

## PROFESSIONAL TELEPHONE SKILLS

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**COURSE LENGTH: 1.0 DAYS**

Learn how to communicate more professionally on the telephone, manage difficult customers, improve your listening skills and much more with our 1-day PD Training Professional Telephone Skills Course in Singapore. This course was developed to help your staff conduct better, business-related phone conversations and provide excellent service and support via the telephone.

You will learn skills like improving your phone "voice", what words should never be used, how to use effective questioning techniques, dealing with angry customers, what to say when leaving voicemails, staying in control of the call and much more.

This Professional Telephone Skills training course can be delivered at your premises anywhere in Singapore by one of our expert local or international trainers.

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## PROFESSIONAL TELEPHONE SKILLS COURSE OUTLINE

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### FOREWORD

The telephone is considered as the most convenient and quickest instrument to establish contact with their clients by the majority of companies in Singapore. In fact, call centers are the leading operational departments of many organizations. So, it is fundamental that employees assigned to take or make phone calls from clients should possess superior telephone etiquette. These employees must display good communication skills, willingness, courtesy and the ability to efficiently assist clients.

This Telephone Skills Training course will provide your staff with the awareness and skills they need to handle phone calls professionally. This will ensure that the positive image of your organization is reinforced and strengthened with every conversation.

In today's business environment, telephone etiquette displayed in organizations is indicative of its willingness and ability to efficiently assist customers, both internal and external. The skills and the attitude projected over the telephone form a lasting impression in the minds of customers, making it a critical customer 'touch point'.

Today virtual teams are the norm rather than the exception, and one of their primary channels of communication is the telephone. Hence, it is imperative for employees to have a good understanding of business telephone etiquette in order to aid efficient information exchange.

This **Professional Telephone Skills Training Program** aims at helping employees create a lasting impression in their customers' minds - one that shows the Singaporean organization reflected in the best light possible. It focuses on developing telephone etiquette and skills to deal with customers assertively, empathetically, with a sense of care and a positive attitude.

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### OUTCOMES

**After completing this course participants will have learned to:**

- Learn how to provide effective client service over the phone
- Project a professional image over the phone
- Master a professional, effective & reassuring telephone voice
- Gain client's trust using proven communication techniques
- Learn to question effectively over the phone
- Master proven techniques to manage irate customers professionally
- Learn tips for handling a busy reception
- Phrase more effectively for positive and clearer communication
- Establish the right words for unambiguous, positive & productive communication

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## MODULES

### Lesson 1: Providing Effective Client Service

- Welcome
- The Ten Commandments of Good Business
- What Makes An Effective Client Communicator?
- The Seven Deadly Sins of Service
- Reflection

### Lesson 2: Your Personality/Your Telephone Voice

- REACH Review – Communication Evolution Tool
- The Communication Model
- The ABCDE (Five Qualities) of a Good Telephone Voice
- Your Welcome – Should HAIL
- Voice Modulation – The 6 P's to Para verbal Communication
- Reflection

### Lesson 3: Gaining Your Client's Trust

- You Never Get a Second Chance to Make a Good First Impression
- Create a Positive First Impression:
- 4 Key Parts to Your Phone Greeting
- Put Your Clients at Ease with Positive Language
- Show Urgency
- Getting to the Point Quickly - Saying Too Much
- Ending a Call Politely and Professionally
- Put It Into Practice
- Reflection

### Lesson 4: Handling Barriers Over The Phone

- Managing the 5 Barriers
- Words That Must Never Be Used
- Reflection

### Lesson 5: Effective Questioning

- WIIFM
- Good Questioning Techniques
- Ask Yourself the Following 5
- Open and Closed Questions
- Clarifying Questions
- Seek Satisfaction/Understanding
- Questions to Keep Control of the Call
- Arrange When You Will Call Them Back
- Reflection

### Lesson 6: Irrate Clients

- How to Deal with Angry Clients
- The Challenge of Angry Clients
- Do Not Allow Negative Emotions to Affect You
- High Emotion – Low Intelligence
- Use the HEAT to Defuse an Irrate Client
- Reflection

### Lesson 7: Prepare Yourself

- Planning Phone Calls
- Check Your Ringtone
- Transferring Calls
- Asking a Client to Hold
- Taking Messages
- Reflection

### Lesson 8: Reception Tips

- Serving Clients at the Reception: The Dos
- Serving Clients at the Reception: The Don'ts
- Reflection

### Lesson 9: Professional Voicemail Messages

- What to Include in a Voicemail Message?
- Customised Messages for Different Callers
- Closed Greeting
- Internal Greeting
- Practice, Practice, Practice
- Reflection

### Lesson 10: Reflections

- Create an Action Plan
- Accountability = Action

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### WEB LINKS

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- [View this course online](#)
- [In-house Training Instant Quote](#)