Unit 233 Handling objections and closing sales

UAN:	M/502/8606
Level:	Level 2
Credit value:	3
GLH:	22
Relationship to NOS:	This unit is linked to
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body:	This unit is endorsed by the Council for Administration, the standard setting organisation for business skills.
Aim:	For those assessment criteria which are performance related the most likely form of evidence is assessor observation.

Learning outcome

The learner will:

1. understand how to handle sales objections

Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 1.1 explain the difference between standard and non-standard sales objections
- 1.2 explain how to clarify objections and identify potential sales opportunities from them
- 1.3 describe how to use questioning techniques to explore and resolve customer issues
- 1.4 explain how to empathise with and reassure the customer
- 1.5 explain the difference between hypothetical and real objections
- 1.6 explain how knowledge of products and services can be used to answer objections
- 1.7 explain how competitor activity may affect the potential sale
- 1.8 describe how industry/sector pricing structures may have an impact on sales objections
- 1.9 explain the scope of authority and responsibility when dealing with objections
- 1.10 state who to go to when in need of support to overcome objections.

Learning outcome

The learner will:

2. understand how to close the sale

Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 2.1 explain how to identify verbal and non-verbal buying signals as signs of whether to move towards closing the sale
- 2.2 explain how to perform a trial close
- 2.3 explain how to identify further potential add-on, up-selling or cross-selling opportunities prior to closing the sale
- 2.4 explain potential barriers to closing the sale
- 2.5 explain a range of ways to close the sale.

Learning outcome

The learner will:

3. be able to handle objections

Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 3.1 clarify the nature and extent of objections
- 3.2 explain to the customer the concessions available within the scope of authority
- 3.3 follow organisational procedures for dealing with objections
- 3.4 promote the benefits of products and/or services to overcome objections
- 3.5 use testimonials to overcome objections
- 3.6 refer to those in authority when dealing with objections outside the scope of own authority.

Learning outcome

The learner will:

4. be able to close the sale

Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 4.1 perform a trial close and ask for the order when objections have been met
- 4.2 make use of add-on, up-selling or cross-selling opportunities
- 4.3 follow organisational procedures for accepting confirmation of an order.