

CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGEMENT

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UNIT SPECIFICATION

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Unit Title

Customer Service Management

Credit value

The credit value for this unit is 30

30 credits equivalent to 300 hours of teaching and learning (10 hours is equivalent to 1 credit)

Guided learning hours (GLH) = 50 hours

GLH includes lectures, tutorials and supervised study. This may vary to suit the needs and requirements of the learner and/or the approved centre of study.

Directed learning = 50 hours: This includes advance reading and preparation, group study, and undertaking research tasks.

Self-managed learning = 200 hours: This includes completing assignments and working through the core and additional reading texts. It also includes personal research reading via other physical and/or electronic resources.



Learning outcome	Assessment criteria
Learner will:	Learner can:
1.0 Understand the contribution of quality management to customer attraction and retention	1.1 Explain the meaning of quality 1.1.1 Examine the nature of quality in relation to the customer and the organization 1.2 Discuss the contribution of quality management to customer attraction, satisfaction and retention
2.0 Understand who customers are	2.1 Explore the various ways of defining who a customer is2.2 Examine the various facts about customer service2.3 Distinguish between internal and external customers
3.0 Understand how effective customer service management contributes to the achievement of organizational goals	 3.1 Explain the meaning of customer care 3.1.1 Evaluate the tangible and intangible elements of customer care 3.2 Discuss the factors that have contributed to the growing importance of customer care 3.3 Evaluate how effective customer support can be used as a competitive business tool 3.4 Give an account on how an organization can be better at customer service 3.5 Explore the ways of becoming better at customer relations 3.6 Discuss the contribution of public relations to effective customer service management 3.7 Explore the various ways of improving customer communications 3.8 Examine how complaints can be effectively managed



4.0 Understand the nature of Value Creation Selling	4.1 Discuss Charan's (2007) Value Creation Selling (VCS) 4.2 Give an account on how the value chain can be effectively managed to improve customer satisfaction and retention
5.0 Understand how effective customer relations can be effectively managed and sustained	 5.1 Give an account on how the following contributes to the sustainability of effective customer relations: a. Strategic planning and integration: - Setting organizational goals that are customer oriented - Developing the customer service skills of employees - Setting customer satisfaction standards - Integrating customers b. Implementation and evaluation - Monitoring procedures - Measuring performance - Review/assessment - Reward/reinforcement
6.0 Understand the relationship between customer expectation and customer perception	 6.1 Examine the relationship that may exist between a customer's expectation and perception when: Perceived quality is poor Perceived quality is acceptable Perceived quality is good 6.2 Evaluate how an organization can use knowledge of the relationship between customer expectation and perception to make informed decisions on its business activities



Recommended learning resources

Indicative reading	Charan Ram, 2007; What the customer wants you to know. Portfolio, USA. ISBN: 978-0141036878 Renee Evenson, 2007; Award winning customer service. 101 ways to guarantee great performance. NY, USA. ISBN-13: 978-0814474549
Learning Aid	 A comprehensive IPED study material is available to aid in learning and research of this unit. We supply IPED course materials free of charge. Our study materials, which offer quick learning start, are comprehensive, use simple English, and are easy to read and understand. The contents are so sufficient and self-explanatory; that in majority of cases readers do not require further support; although support is always available when you need it.

