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Learning Outcome Assessment Criteria

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1	Understand the general	1.1	Describe the legal requirements for	1.1.1	What requirements the insured needs to prove a valid claim.		
12	principles in the claims		a valid claim.	1.1.2	What the duties and responsibilities of the insurer are when assessing a claim.		
questions	handling process.	1.2	Describe the different types of	1.2.1	The types of policy conditions and their relevance to claims, and the		
			policy conditions relating to claims.		consequences of non-compliance.		
				1.2.2	What is meant by the terms express condition and implied condition, and the		
					difference between the two.		
				1.2.3	Unfair or hidden terms and conditions.		
				1.2.4	The duties of an insured after a loss.		
		1.3	Describe what documentary and	1.3.1	Methods for giving first notice of loss.		
			supporting evidence are required	1.3.2	Claim forms and content.		
			when notifying a claim.	1.3.3	Supporting evidence.		
		1.4	Explain what is meant by	1.4.1	Proximate cause and its application to a given set of circumstances.		
			proximate cause and how it is				
			applied.				
2	Understand insurance	2.1	Know the features, extensions and	2.1.1	Private (Road Traffic Act, Third Party, Third Party, Fire and Theft,		
	products and associated		exclusion of motor policies.		Comprehensive).		
13	services.			2.1.2	Road Traffic Act Requirements.		
questions				2.1.3	Motorcycle.		
				2.1.4	Commercial.		
		2.2	Know the features, extensions and	2.2.1	Household - Buildings and contents.		
			exclusions of household policies,	2.2.2	Gadget – laptop, mobile phones, etc.		
			gadget policies, travel policies and	2.2.3	Travel.		
			extended warranties.	2.2.4	Pet.		
				2.2.5	Extended Warranty.		
		2.3	Know the features, extensions and	2.3.1	Commercial Property - combined property, all risks, theft, glass, money.		
			exclusions of commercial property	2.3.2	Pecuniary - business interruption, legal expenses and creditor insurance.		
			and pecuniary policies.				
		2.4	Know the features, extensions and	2.4.1	Liability - employers, public liability, product liability, professional indemnity,		
			exclusions of commercial liability		cyber liability.		
			policies.				



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		2.5	Know the features, extensions and exclusions of health policies.	2.5.1	Health - personal accident, sickness, medical expenses.
3	Understand claims considerations and	3.1	Describe the role of the claims department.	3.1.1	Function of the claims department and staff responsibilities.
13	administration.	3.2	Explain the importance of service	3.2.1	Why good customer service is important.
questions			standards and managing customer	3.2.2	Typical service standards content.
			expectations.	3.2.3	How can service standards benefit for the insurer and insured.
		3.3	Understand the different parties to	3.3.1	Describe the first, second and third parties in an insurance claim.
			an insurance claim.	3.3.2	How third party claims differ from first party claims.
				3.3.3	Explain how third party claims are managed by insurers.
				3.3.4	The various services available to third party claimants when dealing with
					litigation costs.
		3.4	Explain the importance of claims	3.4.1	Understand why claims estimating and reserving is important to the company.
			estimating and how the process of	3.4.2	The process of individual case reserving.
			reserving operates.	3.4.3	The process of actuarial or global reserving.
				3.4.4	Understand the need for static reviews.
		3.5	Understand how fraud affects	3.5.1	Fraud detection and indicators.
			insurance claims.	3.5.2	Understand the various prevention methods.
				3.5.3	Detection databases.
				3.5.4	Consequences for the insurer and genuine policyholders.
				3.5.5	Consequences for third parties committing fraud.
				3.5.6	The consequences for policyholders committing fraud including application of
					Insurance Act 2015.
		3.6	Describe the main regulatory and	3.6.1	Insurance: Conduct of Business sourcebook (ICOBS) as it relates to claims
			legislative environment for claims		handling.
			handling.	3.6.2	The importance of Consumer Duty and positive customer outcomes.
				3.6.3	Implications of the Insurance Act 2015 as it relates to claims handling.
				3.6.4	The Enterprise Act as it relates to claims handling.
				3.6.5	The Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 2012 as it relates to claims handling.



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		3.7	Describe how disputes and	3.7.1	The various ways in which first party disputes can be resolved.
		3.7	complaints could be resolved.	3.7.2	Arbitration and the Arbitration clause.
			complaints could be resolved.	3.7.3	Alternative dispute resolution and litigation of third party claims.
				3.7.4	The Financial Ombudsman Service and its role in dispute resolution.
		3.8	Describe the concepts of good faith	3.8.1	The duty of fair presentation.
			and the duty of fair presentation.	3.8.2	The consequences of a breach of duty of fair presentation.
4	Understand claims handling procedures and	4.1	Know claims handling procedures for motor policies.	4.1.1	Private (Road Traffic Act, Third Party, Third Party, Fire and Theft, Comprehensive).
13	related claims services.			4.1.2	Road Traffic Act Requirements.
questions				4.1.3	Motorcycle.
				4.1.4	Commercial.
				4.1.5	Uninsured Loss Recovery.
				4.1.6	Helplines, advice and assistance
				4.1.7	Uninsured losses and rehabilitation
		4.2	Know claims handling procedures for household, gadget, travel and extended warranty.	4.2.1	Household - Buildings and contents.
				4.2.2	Gadget – laptop, mobile phones, etc.
				4.2.3	Travel.
				4.2.4	Pet.
				4.2.5	Extended Warranty.
		4.3	Know claims handling procedures for commercial property and	4.3.1	Commercial Property - Combined property, all risks, theft, glass and money.
			pecuniary policies.	4.3.2	Pecuniary - business interruption, legal expenses and creditor insurance.
		4.4	Know claims handling procedures for commercial liability policies.	4.4.1	Liability - employers, public liability, product liability, professional indemnity, cyber liability.
		4.5	Know claims handling procedures for health policies.	4.5.1	Health - personal accident, sickness, medical expenses.
		4.6	Know the Civil Procedure Rules.	4.6.1	Civil procedure rules.
				4.6.2	Personal Injury Pre-Action Protocol and Civil Liability Act 2018
				4.6.3	Ministry Of Justice portal.



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		4.6.4 Small Claims Track	

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5	Understand claims	5.1	Describe the key features, structure	5.1.1	How volume and complexity influence the design of claims handling systems.
6	handling operations.		and objectives of claims systems.	5.1.2	The key information that needs to be stored in a claims handling system.
questions				5.1.3	Advantages and disadvantages of using electronic claims handling systems.
		5.2	Understand the importance of data	5.2.1	Application and enforcement of data protection legislation.
			protection legislation and	5.2.2	Classification of data.
			enforcement.	5.2.3	Data protection principles.
		5.3	Explain the roles of external support	5.3.1	Outsourcing companies.
			services used in the claims process.	5.3.2	Loss adjusters.
				5.3.3	Loss assessors.
				5.3.4	Disaster recovery companies.
				5.3.5	Surveyors.
				5.3.6	Solicitors.
				5.3.7	Authorised Repairers.
				5.3.8	Risk management in the context of preventing and mitigating claims.
				5.3.9	Experts used in the valuation of a third party claim.
		5.4	Describe the claims function as it	5.4.1	Know the different types of organisational structure and the advantages and
			appears in functional and divisional		disadvantages of each.
			structures.		
6	Understand claims	6.1	Describe the way that claims can be	6.1.1	Payment of money.
10	settlement.		settled.	6.1.2	Payment directly to service provider for repairs, medical treatment or other
questions					service.
				6.1.3	Replacement and reinstatement.
		6.2	Describe why a full indemnity may	6.2.1	Limits.
			not always be paid.	6.2.2	Average clauses.
				6.2.3	Betterment.
				6.2.4	Excesses and deductibles.
				6.2.5	Franchises.
		6.3 E	Explain how insurers can recover the	6.3.1	Understand subrogation.
			cost of claims.	6.3.2	Understand salvage.



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		6.3.3 Contribution and Coinsurance.	

		6.4	Describe the provisions of the Motor Insurers' Bureau agreement for	6.4.1	Untraced Drivers' agreement.
			untraced and uninsured drivers.	6.4.2	Uninsured Drivers' agreement.
7	Understand how	7.1	Describe the role of the claims	7.1.1	Claims department strategies.
8	expenses are managed.		manager.	7.1.2	Cost and staffing.
questions				7.1.3	Skills, knowledge and qualifications of claims managers.
		7.2	Explain what leakage is and how to	7.2.1	Explain and identify the different types of leakage.
			identify and reduce it.	7.2.2	How to prevent leakage.
				7.2.3	Consequences of leakage and improving management of leakage.
				7.2.4	Ex gratia payments.
		7.3	Explain the types of financial monitoring and how this can impact	7.3.1	Why it is necessary to monitor a company's financial performance.
			an insurance company results.	7.3.2	Methods of financial reporting and control.
		7.4	Explain the basis and significance of	7.4.1	Outstanding loss reserves.
			reserving practice.	7.4.2	Incurred but not reported reserves (IBNR).
				7.4.3	Incurred but not enough reported reserves (IBNER).
				7.4.4	Understand other reserves.