularly reviewed to ensure the correct interpretation and application.

Where our training programs have a limited number of available places, these will be filled in order of completed enrolment applications.

Any issues or questions regarding access and equity can be directed to ASTC's Student Support Officer.

TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT

TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT STANDARDS

All training and assessments conducted by us will be by trainers and assessors who:

- a. have the necessary training and assessment competencies as determined by the National Skills Council or its successors, and
- b. have the relevant vocational competencies at least to the level being delivered or assessed, and
- c. can demonstrate current industry skills directly relevant to the training/assessment being undertaken and
- d. continue to develop their VET knowledge and skills as well as their industry currency and trainer/assessor competence

Assessment will meet all of the National Assessment Principles (including Recognition for Prior Learning and Credit Transfer). Adequate facilities, equipment and training materials will be utilised to ensure the training environment is conducive to the success of Learners.

All of our assessments within our RTO will lead to the issuing of a statement of attainment or to the issuing of a qualification under the AQF where a person is assessed as competent against the National Endorsed units of competency in the applicable training package.

All of our Assessments will be:

- Valid Assessment methods will be valid, that is, they will assess what they claim to assess,
- **Reliable** Assessment procedures must be reliable, that is, they must result in consistent interpretation of evidence from the Learner and from context to context,
- Fair Assessment procedures will be fair, so as not disadvantage any Learners. Assessment procedures will:
 - > be equitable, culturally, and linguistically appropriate,
 - involve procedures in which criteria for judging performance are made clear to all Learners,
 - employ a participatory approach,
 - provide for Learners to undertake assessments at appropriate times and where required in appropriate locations.
- Flexible Assessment procedures will be flexible, that is, they should involve a variety of methods that depend on the circumstances surrounding the assessment,

We will achieve this through:

- careful design of the assessments,
- validation and moderation of the assessment materials conducted in our annual review,

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• an understanding of the definition and practical application of the above definitions.

Assessments for qualifications are competency based, meaning you are assessed against the unit of competency & requirements.

TRAINING PACKAGES

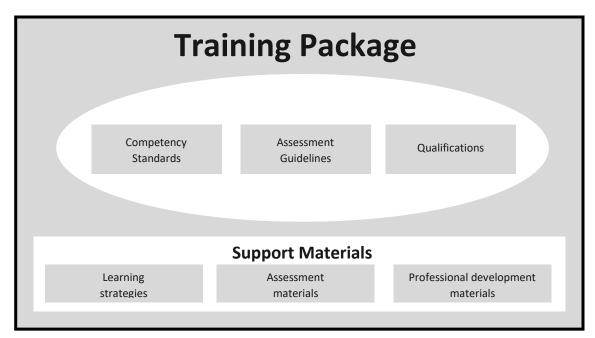
The term 'Training Package' may be confusing. Most people think of a Training Package as something they pick off a shelf and use in their training. It is not!

Under the Australian National Training System, a Training Package is something different and quite specific. The Property Services Training Package is one of many industries Training Packages to be nationally endorsed by the Australian National Training Authority (ANTA).

Standards for Training Packages ensure Training Packages are of high quality and meet the workforce development needs of industry, enterprises, and individuals. The Standards apply to the design and development of Training Packages by Industry Skills Councils (ISCs), which are then endorsed by the National Skills Standards Council (NSSC). The Standards are developed by the NSSC, for endorsement by Commonwealth and State/Territory Ministers.

A Training Packages consists of:

- endorsed components and
- support materials



Endorsed Components

These are competency standards, assessment guidelines and packaging rules for national industry qualifications.

Competency Standards

Competency standards are statements describing the skills or knowledge required to undertake the work involved in being a competent employee within your chosen industry. They are organised according to industry functions which are performed by, for example a salesperson selling products/ services.

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Not only do they describe the skills and knowledge, but also the standard of performance required to be competent.

Industry practitioners, within input from industry relevant Institutes and regulators, decided what went into the competency standards.

Assessment guidelines

Assessment Guidelines provide the endorsed framework for assessment of the units of competency for programs delivered pursuant to a Training Package. The Guidelines are designed to ensure that assessment activities are consistent with the Australian Quality Framework Standards for Registered Training Organisations and that the assessment processes and outcomes are valid, reliable, flexible, and fair. Assessments against the competency standards in the Training Package must be carried out in accordance with these endorsed guidelines.

Qualifications

Qualifications on the NSW skills list are eligible for government subsidy under NSW Smart and Skilled.

The NSW Skills List includes a range of vocational qualifications to support the diverse skills needs of NSW employers.

Training Services NSW develops the NSW Skills list in consultation with industry, training providers and the community.

The Skills List covers all industry sectors in NSW and includes qualifications up to Advanced Diploma.

The Skills List enables people to make more informed choices about their training, so they can get the skills they need to get a job, advance their career, or continue onto further study.

Support Materials

DELIVERY STRATEGY

Trainings will be provided for delivery in a variety of modes, including:

- Self-paced delivery
- Classroom delivery
- Workplace experience
- Simulated workplace delivery

Delivery strategies should be selected to reflect the nature of the learning outcomes and to meet the needs of the Learner. The learning environment, activities, case studies, learning materials and assessment should simulate workplace situations.

The length of time required for delivery may vary depending on factors such as the knowledge and skills of the Learner on entry and whether the delivery of the unit has been integrated with other units.

Integration of learning outcomes for delivery may occur within units and between units. Learning outcomes may be integrated for the whole unit and / or for several units.

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

ASTC will ensure the following is available where applicable:

- Learner's workbook
- Facilitator's Guide
- PowerPoint
- Whiteboard

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- Whiteboard markers
- Computer/ projector
- Handouts

The Learner should have access to:

- An environment appropriate to the assessment task, that is either on job or simulated environment
- Relevant documentation, such as:
 - work policy and procedures manual
 - legislation and statutory requirements (if any)
 - > a range of projects with different requirements
- Access to a range of projects with different requirements
- Access to a project management team

In order to be valid and reliable, a simulated work environment must closely resemble what occurs in a real work environment. The simulated work environment should involve a range of activities that reflect real work experience. For an outline of factors that would indicate an appropriate simulated work environment, refer to the Assessment Guideline within the relevant Training Package.

PATHWAY TO COMPETENCE

The most important thing to remember about a Training Package is that the competency standards act as the benchmarks.

In order to receive a qualification, you must demonstrate that they can do the things described in the competency standards and apply the knowledge listed in the competency standards.

Training may not always play a part. For example, if you can already do something competently, why be trained to do it again? If you can prove that you can do it, you can receive credit for that unit of competency.

Somebody else, however, might need to undergo training or practice in the workplace before they are able to demonstrate that they can do the same thing.



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ASSESSMENT PROCESSES

OVERVIEW OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The competency-based assessment approach focuses on the development of competencies through workplace-based activities in addition to structured or unstructured training and learning. The assessment recognises the application of skills, knowledge, and attitudes under workplace conditions to achieve the outcome specified in the competency standards. This means that individuals can have their competencies assessed and recognised regardless of whether or not the competencies were achieved through recognised formal training or education.

Credentials can be granted on the basis of an assessment of the individual's competency against the endorsed Training Package industry competency standards.

COMPETENCY-BASED ASSESSMENT

Competency-based assessment is the process of judging evidence of competence submitted by you to determine your current competency against the Training Package industry standards. Assessment decisions are judgments of whether or not the evidence presented is sufficient to demonstrate that you have met these standards.

The assessment process will focus upon how you apply skills, knowledge and attitudes in the workplace (or conditions as close as possible to workplace requirements) to achieve the outcomes described in the standards.

Effective competency standards and assessment provide many benefits to both employers and employees. These benefits include:

- clearer understanding of job roles and responsibilities
- greater consistency in work output
- increased productivity and quality of service
- improved team motivation
- information on current skill base and training needs to assist in developing individual and company training plans

QUALITY ASSURANCE IN THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Assessor's qualifications

To maintain quality of the assessment process, individual assessors, teams or panels of assessors must:

- have the necessary training and assessment competencies as determined by the National Skills Council or its successors, and
- have the relevant vocational competencies at least to the level being delivered or assessed, and

- can demonstrate current industry skills directly relevant to the training/assessment being undertaken and
- continue to develop their VET knowledge and skills as well as their industry currency and trainer/assessor competence
- be deemed competent in the program (Training Package) units they are assessing

In addition, the individual assessor, team or panel will be directly responsible to ASTC, which has employed them as an assessor. ASTC will itself have quality assurance mechanisms built into our registration processes with the ASQA to ensure the quality of the assessment services we provide.

Assessment appeal – refer COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS POLICY AND PROCEDURES – Assessment appeals section of this manual.

Evaluation and Audit of Assessment Process

As part of the registered training provider process, ASTC will evaluate the assessment process to ensure validity, reliability, flexibility, and fairness. The process will be monitored, reviewed, and evaluated to ensure consistency in the interpretation of the evidence, that national competency standards are current, and that the assessment instruments keep pace with the relevant industry trends and requirements.

Feedback from the evaluation sheets of the Learner, assessor, and employer (where applicable) on the assessment process will be used in the evaluation process. It is expected that a full system audit will be conducted at least annually.

LEARNER'S GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSMENT PROCESS

For the assessment to be satisfactory, it is essential that it is a collaborative process between the assessor, employer/supervisor (where applicable) and you.

EVIDENCE OF COMPETENCE GATHERED

Evidence is proof provided by you that you can satisfy the requirements of the performance criteria to the level stipulated by the competency standard. Based on the proof you have provided, which satisfies the standard, the assessor is able to determine competence.

The evidence you provide to the assessor must cover the broad range of skills and knowledge required to satisfy the unit of competency. If you are a Learner, your employer/supervisor may assist you in gathering evidence of your performance to present to the assessor.

Providing evidence is not simply a matter of gathering as much evidence as possible and leaving it to the assessor to sort out. You must provide explanations to demonstrate how the evidence is relevant to the competency and why the specific examples have been included.

Evidence may be:

- direct
- indirect
- supplementary

Direct evidence

Examples of direct evidence might include:

an assessor attends a workplace and observes a learner interacting with a client

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- an assessor attends a workplace and asks a case management learner why they chose particular resources and tools for assessing a client's needs and to evaluate its effectiveness
- an assessor asks a learner how and why they referred a client to a specific organisation
- an assessor asks a learner to explain and show how they have documented observations and reported them to supervisors

Indirect evidence

Examples of indirect evidence might include:

- a written assessment piece where the learner is responding to specific knowledge questions related to tasks.
- a portfolio of evidence collected during a work placement in which the learner was asked to keep notes of their own work activities, notes of observations, and a project relevant to the workplace.

Supplementary evidence

Also referred to as third party evidence, supplementary evidence, provides another important means for assessors to make a judgment about the learner's competence. The 'third party' is someone who is not an assessor, but can comment on, or observe the learner's performance. Most commonly it is someone within the workplace.

EVIDENCE GATHERING

Assessors will employ a range of assessment techniques and be wary of over reliance on documentation. Different forms of evidence will enable assessors to build a more complete picture of the learner's skills and knowledge. Forms of evidence that will typically be most suitable for assessment include:

Direct Observation: for example, watching how the learner communicates with clients, attends to their needs and deals with problems.

Competency Conversation: for example, asking the learner to explain their understanding of person-centred service delivery model and how this is evidenced in their work.

Workplace Projects: for example, reviewing examples of products that the learner has generated to assist with the implementation of a policy or procedure.

Third Party Reports: for example, reports from supervisors about how the learner has worked as part of a team, undertaken a particular task or project or handled a particular problem.

Workplace Documents: for example, rosters and timesheets, minutes of staff meetings, position descriptions.

Video and Photos: for example, live video streaming during facilitation of a team meeting or a video of a learner undertaking specific work.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

All our assessments will provide for learners to be informed of the context and purpose of the assessment and the assessment process.

This will include information regarding assessment methods, alternative assessment methods if required to accommodate special needs or circumstances, information will also be included at the start of each

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unit or course as to the assessment processes, number of assessments, and types of assessment of each assessment.

ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

These Assessment Guidelines provide the endorsed framework for assessment of the units of competency for programs delivered pursuant to a Training Package. The Guidelines are designed to ensure that assessment activities are consistent with *the Australian Quality Framework Standards for Registered Training Organisations* and that the assessment processes and outcomes are valid, reliable, flexible, and fair. Assessments against the competency standards in the Training Package must be carried out in accordance with these endorsed guidelines.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

The following process describes ASTC's process for conducting assessments for training programs and can be customised based on the qualification's requirements and learners' needs.

Assessment tools

The assessment tools are:

- Assessment activities in the workbook (AT1)
- Knowledge test: written/oral questions (AT2)
- Role Play/ Observation(s)/ Workplace projects (AT3)
- Supervisor/ third party or assessor demonstration report (AT4)

Assessment tool 1 (AT1): Assessment activities

Assessment activities are designed to enable assessment against the performance criteria or a group of performance criteria within each element of a unit.

In general, the assessment activities might consist of:

- questions assessing knowledge
- demonstration of skills
- case studies
- practical activities role plays
- workbook activities

Responses to the assessment activities might be drawn from:

- the theory/information contained in this resource
- additional reading and research
- supplementary materials provided by the trainer/assessor
- practical experience

The Learner should complete the assessment activities as directed by the assessor. This may involve recording responses in the workbook or providing responses in a different format, e.g. in a word-processed document.

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Assessment tool 2 (AT2): Written/oral questions

Written/ oral questions are designed to enable assessment of the required knowledge. Where appropriate they may also enable assessment of elements and performance criteria.

As with assessment activities responses might be drawn from:

- the theory/ information contained in this resource
- additional reading and research
- supplementary materials provided by the trainer/assessor
- practical experience

As with assessment activities, the Learner should present responses as directed by the assessor.

The trainer/ assessor will consider each activity in the context of the specific industry sector and/or organisation and make adjustments or contextualise as necessary. Access and equity issues are also to be considered.

Assessment tool 3 (AT3):

Role Play(s)

Role play is a form of experiential learning. Learners take on different roles, assuming a profile of a character or personality, and interact and participate in diverse and complex learning settings.

Role plays function as learning tools for teams and groups or individuals as they "play" online or face to face. They alter the power ratios in teaching and learning relationships between students and educators, as students learn through their explorations and the viewpoints of the character or personality they are articulating in the environment. This student-centred space can enable learner-oriented assessment, where the design of the task is created for active student learning. Students are actively involved in both self and peer assessment and obtain sustainable formative feedback.

Workplace Observation(s)

A workplace observation may be conducted by an assessor at the Learner's workplace or another suitable venue. Appropriate permission must be sought before entering workplaces. This is a further opportunity for candidate to demonstrate competence. It is expected the practical assessment will comprise only those competencies the candidate is still unable to demonstrate knowledge/experience in after documentary review and questioning have been applied.

Where the Learner is not in employment and where this resource is used in face-to-face delivery or distance mode, assessors may use this tool to record any simulated demonstrations they have observed that provide evidence the Learner can perform the tasks associated with the elements, performance criteria, critical aspects for assessment and required skills in an efficient manner.

Workplace Project(s)

Workplace projects require the demonstration of knowledge, critical aspects for assessment and, in some cases, require skills – projects will be theoretical or practical.

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Evidence collected in response to the project questions and activities will support the judgement of competence.

Assessment tool 4 (AT4): Supervisor/ third party or assessor demonstration report

Where the Learner is in employment this report should be completed by the Learner's supervisor, an appropriate third party or the assessor.

The trainer/ assessor will ensure that the supervisor/ third party/ assessor understands that they must confirm they have observed the Learner performing the tasks associated with the elements, performance criteria, critical aspects for assessment and required skills in an efficient manner consistently and over a period of time. The supervisor/ third party/ assessor also needs to record the context in which the Learner was observed and detailed any evidence that has been provided.

Other assessment activities:

Other assessment activities determined by an assessor could include any of the range of assessment activities listed as examples appropriate for the unit under method of assessment in the unit information section of this Learner guide eg provision of portfolio of evidence.

Staff are available, to discuss and provide limited professional advice as to the outcomes of the assessment process and guidance on future options.

All assessment tasks must consider any language and literacy issues, cultural issues or any other individual needs related to the assessment.

Re-assessment is available on appeal see further details in the appeal process section.

FEEDBACK

The assessment activities become part of a formative assessment. ASTC and its trainers/assessors have processes in place to provide feedback and reinforcement to Learners as they progress through the activities and assessment processes.

RESULTS

A Learner is deemed either SATISFACTORY OR NOT YET SATISFACTORY for a unit assessment:

Satisfactory (s)

After each assessment your Competency Record Book should be completed and signed by you and the assessor. In the case where the assessment occurs over time and on different occasions, you should receive constructive feedback after each occasion from the assessor and your Competency Record Book should be updated.

Not Yet Satisfactory (NYS)

If you have provided insufficient evidence for the unit of competency, the assessor should explain why the evidence provided does not show that you fully possess the competency against the standards and provide advice on further evidence to be provided. It is up to you to provide further evidence. Further evidence can be in the form of:

- providing additional documents or information
- attending further training or education programs

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further work experience

When you feel you are ready, you can be reassessed. You will not have to do the whole assessment again. You will only be re-assessed in those areas where the assessor requires more evidence. If, after the reassessment, you are deemed 'Satisfactory', the process already outlined above for deemed competent should be followed.

How Many Times Can I Apply for Assessment?

There are no restrictions on the number of times you may seek reassessment. However, if competency is not indicated after the second attempt, you should seek advice from your assessor and employer/supervisor (where applicable) about how to improve your performance.

What If I Do Not Agree with The Result?

There is a process available that allows for a review of your evidence. If you do not agree with the result, you should discuss this first with your assessor and contact should be made with ASTC. ASTC has appeal procedures instituted that you should follow. Please refer to Appeals & Complaints section on our website.

How Do I Turn My Assessed Competencies into A Credential?

When you have been deemed competent in the prescribed set of units for a credential, your assessor will provide ASTC with your assessment results. ASTC will issue all AQF qualifications and statements of attainment within 14 days of the training program completion. The details of the prescribed units for a credential can be obtained from the assessor, ASTC, your training plan or the relevant Training Package (refer training.gov.au)

How Do I Know What Training I Have Completed or Have Yet to Complete?

This can be ascertained in the following ways:

You are able to ring ASTC on Ph: 138 300 or the "Contact Us" located in the top right tab on our web home page (www. thesalesmasters.com) and receive a copy of completed competencies which will be emailed to you within 2 working days.

- Written request to ASTC
- Refer to your Training Plan

HANDING IN ASSESSMENTS

At ASTC we appreciate and respect the amount of time and effort that goes into assessments. These documents are a critical part of gaining a qualification and as such we take extra care of all assessment materials. Be aware however that besides the best of intentions, accidents can and do happen and so Learners should always take extra care to keep copies of all assessments.

Face-to-face Learning

In the case of face-to-face (classroom) delivery, an assessment completed on or before the date should be handed to the relevant Trainer in class, with the assessment cover sheet completed and the Learner Declaration signed.

Alternatively, assessments may be handed in at the Administration Office at Rosebery. They should be placed in an A4 envelope with the following written clearly on the outside:

- "Learner Assessment".
- Qualification number and name, eg BSB51107 Diploma of Management.

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- Unit Number and Name, eg BSBMGT516C Facilitate continuous improvement.
- Your name.
- The date.
- Your phone number.

The Administration Office will pass it on to the Trainer/Assessor. Please note that ASTC assumes no responsibility for assessments that have not been personally handed directly either to the Trainer or an employee at the Administration Office – please do not leave envelopes at reception.

Whilst ASTC takes all due care, the Administration Office cannot take responsibility for the loss of assignments. Accordingly, Learners are to be advised to keep a photocopy of all work, and if using post as a medium of communication, Learners are recommended to send by Certified Mail or Express Post.

Correspondence (Distance) Learning

Instructions for return post of assessments will be provided with the learning materials. Whilst ASTC takes all due care, the Administration Office cannot take responsibility for loss of assessments in the mail. Accordingly, Learners are advised to keep a photocopy of all work and mail using Express Post or Certified mail for added section.



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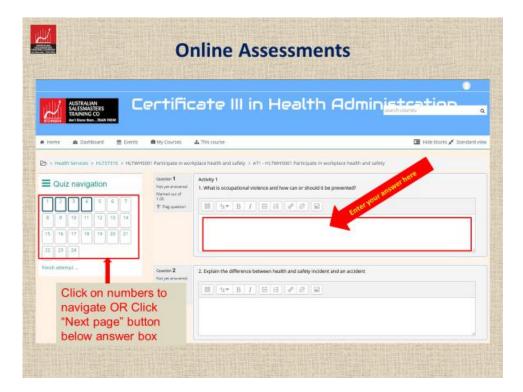
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Elearning is undertaken via an Online learning portal using Moodle platform, where logging is recorded for every Participant including date of activity and IP Address.

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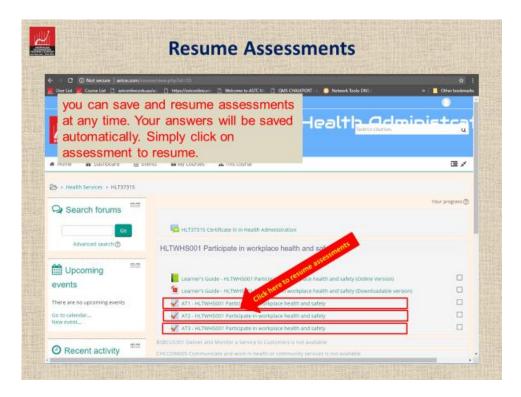


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CONTACTS

List of contacts, training package/ assessment resources and national state bodies and sites

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)	https://www.aqf.edu.au/
Australian Training Products	https://australiantrainingproducts.com.au/next/
Education Services Australia	https://www.esa.edu.au/
Innovation & Business Skills Australia	https://www.ibsa.org.au/
Office of Fair Trading NSW	https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/
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Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety WA	https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer- protection
Consumer and Business Services SA	https://www.cbs.sa.gov.au/
Australian Apprenticeships	https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/
Training.gov.au (TGA)	https://training.gov.au/
Access Canberra	https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/s/
The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)	https://www.asqa.gov.au/



DEFINITIONS

AAC	Australian apprenticeship centre
AQF	Australian Framework Qualification
ASQA	The national regulator for Australia's vocational education and training sector.
Assessment	A process to determine a student's level of acquired skill and knowledge against set criteria.
ASTC (Australian Salesmasters Training Co)	A registered training organisation (RTO) trading as Australian Salesmasters Training Co
Certificate	The award recognising the qualification you have successfully completed.
Commencement	The dispatch of course materials the start date of the course.
Competent	Satisfactory achievement in a unit of competency.
Correspondence	A course of study in which student and tutors communicate by post or electronic means.
Course Materials	Training and assessment materials provided by ASTC specific for the course you have enrolled in.
Credit Transfer	The application of a previously completed unit of competency to your course.
Deferral	The postponement of a course to a later date.
Distance learning	The undertaking of a course at a location other than ASTC by having downloaded or posted by mail
eLearning	Learning conducted via electronic media, typically on the Internet
Enrolment	The submission of enrolment forms to ASTC
Not yet satisfactory	Unsatisfactory achievement in an assessment.
Not yet competent	Unsatisfactory achievement in a unit of competency.
Online learning	The undertaking of a course via an eLearning online learning portal provided on behalf of ASTC.
Learner	You, the person whose name appears on the enrolment form
Reasonable adjustment	Adjustments made to training and assessment that does not compromise the quality or integrity of training and assessment.
Record of result	A transcript of the units of competency undertaken in a qualification.
Registered Training Organisation (RTO)	A training organisation that is registered with a state or national regulator and whose details appear on www.training.gov.au
Statement of Attainment	A certificate of the successfully completed units within a qualification.
Unit of competency	A component of training package which identifies a specific workplace requirement and includes the knowledge and skills that underpin competency
VET Fee Help	A government loan scheme program that provides training funds for a training course to the

COURSE INFORMATION

What is the Australian Qualifications Framework?

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) establishes the quality of Australian qualifications. It is the national policy for regulated qualifications in the Australian education and training system and incorporates the quality assured qualifications from each education and training sector into a single comprehensive national qualifications framework.

AQF levels and the AQF levels criteria are an indication of the relative complexity and/or depth of achievement and the autonomy required to demonstrate that achievement. AQF level 1 has the lowest complexity and AQF level 10 has the highest complexity.

The AQF level summaries are statements of the typical achievement of graduates who have been awarded a qualification at a certain level in the AQF.

- Level 1 Certificate I
- Level 2 Certificate II
- Level 3 Certificate III
- Level 4 Certificate IV
- Level 5 Diploma
- Level 6 Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree
- Level 7 Bachelor Degree
- Level 8 Bachelor Honours Degree, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma
- Level 9 Masters Degree
- Level 10 Doctoral Degree

Australian Qualifications Framework Level 5: Diploma

SummaryGraduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for skilled/paraprofessional work and/or further learning.	
Knowledge	Graduates at this level will have technical and theoretical knowledge in a specific area or a broad field of work and learning.
Skills	 Graduates at this level will have a broad range of cognitive, technical and communication skills to select and apply methods and technologies to: analyse information to complete a range of activities provide and transmit solutions to sometimes complex problems transmit information and skills to others
Application of Knowledge and skills	Graduates at this level will apply knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, judgement and defined responsibility in known or changing contexts and within broad but established parameters.

CPP51122 – Diploma of Property (Agency Management)

DESCRIPTION

This qualification reflects the role of property services principals who apply knowledge of property agency and compliance requirements, ethical standards and consumer preferences to establish and control property services functions.

This qualification applies to residential or commercial practice in real estate sales, real estate property management, strata management, business broking, stock and station, or auctioneering.

Occupational titles include:

- Real Estate Agency Principal
- Senior Strata Manager
- Strata Management Principal
- Agency Manager
- Agency Director.

Staff who hold this qualification are responsible and accountable for the work of others and are engaged with:

- understanding business systems, structures, property agency practices and business entities
- understanding legal and ethical frameworks for property agency operations
- developing systems, procedures and protocols for managing property agency functions
- establishing and controlling trust accounts and property agency business finances
- coordinating ethics, risk and consumer protection systems to meet industry legal and customer expectations and requirements
- developing and maintaining knowledge of industry trends
- developing and maintaining relationships with lessors, tenants, vendors and buyers, buyers' agents, owners and owners' agents
- establishing and implementing strategic business plans and operational plans
- establishing and implementing agency and individual branding
- leading and managing people, including recruitment, induction, coaching and mentoring for teams and individuals
- managing work health and safety (WHS) risk to ensure a safe working environment in the property services industry.

Licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements

Licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to real estate practices in all states and territories and may apply to strata community management in some states and territories. Relevant state and territory regulatory authorities should be consulted to confirm those requirements.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

PACKAGING RULES

Total number of units = 12

7 Core Units

5 Elective Units, of which

The elective units must ensure the integrity of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) qualification alignment, contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome and are to be chosen as follows:

- a minimum of 3 elective units must be chosen from the elective units listed in Group B below
- up to 2 elective units may be chosen from Group A or another current Diploma or Advanced Diploma Training Package qualification provided they do not duplicate the outcome of another unit chosen for the qualification.

The following course sequence has been developed by ASTC in consultation with industry:

Duration: Face-to-Face: 9 months (generally)

Mixed (blended): 9 months (generally)

Distance: 24 months (generally)

Delivery Modes: eLearning, Face to Face, Correspondence and Blended

Unit Type	Unit of Competency	Unit Description
Core	CPPREP5001	Manage compliance in the property industry
Core	CPPREP5002	Establish and monitor property industry trust account management practices
Core	CPPREP5003	Manage ethical practice in the property industry
Core	CPPREP5004	Manage a safe workplace in the property industry
Core	CPPREP5005	Manage teams in the property industry
Core	CPPREP5006	Manage operational finances in the property industry
Core	CPPREP5007	Develop a strategic business plan in the property industry

Unit Type	Unit of Competency	Unit Description
Elective	BSBLDR522	Manage people performance
Elective	BSBLDR602	Provide leadership across the organisation
Elective	BSBOPS502	Manage business operational plans
Elective	CPPREP5008	Market the property agency
Elective	CPPREP5010	Manage customer service activities in the property industry

UNITS OF COMPETENCY

Below is detailed each of the individual Units of Competency in this qualification.

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CPPREP5001 - Manage compliance in the property industry

Application of the Unit

This unit specifies the skills and knowledge required to analyse, develop, implement, manage and evaluate compliance in the property industry.

The unit applies to industry professionals in property.

State or territory licensing requirements may apply to this unit.

Performance Evidence

To demonstrate competency in this unit, a person must document a strategy to manage compliance in an agency by:

- analysing and determining compliance management for:
 - > a minimum of two legislative requirements
 - > two internal areas of best practice
- developing and implementing risk control strategies to manage compliance for each of the above legislative requirements and areas of best practice
- communicating ethics, standards, culture, compliance and best practice requirements to agency staff on two separate occasions
- managing the effectiveness and evaluation of compliance systems on two separate occasions, including continuous monitoring, reviewing and adjustment of agency and department compliance practices.

In doing this, the person must meet the performance criteria for this unit.

Knowledge Evidence

To be competent in this unit, a person must demonstrate knowledge of:

- Commonwealth and state or territory legislation and regulations relating to compliance in real estate
- property industry codes of conduct and ethics
- agency policies, procedures and standards
- industry and agency best practice and quality standards
- methods and tools for recording and reporting on compliance
- range of analysis techniques to interpret operational and feedback data relating to compliance
- compliance requirements relating to trust accounts
- processes for:
 - > identifying financial, strategic, personal and reputational risks in the property industry
 - > identifying risks to achieving best practice in the property industry
 - > analysing and rating identified risks in terms of likelihood and consequences
 - > preparing risk controls and risk mitigation strategies
 - incorporating risk controls and risk mitigation strategies in policies, procedures and business strategies in the property industry
- management and communication techniques for leading, mentoring and motivating teams in the property industry.

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy the requirements for assessors listed in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations.

Assessment must be conducted in the workplace or in a simulated workplace environment.

Assessors are responsible for ensuring that the person demonstrating competency has access to:

- materials and equipment meeting the operational requirements for a property agency:
 - business plans, strategies, policies and procedures relating to property industry compliance
 - > records relating to all aspects of property industry compliance
 - > position descriptions for employees, including detailed roles and responsibilities
 - > legislation in the state or territory of operation relating to compliance
 - equipment required to prepare documentation and to manage processes and teams in a property agency.

More details about this Unit of Competency can be found on <u>training.gov.au - CPPREP5001 - Manage</u> <u>compliance in the property industry</u>

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CPPREP5002 - Establish and monitor property industry trust account management practices

Application of the Unit

This unit specifies the skills and knowledge required to establish and monitor management practices for property industry trust accounts.

It includes accessing, reading and interpreting regulatory controls for trust accounts in a property agency practice and establishing, monitoring and reviewing the application of agency controls for opening, operating, monitoring and closing trust accounts, including delegation of authority, security and data management.

The unit also includes the skills and knowledge to identify and control fraudulent practices that impact the trust account.

The unit applies to industry professionals in the property industry in control of an agency.

State or territory licensing requirements may apply to this unit.

Performance Evidence

To demonstrate competency in this unit, a person must research, develop, implement and document strategies to manage compliance of trust accounts including:

- research and analyse legislation and risks associated with property industry trust accounts.
- develop, implement and document a management plan to address risks associated with trust accounts
- develop, implement and document systems to establish, monitor and review trust account controls
- review one periodic reconciliation statement where the documentation falls short of procedural and legislative requirements and prepare a written report detailing:
 - each shortfall
 - > relevant legislative requirement/s applying to each shortfall
 - how each shortfall should be remedied prior to the reconciliation statement being signed off.

In doing this, the person must meet the performance criteria for this unit.

Knowledge Evidence

To be competent in this unit, a person must demonstrate knowledge of:

- purpose and types of property industry trust accounts
- legislative and regulatory framework for real estate trust accounts in the state or territory of operation
- fiduciary duties and responsibilities for trust account management and associated legal compliance requirements
- risk management principles and application to property industry trust accounts including instances where account is overdrawn, compromised or discrepancies are identified.

- agency procedures to control integrity, security, confidentiality and privacy of trust accounts:
 - > for both electronic and manual trust accounting systems
 - > protocols for authorisation of trust account transactions and delegation of authority
 - account reconciliations and balances
 - internal and external audit schedules
 - procedures for access to trust account system
- recognised bookkeeping practices
- actions required when a trust account is overdrawn, compromised or a discrepancy is identified
- maintenance and retention of records for agency trust accounts, including data backup
- processes to open, close and amend property agency trust accounts.

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy the requirements for assessors listed in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations.

Assessment must be conducted in the workplace or in a simulated workplace environment.

Assessors are responsible for ensuring that the person demonstrating competency has access to:

- real estate trust account systems applicable to property agency transactions
- procedures and policies for property agency trust accounts
- legislation and standards applying to property agency trust accounts and transactions in the state or territory of operation.

More details about this Unit of Competency can be found on <u>training.gov.au - CPPREP5002 - Establish</u> and monitor property industry trust account management practices

CPPREP5003 - Manage ethical practice in the property industry

Application of the Unit

This unit specifies the skills and knowledge required to implement and manage ethical practice systems in a property agency.

The unit applies to industry professionals in the property industry.

State or territory licensing requirements may apply to this unit.

Performance Evidence

To demonstrate competency in this unit, a person must manage, monitor and evaluate ethical practices in a property agency. The person must analyse, determine and evaluate ethical practice management systems, including reporting processes, for a minimum of two areas of ethical best practice.

In doing this, the person must meet the performance criteria for this unit.

Knowledge Evidence

To be competent in this unit, a person must demonstrate knowledge of:

- impact of Commonwealth and state or territory legislation and regulations relating to ethical practice in the property industry
- property industry codes and principles of ethical practice
- property agency policies, procedures and standards
- industry best practice and quality standards
- methods and tools for recording and reporting on ethical practice in the property industry
- range of analysis techniques to interpret operational and feedback data relating to ethical practice
- processes for:
 - > identifying personal and agency reputational risks in the property industry
 - > identifying risks to achieving ethical best practice in the property industry
 - > analysing and rating identified risks in terms of likelihood and consequences
 - > preparing risk control and risk mitigation strategies
 - incorporating risk control and risk mitigation strategies into policies, procedures and business strategies in the property industry
- management and communication techniques for leading, mentoring and motivating teams in the property industry.

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy the requirements for assessors listed in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations.

Assessment must be conducted in the workplace or in a simulated workplace environment.

Assessors are responsible for ensuring that the person demonstrating competency has access to:

- materials and equipment meeting the operational requirements for a property agency:
- policies, procedures and documentation relating to ethical practice in a property agency
- legislation in the state or territory of operation relating to ethical practice in the property industry

 equipment, communication and data access and storage technology required to prepare documentation and maintain records

More details about this Unit of Competency can be found on <u>training.gov.au - CPPREP5003 - Manage</u> <u>ethical practice in the property industry</u>

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CPPREP5004 - Manage a safe workplace in the property industry

Application of the Unit

This unit of competency specifies the skills and knowledge required to establish, maintain and evaluate a work health and safety (WHS) management system in the property industry.

The unit applies to industry professionals in the property industry.

State or territory licensing requirements may apply to this unit.

Performance Evidence

To demonstrate competency in this unit, a person must develop, implement and review a work health and safety (WHS) strategy in a property agency.

In doing this, the person must meet the performance criteria for this unit.

Knowledge Evidence

To be competent in this unit, a person must demonstrate knowledge of:

- Commonwealth and state or territory legislation, and local government regulations related to managing a safe workplace in the property industry
- processes and content of WHS management systems in the property industry
- workforce characteristics and how they impact on the design and maintenance of WHS management systems
- hierarchy of control, that is, the preferred order of risk control measures from the most preferred to the least preferred:
 - eliminate hazards
 - substitute a hazard with something safer, isolate the hazard, reduce the risk through engineering controls
 - reduce hazard exposure using administrative actions, use personal protective equipment
- principles and practices of effective WHS management in a small, medium or large business
- principles and techniques associated with modelling safe work practices, hazard identification and risk management.

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy the requirements for assessors listed in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations.

Assessment must be conducted in the workplace or in a simulated workplace environment.

Assessors are responsible for ensuring that the person demonstrating competency has access to:

- materials and equipment meeting the operational requirements for a property agency, including:
 - > business plans, strategies, policies, procedures and forms relating to WHS
 - > comprehensive WHS information relating to the property industry
 - > position descriptions for all employees, including detailed roles and responsibilities
 - equipment, communication and data access and storage technology required to develop, implement and review a WHS strategy in the property industry.'

More details about this Unit of Competency can be found on <u>training.gov.au - CPPREP5004 - Manage a</u> <u>safe workplace in the property industry</u>

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CPPREP5005 - Manage teams in the property industry

Application of the Unit

This unit specifies the skills and knowledge required to manage and evaluate agency teams in the property industry.

The unit applies to industry professionals in the property industry.

State or territory licensing requirements may apply to this unit.

Performance Evidence

To demonstrate competency in this unit, a person must identify and implement a range of strategies to manage at least two different types of departmental teams in a property agency.

In doing this, the person must meet the performance criteria for this unit.

Knowledge Evidence

To be competent in this unit, a person must demonstrate knowledge of:

- Commonwealth and state or territory legislation and local government regulations related to property agency operations
- agency policies and procedures
- agency quality standards
- range of analysis techniques to interpret operational and feedback data
- dynamics of effective teams
- management and communication techniques for leading, mentoring and motivating teams in the property industry
- processes for:
 - > analysing, determining and documenting:
 - requirements for teams in real estate
 - key performance indicators (KPIs)
 - analysing, determining and documenting strategies for agency teams
 - > establishing teams in the property industry
 - > promoting effectiveness of teams in the property industry
 - directing teams in the property industry
- managing and evaluating performance of teams in the property industry.

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy the requirements for assessors listed in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations.

Assessment must be conducted in the workplace or in a simulated workplace environment.

Assessors are responsible for ensuring that the person demonstrating competency has access to:

- materials and equipment meeting the operational needs of an agency, including:
 - > business plans, strategies, policies and procedures, forms and records
 - databases with records relating to team activities
 - > position descriptions for employees, including detailed roles and responsibilities
 - > equipment required to manage teams in a property agency.

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More details about this Unit of Competency can be found on <u>training.gov.au - CPPREP5005 - Manage</u> teams in the property industry

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CPPREP5006 - Manage operational finances in the property industry

Application of the Unit

This unit specifies the skills and knowledge required to manage and evaluate agency operational finances in the property industry.

The unit applies to industry professionals in the property industry.

State or territory licensing requirements may apply to this unit.

Performance Evidence

To demonstrate competency in this unit, a person must develop, implement and evaluate a plan to manage the operational finances in a property agency.

In doing this, the person must meet the performance criteria for this unit.

Knowledge Evidence

To be competent in this unit, a person must demonstrate knowledge of:

- Commonwealth and state or territory legislation and local government regulations related to operational finances in the property industry
- legislative responsibilities related to operational finances in real estate:
 - Business Activity Reports
 - ➢ superannuation
 - taxation returns
 - records retention periods
 - reporting protocols
 - salaries and commissions
- agency policies, procedures and standards
- agency quality standards
- account-keeping practices
- methods and tools for recording and reporting on operational finances
- commission payment structures in the property industry
- range of analysis techniques to interpret operational and feedback data
- use of financial controls and reports in operational finances in real estate:
 - cash flow projections and forecasts
 - profit and loss reports
 - balance sheets (assets and liabilities)
 - break-even analyses
 - fixed costs and variable costs analyses
 - budgets
 - cost controls
 - reconciliation reports
 - use of profit centres
 - financial key performance indicators (KPIs)
 - capital interest costs
 - > opportunity costs

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- processes for:
 - managing risk
 - analysing, determining and documenting financial strategies for agency departments for inclusion in business planning
 - > establishing financial control roles in the property industry
 - directing financial controls in the property industry
 - > managing and evaluating financial performance in the property industry.

Assessors must satisfy the requirements for assessors listed in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations.

Assessment must be conducted in the workplace or in a simulated workplace environment.

Assessors are responsible for ensuring that the person demonstrating competency has access to materials and equipment meeting the operational requirements of a property agency, including:

- business plans, strategies, policies and procedures, forms and records
- financial records to enable realistic analysis and planning
- position descriptions for employees, including detailed roles and responsibilities
- equipment required to prepare documentation and to manage processes and teams in a property agency.

More details about this Unit of Competency can be found on <u>training.gov.au - CPPREP5006 - Manage</u> operational finances in the property industry

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CPPREP5007 - Develop a strategic business plan in the property industry

Application of the Unit

This unit specifies the skills and knowledge required to develop a business strategy to position the property agency in the property market.

It includes identifying and analysing business opportunities and potential demand for agency services, and establishing business goals and objectives.

The unit applies to industry professionals in the property industry.

State or territory licensing requirements may apply to this unit.

Performance Evidence

To demonstrate competency in this unit, a person must develop and evaluate a three-year strategic business plan for a property agency.

In doing this, the person must meet the performance criteria for this unit.

Knowledge Evidence

To be competent in this unit, a person must demonstrate knowledge of:

- Commonwealth and state or territory legislation and local government regulations impacting on agency business planning
- reasons for, and benefits of, business planning
- ethical considerations in property agency business planning
- sources of information about the property market and business environment
- processes for:
 - > collating and analysing information about the property market and business environment
 - > determining the financial viability of opportunities
 - conducting and applying break-even analyses
 - estimating demand for services in:
 - property management
 - property sales
 - other services
 - developing and establishing agency marketing positioning strategies
 - developing strategic directions
 - preparing and documenting business plans
- determining and setting business goals and objectives:
 - > goals, objectives, plans, systems and processes
 - short-, medium- and long-term goals
 - client needs and marketing projections
 - proposed size and scale of the business
 - market focus of the business

- types of business planning:
 - feasibility studies
 - ➢ strategic
 - operational
 - financial planning
- content of business plans:
 - > assumptions underlying the business plan
 - details of ownership and management
 - financial plan
 - > organisational and operational arrangements
 - business opportunities
 - proposed size and scale of the agency
 - resources required and available
 - sources of funding
 - > specialist services and sources of advice that may be required
 - > staffing
 - market focus and marketing of the agency
- stages in business development
- principles of risk management relevant to business planning.

Assessors must satisfy the requirements for assessors listed in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations.

Assessment must be conducted in the workplace or in a simulated workplace environment.

Assessors are responsible for ensuring that the person demonstrating competency has access to materials and equipment meeting the operational requirements for a property agency, including:

- geographic location and detailed description of the property agency
- comprehensive property market and business environment information relating to the property agency
- comprehensive strategies, policies, procedures, forms and records
- equipment, communication and data access and storage technology required to develop a strategic business plan in the property industry.

More details about this Unit of Competency can be found on <u>training.gov.au - CPPREP5007 - Develop a</u> <u>strategic business plan in the property industry</u>

BSBLDR522 - Manage people performance

Application of the Unit

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to manage the performance of staff that are direct reports.

The unit applies to individuals who manage people. It covers work allocation and the methods to review performance, reward excellence and provide feedback. The unit makes the link between performance management and performance development and reinforces both functions as a key requirement for effective managers.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. **Performance Evidence**

The candidate must demonstrate the ability to complete the tasks outlined in the elements, performance criteria and foundation skills of this unit, including evidence of the ability to:

- manage performance of at least two individuals
- manage performance of at least one team.

In the course of the above, the candidate must:

- consult with stakeholders to identify work requirements, performance standards and agreed performance indicators
- develop work plans and allocate work to achieve outcomes efficiently and within organisational and legal requirements
- assess performance against performance indicators according to performance management and review processes
- monitor, evaluate and provide feedback on performance and provide coaching or training, as needed
- keep records and documentation in accordance with the organisational performance management system
- reinforce excellence in performance through recognition and continuous feedback
- respond to underperforming individuals according to organisational policies, as required.

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate knowledge to complete the tasks outlined in the elements, performance criteria and foundation skills of this unit, including knowledge of:

- legislative and regulatory and organisational requirements for performance management and review
- organisational risk management plan
- organisational human resource support services
- organisational performance measurement systems
- key features of unlawful dismissal rules and due process
- staff development options and information.

Skills in this unit must be demonstrated in a workplace or simulated environment where the conditions are typical of those in a working environment in this industry.

This includes access to:

- legislation on performance management
- workplace documentation and resources for performance management and review.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

More details about this Unit of Competency can be found on <u>training.gov.au - BSBLDR522 - Manage</u> people performance

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BSBLDR602 - Provide leadership across the organisation

Application of the Unit

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to demonstrate senior leadership behaviour and personal and professional competence. Business ethics are also addressed in this unit.

The unit applies to individuals who have a role in modelling professionalism in their organisation and industry and inspiring and motivating others to achieve organisational goals. Leadership is seen in the context of the organisational mission.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. **Performance Evidence**

The candidate must demonstrate the ability to complete the tasks outlined in the elements, performance criteria and foundation skills of this unit, including evidence of the ability to:

- influence, support and provide resources for at least two individuals
- influence, support and provide resources for at least one team.

In the course of the above, the candidate must:

- communicate the organisation's objectives, values and standards to a range of stakeholders using appropriate media and language
- assign accountabilities to teams according to competencies and operational plans
- resource teams according to work objectives
- demonstrate ethical conduct and professional competence and continuing professional development
- encourage others to adopt business ethics and build their commitment to the organisation.

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate knowledge to complete the tasks outlined in the elements, performance criteria and foundation skills of this unit, including knowledge of:

- organisational and workplace policies and procedures related to providing leadership in the organisation
- business ethics and its application to leadership styles and the organisation's mission, objectives and values
- organisational research and implementation methods
- processes to establish and maintain a positive work environment for individuals and teams
- organisational mission, purpose and values
- organisational objectives, plans and strategies and regulatory requirements
- organisational change processes.

Skills in this unit must be demonstrated in a workplace or simulated environment where the conditions are typical of those in a working environment in this industry.

This includes access to:

- legislation, regulation, standards and codes
- workplace documentation and resources required to make leadership decisions.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

More details about this Unit of Competency can be found on <u>training.gov.au - BSBLDR602 - Provide</u> <u>leadership across the organisation</u>

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BSBOPS502 - Manage business operational plans

Application of the Unit

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to develop and monitor the implementation of operational plans to support efficient and effective workplace practices and organisational productivity and profitability.

The unit applies to individuals who manage the work of others and operate within the parameters of a broader strategic and/or business plans.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. **Performance Evidence**

The candidate must demonstrate the ability to complete the tasks outlined in the elements, performance criteria and foundation skills of this unit, including evidence of the ability to:

manage an operational plan for at least one business or work area.

In the course of the above, the candidate must:

- develop and implement an operational plan using a variety of information sources and consultation including:
 - resource requirements
 - key performance indicators
 - monitoring processes
 - contingency plans
- communicate with stakeholders to explain the plan and supporting information, seek approvals, negotiate variations and engage work teams
- confirm existence of relevant strategies, including strategies relating to:
 - recruiting, inducting and developing personnel
 - acquiring physical resources and services
 - protecting intellectual property
 - making variations to the plan
 - > monitoring and documenting performance.

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate knowledge to complete the tasks outlined in the elements, performance criteria and foundation skills of this unit, including knowledge of:

- stakeholders involved in development and management of operations plan including escalation points, colleagues and specialist resource managers
- key information sources for proposal development and presentation including resource requirement specialists
- consultation processes
- content of operational plans, including:
 - procurement processes
 - > employee recruitment and induction strategies
 - > physical resource and service acquisition strategies
 - > key indicators of organisational performance

- budget and actual financial relating to profit and productivity
- methods for preparing operational plans and contingency plans
- role of an operational plan in achieving an organisation's objectives
- procedures and records associated with documenting performance
- approaches for developing key performance indicators to meet business objectives
- legislative and regulatory framework relating to the development and implementation of operational plan of the organisation, including:
 - Fair trading laws
 - work health and safety
- organisational policies, practices and procedures that relate to the operational plan.

Skills in this unit must be demonstrated in a workplace or simulated environment where the conditions are typical of those in a working environment in this industry.

This includes access to:

- legislation and regulations relevant to operational plans
- workplace documentation and resources relevant to performance evidence.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

More details about this Unit of Competency can be found on <u>training.gov.au - BSBOPS502 - Manage</u> <u>business operational plans</u>

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CPPREP5008 - Market the property agency

Application of the Unit

This unit specifies the skills and knowledge required to research, develop and implement a marketing strategy to market the agency in the property industry.

It does not include marketing required for individual properties.

The unit applies to industry professionals in the property industry.

State or territory licensing requirements may apply to this unit.

Performance Evidence

To demonstrate competency in this unit, a person must develop, implement and review one marketing plan for a property agency.

In doing this, the person must meet the performance criteria for this unit.

Knowledge Evidence

To be competent in this unit, a person must demonstrate knowledge of:

- Commonwealth and state or territory legislation, and local government regulations relating to real estate agency marketing
- ethical considerations in marketing property agencies
- features of agency marketing strategies:
 - factors influencing choice of marketing strategy for agency
 - market opportunities
 - market research methods
- marketing activities and materials:
 - direct marketing
 - business-to-business marketing
 - networking
 - target markets
 - online and social media marketing
- aims of agency marketing strategies:
 - service range and mix
 - > creating a 'point of difference' for the property agency
 - presentation and display of services
 - promotion and advertising
- processes for:
 - > developing, documenting, implementing and reviewing marketing of a property agency
 - > developing and documenting research methods for use in property
 - > analysing business requirements for marketing an agency
 - > assessing and documenting the strength and weaknesses of competitors
 - conducting cost–benefit analyses services
 - collecting and analysis of feedback.

Assessors must satisfy the requirements for assessors listed in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations.

Assessment must be conducted in the workplace or in a simulated workplace environment.

Assessors are responsible for ensuring that the person demonstrating competency has access to materials and equipment meeting the operational requirements for a property agency, including:

- geographic location and detailed description of the property agency
- comprehensive business plans, strategies, policies, procedures, forms and records
- position descriptions for all employees including detailed roles and responsibilities
- equipment, communication and data access and storage technology required for marketing a property agency.

More details about this Unit of Competency can be found on <u>training.gov.au - CPPREP5008 - Market the</u> property agency

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CPPREP5010 - Manage customer service activities in the property industry

Application of the Unit

This unit specifies the skills and knowledge required to analyse, manage and evaluate customer service activities in the property industry.

The unit applies to industry professionals in the property industry.

State or territory licensing requirements may apply to this unit.

Performance Evidence

To demonstrate competency in this unit, a person must evaluate and provide feedback on the performance of two employees who are employed in the area of customer service.

In doing this, the person must meet the performance criteria for this unit.

Knowledge Evidence

To be competent in this unit, a person must demonstrate knowledge of:

- Commonwealth and state or territory legislation and local government regulations related to customer service in real estate
- organisational policies and procedures for dealing with clients
- organisational quality standards
- processes for:
 - risk management:
 - identification of hazards and assessment of risks relating to customer service in the property industry
 - analysis and rating of identified hazards and assessed risks in terms of likelihood and consequences
 - preparation of risk controls and risk mitigation strategies
 - analysing, determining, interpreting and documenting customer service system requirements in the property industry
 - > managing and evaluating customer service performance in the property industry
 - complaint resolution strategies
- principles and techniques of client behaviour:
 - client relations
 - maintaining product and service quality
 - > problem identification and resolution
 - researching client needs
- range of analysis techniques to interpret customer service and feedback data
- management and communication techniques for leading, mentoring and motivating teams in the property industry.

Assessors must satisfy the requirements for assessors listed in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations.

Assessment must be conducted in the workplace or in a simulated workplace environment.

Assessors are responsible for ensuring that the person demonstrating competency has access to materials and equipment meeting the operational requirements relating to the property industry, including:

- business plans, strategies, policies, procedures, forms and records, including:
 - > agenda and notes of staff meetings relating to customer service
 - feedback and complaints registers, including resolutions of complaints about customer services and results from analysis of feedback
- database/s including simulated sets of records of current and recent listings, sales reports and comprehensive sales data
- position descriptions for all employees, including detailed roles and responsibilities
- position description, including detailed roles and responsibilities for the role to be assumed by the person undergoing assessment
- role descriptions for people participating in role-play exercises
- simulated realistic internet and social media presence
- equipment required to develop, implement and coordinate customer service activities.

More details about this Unit of Competency can be found on <u>training.gov.au - CPPREP5010 - Manage</u> <u>customer service activities in the property industry</u>

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RESOURCES

Training Learners will be supplied with all applicable training resources apart from any personal writing and note-taking materials they may need. eLearning Learners will be provided with all of their materials via soft-copy over the internet. Correspondence (distance) learning Learners will be mailed parcels containing their appropriate Unit workbook, all associated assessment materials, and clear guidelines on how to complete their work and return it for assessment.

ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

Introduction

These Assessment Guidelines provide the endorsed framework for assessment of the units of competency in the Property Services Training Package. The Guidelines are designed to ensure that assessment activities are consistent with the Australian Qualifications Framework Standards for Registered Training Organisations and that the assessment processes and outcomes are valid, reliable, flexible, and fair. Assessments against the competency standards in this Training Package must be carried out in accordance with these endorsed guidelines.

ASSESSMENT IN THE PROPERTY SERVICES INDUSTRY

Assessment in the Real Estate Industry is distinctive in the following:

- Development and assessment of the fundamental skills is essential for business employers. This
 means that careful attention must be paid to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements
 of the Units of Competency, the knowledge and skill requirements and the Key Competencies as
 they are expressed in the unit. The Key Competencies are required assessable components of
 units in the Property Services Training Package.
- In order for people to develop lifelong learning attributes, and to support effective assessment strategies, individuals need to be given opportunities for self-assessment and for the gathering of evidence to contribute to the overall assessment of their competency.
- Up-front assessment for the purposes of recognition, personal feedback and further learning, and efficient program planning is a feature of this Training Package. This is facilitated by the presence in the Property Services Training Package of units of competency designed expressly to assess skills against competency, plan learning programs and career development.

ASSESSMENT IN A SIMULATED ENVIRONMENT

Units of Competency in the Property Services Training Package may be assessed in the workplace or in a simulated environment. Simulated environments are required for competency assessments in business because:

- suitable employment and/or work experience is not always available
- some workplaces or work situations do not use or allow the expression of the competency required
- conducting assessments may be disruptive to work requirements
- it is sometimes appropriate to practice skills in live settings prior to the acquisition of competency, particularly in potentially dangerous situations or where valuable equipment may be at risk.

Given that simulations may be used and are often indicated, the Assessment Guidelines for the Property Services Training Package indicate the characteristics of a successful simulation.

ASSESSMENT TOOLS FOR CPP51122 – Diploma of Property (Agency Management)

Unit Type	Unit of Competency	Unit Description	AT1 Workbook Activities	AT2 Oral/Written Questions	AT3 Project/ AT4 Third Party Report
Core	CPPREP5001	Manage compliance in the property industry	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Core	CPPREP5002	Establish and monitor property industry trust account management practices	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Core	CPPREP5003	Manage ethical practice in the property industry	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Core	CPPREP5004	Manage a safe workplace in the property industry	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Core	CPPREP5005	Manage teams in the property industry	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Core	CPPREP5006	Manage operational finances in the property industry	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Core	CPPREP5007	Develop a strategic business plan in the property industry	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Elective	BSBLDR522	Manage people performance	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Elective	BSBLDR602	Provide leadership across the organisation	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Elective	BSBOPS502	Manage business operational plans	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Elective	CPPREP5008	Market the property agency	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Elective	CPPREP5010	Manage customer service activities in the property industry	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

The assessment tools developed by ASTC for the twelve (12) units of competency are as follows:

Assessment Tool:	Type of assessment:	What is assessed:
Activities AT1	Formative assessment	The underpinning knowledge required to undertake the tasks, as outlined in the elements and performance criteria. Formative assessments will be completed progressively as participants work through their training. Trainer / assessors will determine how and when these
		activities should be completed.
Questions AT2	Summative assessment	Required knowledge – evidence collected in response to the theory questions will support participants' competence with regard to the required knowledge.
Workplace Project Summative assessment 2		Required knowledge, critical aspects for assessment and, in some cases, required skills – projects will be theoretical or practical.
AT3		Evidence collected in response to the project questions and activities will support the judgement of competence.
	Supplementary evidence	Required skills to undertake the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria.
Third party report (in workplace) AT4		The third-party report allows trainer / assessors to evaluate evidence which is collected in work situations or contexts when it is not practical for them to collect the evidence themselves.
		It is an optional, practical tool for collecting performance evidence over a period of time and in different contexts.
		Trainer / assessors should refer to the AT3 Instructions for specific information about third party evidence collection.
		A third party should be someone who can interact with and observe the participant on a regular basis. Preference should be given to the participant's manager or direct supervisor; however if this is not viable, a suitably experienced / qualified work colleague might act as a third party.

Resources required to undertake this assessment

Learners must have access to these resources:

- Copies of the activities, questions, projects nominated by the trainer / assessor (Learner Guide and Learner Workbook and Assessments)
- Relevant organisational policies, protocols, and procedural documents to draw from
- An appropriate workplace, simulated workplace, or prior experience in the workplace
- Resources normally used in the workplace

Assessment instructions

Learners should respond to the AT1 and AT2 assessments either verbally or in writing, as agreed with the facilitator/assessor. All written responses should be recorded in the spaces provided (if more space is required attach additional pages) or alternatively submitted in a word document. If learners answer verbally, the facilitator/assessor is to record their answers in detail.

Learners should also undertake observable tasks that provide evidence of performance AT3 & AT4. If workplace observation is to take place under the AT3 then the Assessor must provide instruction to learners on what is expected during observation and arrange a suitable time and location for demonstration of these skills.

Learners must fully understand what they are required to do to for assessment, including being advised of the assessment criteria for each of the agreed assessment tasks to be completed then sign the declaration. A learner <u>is not to sign the declaration unless they have a clear understanding of what is expected from them.</u>

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