Principles of Customer Service

Unit reference number: J/506/2132

Level: 2

Credit value: 4

Guided learning hours: 34

Unit type: Knowledge

Learning outcomes		Assessment criteria	
1	Understand customer service		Explain the purpose and scope of customer service
		1.2	Define the term "service offer"
		1.3	Explain the value of a "service offer" to an organisation
		1.4	Explain the importance of delivering consistently high quality customer service
		1.5	Explain the importance of keeping up to date with knowledge of competitors' activities
		1.6	Explain barriers to providing effective customer service
		1.7	Describe the features of effective follow-up service
2	Understand how legal and ethical requirements relate to customer service	2.1	Describe how sales and consumer- related legislation and regulations affect the delivery of customer service
		2.2	Describe how health, safety and environmental legislation affects customer service delivery
		2.3	Explain how ethical considerations affect customer service
		2.4	Explain how equality legislation affects customer service
		2.5	Describe how legislation affects the use and storage of customer information

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3	Understand how to deliver effective customer service	3.1	Explain the difference between customers' wants, needs and their expectations
		3.2	Explain how to identify customers' needs and expectations
		3.3	Explain the importance of managing customers' expectations
		3.4	Explain how to behave in a way that meets customers' expectations
		3.5	Describe techniques that can be used to put customers at ease and gain their trust
		3.6	Explain the importance of following up actions and keeping promises when delivering customer service
4	Understand the management of customer service information	4.1	Explain how customer service information can be used
		4.2	Explain the importance of systems to manage customer service information
		4.3	Explain the uses of systems to manage customer service information
		4.4	Identify the features of an effective customer complaints process
		4.5	Describe the uses of a customer complaints process