

Competency Standard

UNIT TITLE: CONSTRUCT AND TICKET REGULAR INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES		NOMINAL HOURS: 50
UNIT NUMBER: D2.TTA.CL2.08		
UNIT DESCRIPTOR: This unit deals with skills and knowledge required to construct itineraries, cost airfares and issue documentation for international air travel using regular fares.		
ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	UNIT VARIABLE AND ASSESSMENT GUIDE	
<p>Element 1: Confirm client requirements for regular international air travel</p> <p>1.1 Identify and confirm <i>needs and preferences of client</i></p> <p>1.2 Identify and access <i>appropriate resources</i> to enable processing of client requirements</p> <p>Element 2: Interpret regular airfare information</p> <p>2.1 Identify and explain <i>regular airfare information</i></p> <p>Element 3: Construct and cost itinerary for regular international air travel</p> <p>3.1 Select carriers to accommodate identified client requirements</p> <p>3.2 Construct and <i>cost draft itinerary</i> in accordance with host enterprise <i>operational requirements</i> and identified client requirements</p>	<p>Unit Variables</p> <p>The Unit Variables provide advice to interpret the scope and context of this unit of competence, allowing for differences between enterprises and workplaces. It relates to the unit as a whole and facilitates holistic assessment.</p> <p>This unit applies to the construction of itineraries, costing of airfares and issuing of documentation for international air travel using regular fares, within the labour divisions of the hotel and travel industries and may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel Agencies 2. Tour Operation <p><i>Needs and preferences of client</i> may relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packages • Budget • Timing and duration • Number of travellers, including considerations applicable to groups, families and individuals • Destinations 	

3.3 Obtain approval and *authority to proceed* with *booking/s* from client

3.4 *Book approved itinerary* with nominated carriers

3.5 Obtain *payment from client*, as required

Element 4: Process documentation for regular international air travel

4.1 *Prepare required travel documentation* to support approved client booking

4.2 *Process payment/s by client*

4.3 *Issue travel documentation*

4.4 Up-date *internal records*

- Carrier
- Quotations and advice supplied to client.

Appropriate resources may include:

- Computerised reservation system, including computerised data/information contained within the system
- Airline guides
- Airline schedules/timetables
- Fare manuals
- Tariffs from airlines
- Tariffs from consolidators
- Special bulletins and advisories from airlines and consolidators
- General information from airlines
- Quotations supplied to clients
- Internet.

Regular airfare information may include:

- Fares, fare basis and fare rules, including fare types and classes
- Airport codes
- Airline codes
- Destination codes
- International Air Transport Association (IATA) codes and areas
- IATA terminology and definitions
- Global indicators
- International sales indicators

- International airline and airfare terminology
- Normal and discounted fares
- Information on, and interpretation of, net fares
- Taxes, including airport tax, departure tax, noise tax, Goods and Services Tax (GST) and other relevant taxes and government charges applicable to the host country
- General air travel rules and restrictions of the host country
- Terms and conditions applicable to specific fares which may include:
 - Payment and ticketing deadlines
 - Extensions to standard ticketing deadlines
 - Cancellation charges and other penalties
 - Availability of any type of change to the air itinerary
 - Availability of changes to class of travel
 - Availability of changes to origin or destination
 - Amendment fees
 - Overbooking and applicable compensation
 - Limitations of liability
 - Insurance
 - Refund and transferability of ticket details
 - Baggage allowances, including charges for excess baggage
 - Security requirements, including searches and dangerous goods
 - Restrictions on items that can be carried in baggage in the hold of the aircraft, including restrictions on items that can be taken on board by passengers
 - Check-in requirements, options and times, including information relating to fare forfeiture.

Cost draft itineraries may be produced manually or using a computer and must include:

- One-way and return journeys
- coverage of the following types of regular fares:
 - Sector fares
 - Fares incorporating open dated travel and surface segments
 - Fares incorporating non-stop, direct and connecting services
 - Fares incorporating intermediate points
 - Net fares
 - Fares incorporating airport and other taxes
 - Ensuring that selected options meets identified client need, provides best possible regular fare price and optimises travel arrangements
- Calculation of add-on charges, additional taxes, special fees and other charges, as applicable
- Compliance with specific conditions that apply to regular airfares, as appropriate
- Coverage of the following individual client-specific information as appropriate for individual bookings:
 - Name and number of travellers and/or passenger/s, including indication of adults and children, and unaccompanied children where applicable
 - Day and date of travel
 - From and to destinations
 - Name of carrier and identification of chosen option, including seat allocation, where applicable
 - Departure and arrival times
 - Fare, taxes, fees and charges, including sub-totals and total
 - Deposit and/or full payments required, if applicable

- Verification of connections and times, where applicable
- E-ticket details, including number and collection information.

Operational requirements will relate to:

- Carrier guidelines
- Regulatory requirements, including those of authorities of the host country
- Host enterprise requirements
- Peak body requirements and procedures, where relevant, including fare construction rules, if applicable
- Use of correct documentation and/or screens and information fields
- Checks and calculation requirements (including minimum fare check requirements) applicable to individual booking types, where applicable, including:
 - Neutral units of construction (NUC)
 - Local currency fares (LCF)
 - Global indicators (GI)
 - Sold and ticketed inside the country of commencement
 - Mileage system:
 - Maximum permitted mileages (MPMS)
 - Ticketed point mileages (TPMS)
 - Extra mileage allowance (EMA)
 - Excess mileage surcharges (EMS)
 - Higher intermediate points (HIPs)
 - One way backhaul checks (BHC)
 - Circle trip minimum fare checks (CTM).

Authority to proceed may include:

- Verbal notification from client
- Signed authority on standard organisational form
- Explanation of relevant Terms and Conditions that attach to bookings.

Booking/s may include:

- A single product and/or service
- Multiple products and/or services comprising a complete itinerary
- Individuals and groups
- One-off touring arrangements
- Series tours
- Incentive tours
- Meetings and conferences
- Payment of deposit or full payment for products and services.

Booking approved itinerary may include:

- Placing requests and/or bookings with carriers
- Obtaining confirmation of bookings, where applicable
- Operating computerised reservation systems
- Seeking and booking through alternative carriers where initially selected carriers are unable to accommodate requested bookings.

Payment from client may include:

- Credit card
- Cash, or personal, business or traveller's cheque

- Direct debit, electronic funds transfer
- Invoice/account
- Telephone
- E-mail or other electronic transmission
- Payment of deposits and full payment for itinerary.

Prepare required travel documentation can relate to internal and external requirements and may include the following activities and documents:

- Activities:
 - Ensuring accuracy of all entries and calculations
 - Verifying all charges and discounts involved, including infant, child and group discounts
 - Completing documentation fully, in accordance with host enterprise operational requirements and to meet ticketing requirements and applicable regulations
 - Ensuring timely completion of all required documents
- Documents:
 - Client and passenger itineraries
 - Combination documents, such as combination e-ticket itinerary, receipt and invoice
 - Credit notes and receipts
 - Confirmation letters
 - Information packs and brochures
 - Travel insurance documentation
 - Tickets, including processing of e-tickets.

Process payment/s by client may include:

- Accepting payment based on standard host enterprise, industry or carrier requirements
- Issuing receipt
- Recording payment of deposit on internal documentation
- Advising client of amount outstanding, where applicable.

Issue travel documentation will depend on booking type as well as host enterprise and carrier requirements and may include:

- Issuing documentation to clients and passengers
- Providing documentation to accounts department
- Placing copies of documents in client file
- Providing documentation to carriers.

Internal records, which can be computer or manual files, may include:

- Client file
- Invoices
- Receipts
- Computerised system screens and fields
- Adding confirmations and other responses from carriers
- Adding communications from client
- Including documents and records relating to amendments and adjustments to initial request/booking, including refund notices and credit notes
- Up-dating financial status of client file
- Receiving, processing and recording payments, including confirming client has fully paid

- Complying with International Air Transport Association (IATA) requirements and procedures
- Complying with Billing and Settlement Plan (BSP) requirements.

Assessment Guide

The following skills and knowledge must be assessed as part of this unit:

- Enterprise policies and procedures with respect to operational requirements for developing itineraries, costing regular fares, processing payments, issuing tickets and completing documentation and records
- General international air travel rules and restrictions
- Role of international air transport association in billing and settlement plan
- Billing and settlement plan manual and electronic procedures including knowledge and skills with BSPlink
- Billing and settlement plan documentation, hard copy and electronic formats
- General knowledge relating to international airfares and ticketing
- Familiarity with content and format of text-based tariffs and supporting manuals or automated fares systems
- Arithmetic skills to enable cost and other calculations
- Ability to identify, access and apply regular air travel-related resources
- Ability to identify and interpret international carrier and other travel codes
- General knowledge of international carrier and supplier regulations and requirements
- Ability to process payments and convert currencies.

Linkages To Other Units

- Apply advance airfare rules and procedures
- Construct and ticket promotional international airfares

- Access and interpret product information
- Process a financial sale transaction
- Operate a computerised reservation system
- Access and retrieve computer-based data
- Maintain quality customer/guest service
- Produce documents, reports and worksheets on a computer
- Use common business tools and technology
- Develop and update tourism industry knowledge
- Produce travel documentation on a computer
- Source and package tourism products and services
- Source and provide destination information and advice
- Prepare and submit quotations
- Construct and ticket domestic airfares.

Critical Aspects of Assessment

Evidence of the following is essential:

- Understanding of organisational and International Air Transport Association requirements in relation to regular fare construction
- Knowledge of current range of regular air travel products
- Demonstrated ability to explain to a client the carrier terms and conditions for a nominated range of international airlines
- Demonstrated ability to construct and cost a nominated range of regular fares for a given international itinerary to accommodate a nominated set of client requirements
- Demonstrated ability to ticket a nominated range of regular fares for a given international itinerary to accommodate a nominated set of client requirements

- Demonstrated ability to maintain nominated client file for a designated series of exchanges and transactions which must include the supply of a quotation for nominated regular air travel, an alteration to the initial booking and receipt for payment.

Context of Assessment

Assessment must ensure:

- Actual or simulated workplace application of regular airfare construction in a realistic office environment.

Resource Implications

Training and assessment must include actual computerised reservation and ancillary systems, real regular travel and airfare documentation or screens, real regular airfare resource material and actual or simulated international journeys for use as the basis of developing regular airfares and itineraries.

Assessment Methods

The following methods may be used to assess competency for this unit:

- Observation of practical candidate performance
- Portfolio of itineraries and other documentation
- Role plays
- Oral and written questions
- Third party reports completed by a supervisor
- Project and assignment work.

Key Competencies in this Unit

Level 1 = competence to undertake tasks effectively

Level 2 = competence to manage tasks

Level 3 = competence to use concepts for evaluating

	Key Competencies	Level	Examples
	Collecting, organising and analysing information	2	Source fare information; interpret airfare resource material; evaluate options to meet client requirements
	Communicating ideas and information	1	Provide options, advice and assistance to clients; explain client requirements to carriers
	Planning and organising activities	2	Integrate client requirements into a personalised itinerary that meets identified need
	Working with others and in teams	1	Liaise with carriers and other agency staff
	Using mathematical ideas and techniques	2	Calculate airfares, discounts and required checks
	Solving problems	1	Source alternatives for client to enable attainment of identified requirements
	Using technology	2	Use computerised reservation system and communication technologies