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01

PART

Hospitality Industry Foundation

This section develops practical judgement and observable workplace behaviours. Use chapters sequentially or select modules based on a documented performance need.

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Chapter 01	Understanding the Hospitality Industry
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CHAPTER 01

Understanding the Hospitality Industry

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Describe the hospitality ecosystem and its guest-facing and supporting functions.

1. Learn

Hospitality creates value through accommodation, food, beverage, events, travel support and experiences. The guest sees one journey, even when many departments deliver it. Reliable service depends on shared standards, accurate information and coordinated ownership.

Reliable hospitality performance combines guest awareness, accurate information, dependable execution and appropriate judgement. Employees should know which decisions they can make independently, which require approval and how to obtain help without abandoning the guest.

2. Understand

- **Guest outcome:** identify what a good result means for the person receiving service.
- **Operational context:** check availability, timing, capacity, equipment and dependencies.
- **Accuracy:** verify details before making a commitment or updating a record.
- **Authority:** follow current policy and seek approval for exceptions.
- **Ownership:** state the next step, owner and expected update.

WORKPLACE EXAMPLE

A late checkout request may affect front office, housekeeping, room availability and the next arrival.

3. Think

Consider a time when this topic was handled well or poorly. What was visible to the guest? Which systems, handovers, staffing decisions or unclear expectations influenced the outcome? What evidence would distinguish an individual skill gap from a process problem?

CHAPTER 01 · APPLY AND PRACTISE

Understanding the Hospitality Industry

4. Apply

Use this worksheet with a fictional or anonymised example. Do not include personal guest details, payment data, access credentials or confidential employee information.

Prompt	Notes
Situation and desired outcome	
Guest need or operational requirement	
Facts verified	
Information still needed	
Applicable standard or procedure	
Action and owner	
Timing and update to be provided	
Evidence task is complete	

5. Practise

SCENARIO

A late checkout request may affect front office, housekeeping, room availability and the next arrival. In pairs, practise the conversation or task. One person performs the role, one observes and one may act as guest or colleague. Keep the response realistic and within the employee's authority.

6. Discuss

- Which facts were confirmed and which were assumptions?
- What could damage trust, safety, privacy or service consistency?
- What should be communicated now, and what must be checked first?
- When is escalation required, and how can ownership be maintained?

7. Check

Choose the strongest response: A. Make a confident promise before checking. B. Verify facts, follow the approved process, explain realistic options and confirm the next step. C. Transfer the issue without context or clear ownership.

SUGGESTED ANSWER

B. It balances responsiveness, accuracy, policy, respect and follow-through.

8. Act

Within five working days, practise one observable behaviour from this chapter. Ask a manager or peer to observe it. Record feedback, evidence and the next improvement.

CHAPTER 16

Service Recovery

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Restore confidence after a service failure while learning from the cause.

1. Learn

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CASE 01

The Room Is Not Ready

Situation

A guest arrives early. System status and housekeeping report do not agree.

Team task

- 01 Separate verified facts from assumptions and missing information.
- 02 Identify guest, operational, safety, privacy or commercial risks.
- 03 Recommend a first action and a clear communication plan.
- 04 State what should be documented, who owns the next step and when it will be reviewed.

Team notes

Discussion questions

- What must be checked before deciding?
- What could go wrong if the team takes a shortcut?
- What would a respectful and accurate response sound like?

CASE 01 · FACILITATOR DEBRIEF

Facilitator Debrief

A defensible response

Verify actual status, acknowledge the wait, give a realistic update and coordinate with the responsible department. Never mark a room ready without required checks.

Learning points

Room status accuracy and ownership.

FACILITATOR NOTE

Accept different solutions when supported by facts, guest dignity, approved procedures, safety and clear ownership.

Prevention question

What change to the process, checklist, briefing or system could reduce recurrence? Identify one owner and one measure.

SIMULATION 01

Welcoming a Guest

SCENARIO

A guest arrives tired after a delayed journey and asks several questions at once.

Instructions

- 01 Prepare by reading the scenario and assigning guest, employee and observer roles.
- 02 Practise a realistic interaction for five to seven minutes.
- 03 Record specific behaviours rather than personality judgements.
- 04 Debrief by identifying one strength, one improvement and one workplace action.

Observer checklist

- ☐ Acknowledges the need respectfully.
- ☐ Clarifies facts and avoids assumptions.
- ☐ Uses accurate, plain language.
- ☐ Follows role boundaries and approved procedures.
- ☐ Confirms next step and ownership.
- ☐ Protects privacy and escalates appropriately.

Observer notes

FOCUS FOR FEEDBACK

Warm acknowledgement, listening, prioritisation, accurate information and clear next steps.

Observation	Notes
What the employee did effectively	
Evidence of listening and clarity	
Accuracy and policy awareness	
How ownership was maintained	
One behaviour to practise next	
Reviewer and follow-up date	

Reflection prompts

- What did the guest most need at that moment?
- Which part of the response reduced uncertainty?
- What information or authority was missing?
- How could the team or system make the response easier next time?

TOOL 03

Front Office Shift Handover

Purpose: structure consistent practice, documentation and follow-up. Adapt fields to approved systems and minimise personal data.

Field	Entry
Shift and date	
Arrivals and departures requiring coordination	
Open guest requests	
Room status issues	
Payment or billing follow-up	
Maintenance or safety concern	
Owner and due time	
Supervisor review	

Quality check

- ☐ Use verified and authorised information.
- ☐ Identify an owner and due date for every open action.
- ☐ Separate facts from assumptions.
- ☐ Protect personal information and follow retention rules.
- ☐ Escalate issues outside role authority.



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