#### **Customer service in insurance 2023**



Learning Outcome Assessment Criteria Indicative Content

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1	Know how to fulfil	1.1	Outline the structure and operation of	1.1.1	The difference between consumers and commercial customers.
9 questions	customer requirements in		the insurance market.	1.1.2	The different types of insurers and their role in the insurance market.
	the insurance			1.1.3	The role of the intermediary in the insurance market.
	sector.	1.2	Describe the features of good faith and methods used to obtain material	1.2.1	Good faith and material circumstances.
				1.2.2	The methods used to obtain material information.
			information.	1.2.3	The consequences for breach of duty and non-disclosure for
					consumer and commercial insurance policies.
		1.3	Explain the various types of customer in the insurance sector including their	1.3.1	Demands and needs of a consumer.
			demands and needs.	1.3.2	Demands and needs of a commercial customer.
		1.5	Explain the importance of customers' experiences in developing good relationships.	1.4.1	Providing a good customer experience and how it benefits the customer.
				1.4.2	How a good customer experience benefits the organisation.
				1.4.3	How a good or poor customer experience affects their future decisions.
			Explain why it is important to observe legal, organisational and ethical rules when providing information to customers.	1.5.1	Why it is important to give customers current and accurate information.
				1.5.2	Legal requirements when providing information to customers and the consequences of failing to do so.
				1.5.3	Regulatory requirements when providing information to customers.
				1.5.4	The importance of organisational procedures when providing information to customers.
				1.5.5	The importance of honesty and integrity in all internal and external relationships.
		1.6	Explain the possible consequences of not giving customers current and accurate information.	1.6.1	The consequences of not giving customers current and accurate information.
		1.7		1.7.1	Types of complaint.



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			Explain the importance of effective	1.7.2	An effective complaints-handling process and the benefits.
			complaints handling.	1.7.3	How complaints can be used to improve an organisation.
		1.8	Explain the factors affecting the	1.8.1	How to match customer expectations to retain customers.
			attraction and retention of customers.	1.8.2	How to identify the generic requirements of new customers.
				1.8.3	How to market new business and how external influences affect
	_				customer's decisions.
		1.9	Explain ways in which relationships with	1.9.1	What customer relationship management is and how it can be
			customers can be improved.	4.0.0	used.
				1.9.2	The purpose of Service Level Agreements and when they are used.
	-	4.40	10.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.1	1.9.3	The purpose of contact centres and how they operate.
		1.10	Describe the issues and concerns which	1.10.1	Understand the issues, causes and concerns for internal
			may affect both internal and external customers.	1 10 2	customers.
			customers.	1.10.2	The issues, causes and concerns for external customers.
		1.11	Explain the importance of keeping	1.11.1	The importance of being pro-active.
			customers updated.	1.11.2	The opportunities to be pro-active.
2	Understand the	2.1	Explain the importance of customer	2.1.1	How an organisation's service performance is measured.
4	importance of		feedback.	2.1.2	The regulatory performance requirements and how they relate to
questions	customer feedback				the fair treatment of customers.
	to improve service			2.1.3	How customer feedback is used for continuous improvement and
	in the insurance				product development.
	sector.		- H 1155 - H 15 H 15	2.1.4	How internal and external benchmarking is used.
		2.2	Describe different methods of collecting	2.2.1	What informal and formal customer feedback is and the difference
			formal and informal feedback.	2.2.2	between quantitative and qualitative research.
				2.2.2	The difference between post contact surveys and interactive voice response surveys, and how the information provided is used.
				2.2.3	When questionnaires, focus groups, speech analytics and
				2.2.3	employee feedback is used and their advantages.
				2.2.4	The external sources of feedback.
		2.3	Explain various ways that feedback can	2.3.1	The methods for depicting feedback and their advantages and
			be depicted (charts, graphs, pictograms).		disadvantages.
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		2.4	Describe data protection legislation and its implications for collecting, storing and	2.4.1	The data protection legislation and what information is categorised as confidential.
			using customer feedback.	2.4.2	How data can be used and lawful processing.
				2.4.3	When a breach of data protection legislation may occur,
					notification of breaches, and in what circumstances data may be
					transferred to another country.
3	Understand the	3.1	Explain the stages in the communication	3.1.1	What communication is and how it is processed.
7 questions	importance of good		process.	3.1.2	How we communicate and what is contained within communications.
•	communication to			3.1.3	The conversation cycle.
	maintain and build client relationships in the insurance industry.	3.2	Describe barriers to communication and how these can be overcome.	3.2.1	The barriers to communication and how they can be overcome.
		3.3	Explain the advantages and disadvantages	3.3.1	One-way communication, its advantages and disadvantages.
			of the various methods of communication.	3.3.2	Two-way communication, ts advantages and disadvantages.
				3.3.3	The benefits of correct tone of voice.
				3.3.4	The value of positive language.
		3.4	Explain how non-verbal communication can influence relationships in the	3.4.1	The benefits of positive body language.
			insurance industry.	3.4.2	What is negative body language.
		3.5	Explain why it is important to use feedback to check effectiveness of the communication process.	3.5.1	Why feedback is important.
		3.6	Explain the importance of accurate and clear written communication.	3.6.1	The processes in the preparation, drafting and sending of nonverbal communication.
				3.6.2	The use of correct spelling and grammar, including when to use bullet points, and the benefits of using the active tone in communication.



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		3.7	Describe the steps of the ideal call	3.7.1	The steps in a call structure with a customer.
			structure and the skills needed at each	3.7.2	How to build rapport with a customer.
			stage.	3.7.3	When to empathise with a customer.
				3.7.4	When to signpost in a conversation with a customer.
				3.7.5	The skills required when listening to a customer.
				3.7.6	Know questioning techniques to obtain information.
				3.7.7	The importance of summarising a call.
		3.8	List common forms of challenging calls	3.8.1	The behaviour cycle.
			and describe ways to deal with them.	3.8.2	How to deal with challenging calls.
4	Know how to deal with conflict within	4.1	Describe factors that can trigger a negative response in customers.	4.1.1	What can trigger a negative response.
4 questions	an insurance environment.	4.2	Explain the stages in the escalation of conflict.	4.2.1	The stages in the escalation of a conflict.
		4.3	Explain the importance of following organisational policies and guidelines when dealing with conflict situations.	4.3.1	Why organisational policies and guidelines exist and their benefits.
		4.4	Describe ways in which conflict can be	4.4.1	Know conflict management strategies.
			diffused.	4.4.2	The steps to diffusing conflict.
				4.4.3	How communication can diffuse or accelerate a conflict, including an understanding of the transactional analysis model.
5	Understand the	5.1	Explain the importance of keeping	5.1.1	What constitutes documentation and methods of recording.
3	importance of		accurate records of communication with	5.1.2	The benefits of maintaining accurate documentation.
questions	keeping accurate		customers.	5.1.3	The disadvantages of failing to maintain accurate documentation.
	and confidential records when dealing with	5.2	Explain the importance of keeping customers' information confidential.	5.2.1	The importance of data protection legislation, with regard to keeping customers' information confidential.
	customers.	5.3	Explain the possible consequences of not maintaining client confidentiality.	5.3.1	The consequences of failure to maintain client confidentiality.



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6	Know how to manage own workload and time	6.1	Describe factors that may impact on personal workload and time availability.	6.1.1	The factors that may have an impact on personal workload and time.
2	to meet business	6.2	Explain techniques for managing	6.2.1	The techniques for managing workload and time effectively.
questions	requirements and timescales.		workload and time more effectively.	6.2.2	The skills required for effective personal management including knowledge of Covey's urgent/important matrix.
7	Know how to work with others to	7.1	Explain what makes teams effective.	7.1.1	What makes a team effective including a knowledge of Bruce Tuckman's Model on the stages of team development.
7	achieve team and			7.1.2	Belbin's team roles and how they contribute to a successful team.
questions	organisational objectives.	7.2	Explain how relevant information can be shared to enhance team effectiveness and	7.2.1	The types of information that should be shared with a team.
			lead to a positive customer experience.	7.2.2	How much information should be shared and how frequently with a team.
				7.2.3	The importance of a clear delivery of information.
		7.3	Explain how individual behaviour can have a positive or negative effect on the team	7.3.1	Positive behaviour and its effect on a team.
			and how this may impact the customer.	7.3.2	Negative behaviour and its effect on a team.
		7.4	Explain how individuals can contribute towards the achievement of team and	7.4.1	Different types of corporate objectives and how they are measured.
			organisational goals.	7.4.2	The effect of personal objectives on team goals including SMART objectives.
				7.4.3	The appraisal and performance review process and its benefits.
		7.5	Explain what situations should be referred to someone with higher authority.	7.5.1	The types of situations and when referral to someone with higher authority is required.



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8	Understand the	8.1	Explain the difference between	8.1.1	The difference between transactional and consultative selling and
	sales process.		processing orders and selling.		their use in internet selling.
7				8.1.2	When processing of an order takes place, the main aspects of
questions					processing an order, and how internet orders should be managed.
		8.2	Describe the stages that lead to a sale.	8.2.1	How to manage lead generations and initial introductions for pre-
					call activity.
				8.2.2	What a fact find is and when it should be completed.
				8.2.3	What a demands and needs statement is and when it is required.
				8.2.4	Analyses of customer requirements including suitability statements.
				8.2.5	The need to summarise the sales process, respond to questions and follow-up on the service process.
		8.3	Explain the difference between advised and non-advised sales.	8.3.1	What advised sales are and what information should be given to a customer.
				8.3.2	What non-advised sales are and what information should be given to a customer.
		8.4	Describe the key characteristics in	8.4.1	The processes for successful sales including preparation.
			successful selling.	8.4.2	The skills required for successful sales.
				8.4.3	How telephone selling differs from other sale methods.
9	Know how to increase sales activities.	9.1	Explain how to obtain sufficient information from customers to support sales.	9.1.1	How to obtain sufficient information from customers to support sales.
4 questions		9.2	Describe how to make links between information provided by customers and products to create sales opportunities.	9.2.1	The importance of product information to be able to link that knowledge to customer requirements.
		9.3	Describe how to communicate the features and benefits of products to customers.	9.3.1	How product features, advantages and benefits should be communicated to customers.
		9.4	Explain how to identify cross-selling	9.4.1	Cross-selling - what it is, when to use it and its advantages.
			and up-selling opportunities.	9.4.2	Up-selling – what it is, when to use it, and its advantages.



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		9.5	Explain how to develop customer loyalty and retention.	9.5.1	How customer loyalty can be developed through consistent delivery, proactive customer relationship management, and claims service.
10	10 Know the main regulatory and legal requirements	10.1	Explain the role of the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) in the	10.1.1	The role of the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority in the authorisation, supervision and regulation of the insurance industry.
3 questions	applicable to the application of		authorisation, supervision and regulation of insurers.	10.1.2	The Financial Conduct Authority's training and competence requirements.
	insurance business.			10.1.3	The requirements of the Insurance: Conduct of Business Sourcebook (ICOBS).
		10.2	Explain the importance of the fair treatment of customers and achieving positive customer outcomes.	10.2.1	The Financial Conduct Authority's requirements for the fair treatment of customers, including positive customer outcomes and Consumer Duty.
		10.3	Describe the FCA's requirements in	10.3.1	The Financial Conduct Authority's definition of a complaint.
			relation to handling complaints.	10.3.2	The regulatory procedures for handling a complaint.
		10.4	Describe the services provided by the Financial Ombudsman Service.	10.4.1	The type of complaints that can be referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service and how it operates.