UNIT TITLE: ACCESS AND RETRIEVE COMPUTER-BASED DATA

NOMINAL HOURS: 25 hours

UNIT NUMBER: D1.HRS.CL1.01 D1.HOT.CL1.06 D2.TCC.CL1.10

UNIT DESCRIPTOR: This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to access and retrieve computer-based data in the hotel and travel industries workplace context.

ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Element 1: Open file

- 1.1 Turn on/access computer system correctly
- **1.2** Select or load appropriate software
- 1.3 Identify and open correct file

Element 2: Access computer-based data

- **2.1** Use computer features to access a range of data or information
- **2.2** Retrieve data using prescribed systems, sequences and appropriate keyboard techniques
- 2.3 Access data stored on a variety of data storage mediums, private computer networks and the Internet
- **2.4** Use searches and queries to find desired Information

Element 3: Retrieve computer-based data

- **3.1** Locate data to be retrieved
- 3.2 Check that data meets requirements
- **3.3** Print or transfer file to data storage medium as required.

UNIT VARIABLE AND ASSESSMENT GUIDE

Unit Variables

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.

This unit applies to accessing and retrieving computer-based data within the labor divisions of the hotel and travel industries and may include:

- 1. Front Office
- 2. Housekeeping
- 3. Food and Beverage
- 4. Travel Agencies
- 5. Tour Operation

Computer system will vary depending on the enterprise, and may include:

- Windows
- Mac
- Portable computers
- Stand-alone computers
- Networked computers.

Data or information may include:

- Costs
- Availability, eg room, tour, seats, etc
- Product information
- Industry information
- Customer information
- Time
- Timetables
- Reservation data.

Retrieve data may relate to:

- Finding document data
- Saving changes made to the document
- Finding document.

Data Storage mediums include:

- Compact Disks (CDR)
- Digital Video Disks (DVDR)
- Floppy disks
- Flash Drives
- Portable hard drives
- External hard drives
- Local hard drives
- Network drives.

Locate data to be retrieved may relate to data stored on:

- Compact Disks (CD)
- Digital Video Disks (DVD)
- Blu Ray Disks
- Floppy disks
- Flash Drives
- Portable hard drives
- External hard drives
- Local hard drives
- Network drives.

Assessment Guide

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

- knowledge of enterprise policies and procedures in regard to using the computer system to
- · access and retrieve computer-based data
- ability to apply basic principles of computer searches and/or queries
- ability to undertake administrative procedures related to accessing requested data.

Linkages To Other Units

This is a core unit that underpins effective performance in all other units; combined training and assessment may be appropriate

Critical Aspects of Assessment

Evidence of the following is essential:

- demonstrated ability to access enterprise computer system
- demonstrated ability to access and retrieve computer-based data within accepted timeframe
- demonstrated ability to apply knowledge of basic computer operations.

Context of Assessment

This unit may be assessed on or off the job

- assessment should include practical demonstration of accessing and retrieving computer-
- based data either in the workplace or through a simulation activity, supported by a range of
- methods to assess underpinning knowledge
- assessment must relate to the individual's work area, job role and area of responsibility.

Resource Implications

Training and assessment to include access to a real or simulated workplace; and access to workplace standards, procedures, policies, guidelines, tools and equipment.

Assessment Methods

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

- case studies
- observation of practical candidate performance
- oral and written questions
- portfolio evidence
- problem solving
- role plays
- 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, organizing and analyzing information	1	Compare sources of information and data; retrieve data in a format that is useful	
Communicating ideas and information	1	Use searches and queries to find information	
Planning and organizing activities	1	Prioritize actions	

	Working with others and in teams	0	
	Using mathematical ideas and techniques	0	
	Solving problems	1	Use computer to find information to resolve complaints
	Using technology	1	Use computer to access and retrieve data