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# Service Advisor Advanced TRAINING PROGRAM

Your Gateway to the Automotive Industry.

BFSA201.01



## MEET YOUR SERVICE ADVISOR TRAINER



Kieran Stack's journey in the automotive sector began with his Automotive Engineering degree, leading him to various non-technical roles in dealerships across Ireland and Australia.

By 2019, Kieran advanced to an Aftersales
Trainer position at BMW Group, a pivotal
move that led to the establishment of his
own training company in 2021. His expertise
spans several high-end automotive brands,
including JLR, Audi, Porsche, and Ferrari,
culminating in the publication of "Service
Advisor 101" in 2022. This book reflects
Kieran's commitment to sharing his
knowledge and experiences, significantly
contributing to his professional growth.

Kieran's training programs, which cater to a global audience, both in-person and online, have made him a sought-after expert in the industry. His approach to Aftersales focuses on simplifying processes, systems, and strategies to enhance job satisfaction among aftersales staff.

Emphasising continuous learning, Kieran believes in mastering the intricacies of Aftersales by naming and taming challenges, advocating that "skills pay bills." His training promises to deliver valuable insights and practical knowledge, applicable across various levels of experience, ensuring immediate benefits to participants' roles.

#### INTRODUCTION



The online Service Advisor Advanced Training Program is designed and written by Kieran Stack. Kieran was an accomplished Service Advisor and Service Manager and is now a dedicated Service Trainer. The framework for this training is designed in such a way that it is easy to comprehend and implement. It promises to leave Service Advisors from every level of experience with the skill set and mindset that they need to be effective in the role.

#### **Learning Objectives**



Gain skills in effective customer communication using the "Say This...Not That!" approach, focusing on improving both verbal and non-verbal interaction to boost customer satisfaction.



Learn DISC profiling for better customer understanding and apply emotional intelligence in business management, enhancing decision-making and emotional management with customers and within the dealership.



Develop advanced strategies for managing customer conflicts and improving service sales, turning challenges into opportunities for positive customer engagement and dealership success.

#### YOUR ROADMAP TO SUCCESS

This is an advanced, 8-module eLearning course designed specifically for Service Advisors, delving deeply into all aspects of the role. It offers sophisticated insights and strategies, enabling Service Advisors at any stage of their career to enhance their performance significantly. Learners should have successfully completed 'Service Advisor 101' Training Program prior to commencing 'Service Advisor Advanced'.



4 eLearning modules (BFSA101.01)

Link to course guide

Pre-requisites

#### **Level 2 My Personal Skills**

2.8	Say ThisNot that! (Part 2	2)
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2.7 Say This...Not that! (Part 1)

2.6 DiSC Personality Profiling (Part 2)

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#### **Level 3 Customer Focused**

3.12 Business Management

3.11 Emotional Intelligence

3.10 Dealing with Customer Conflict

3.9 Service Sales Skills

Unlock your potential with Kieran Stack, a respected industry leader with a wealth of experience across many automotive brands. Learn practical, real-world strategies to accelerate your career in the automotive service industry, directly from an expert who's been in your shoes.

#### **SA Advanced - My Personal Skills**

#### 2.5 DISC PERSONALITY PROFILING - PART 1

Understanding Personality Profiling is possibly the greatest skill set that a Service Advisor can learn. It can be used both personally and professionally and will help you to be successful in both areas.

Imagine interacting with someone for only a few moments and be able to recognise their personality type. From there, be able to adapt the approach based on their style and help them to engage with you. This is the power of understanding and implementing the DiSC personal assessment too which stands for Dominance, influence, Steadiness and Conscientiousness.

Communication becomes frictionless from both sides when DiSC is understood. We are all different and that is okay. But being able to recognise a style and adapt oneself to it is the true superpower.

#### **Outcomes:**

Participants will understand the fundamentals of DiSC theory.

Participants will begin to recognise the patterns that certain styles project and how to identify them.



#### eLearning



20 mins

**Prerequisite:** BFSA031

Code: BFSA051

#### 2.6 DISC PERSONALITY PROFILING - PART 2

In part two of this DiSC Personality Profiling, Kieran discusses the patterns that each of the personality styles project and how to interact with each of them.

Kieran puts participant's learnings to the test by describing some characters that they will be familiar with in order for them to recognise the patterns that these characters project. From there, they will be able to identify and better understand a customer's DiSC personality profile. This is the perfect test to ensure competency.

#### **Outcomes:**

Build on the current level of awareness of

DiSC based on content covered in Module 1.

Participants to be confident in their ability to recognise patterns that people are projecting.

Be equipped with communication strategies to ensure that participant's communication has adapted to the DiSC style presented and choosing words that that style prefers.



#### eLearning



25 mins

**Prerequisite:** BFSA051

#### **SA Advanced - My Personal Skills**

#### 2.7 SAY THIS ... NOT THAT! - PART 1

Kieran's exposure to Service Departments globally gives him an awareness of many of the poor communication habits that are most common.

This module explores many of these poor communication habits and participants will gain an understanding of why NOT to use them.

From there, participants will be equipped with alternative communication strategies that map towards better results.

#### **Outcomes:**

Evolution of the current language patterns that with the appearance of Service Advisors use every day. Increased confidence along with scripts that help Service Advisors to be more effective in their communication. language patterns specific to the Service Advisor role.



eLearning



20 mins

**Prerequisite:** BFSA021

Code: BFSA011

#### 2.8 SAY THIS ... NOT THAT! - PART 2

Part 2 of the "Say This...Not That"!

In this module, Kieran discusses even more advanced communication strategies that are going to help every Service Advisor to go from good to great.

Many of the strategies and approaches are counter-intuitive to the way that most Service Departments operate and communicate but Kieran takes participants on a journey of understanding the psychology behind the alternative approaches and how they map towards profitability, satisfaction and retention.

#### **Outcomes:**



Thought provoking approaches that will challenge the way that Service Departments are currently run.

With implementation and subsequent practice, Service Advisors will see increases in their performance and results.

The acceleration in communication strategies map towards improving profitability, customer satisfaction and retention.



eLearning



25 mins

**Prerequisite:** BFSA011

#### **SA Advanced - Customer Focused**

#### 3.9 SERVICE SALES SKILLS

Contrary to some people's opinions, the Service Advisor role is actually a sales role! Surprise!

In fact, it is one of the most challenging roles to sell in. In many ways, the customer does not want what the Service Department are offering!

Kieran takes participants on a journey of "selling in service" and how to help customers see the value in what the Service Department offers.

#### **Outcomes:**

Leave with a specific

strategy that every Service low-quality closing Advisor needs to help them questions that are to convert a quote to a currently used, to a sales conversions. to convert a quote to a

series of pre-closes that ensures that the customer understands what they are purchasing.

Evolve from the Have an increased Using techniques to confidence that will handle objections and resistance to purchase.



eLearning



20 mins

**Prerequisite: BFSA021** 

Code: BFSA051

#### 3.10 DEALING WITH CUSTOMER CONFLICT

This module is designed to equip Service Advisors with the skills and strategies needed to diffuse tense situations and resolve conflicts with professionalism and confidence.

The learnings from previous modules will be leveraged in this module through real-world examples of how to identify potential sources of customer conflict, de-escalate volatile situations, and find mutually satisfactory resolutions.

The techniques discussed incorporate empathy and problem-solving skills, all while safeguarding the reputation of the Brand and the Dealership.

#### **Outcomes:**

Be able to recognise potential sources of customer conflict in the Service Department before they escalate.

Develop effective skills for managing conflicts with professionalism and empathy.

Increased customer centric problem-solving skills while protecting the reputation of Brand and the Dealership.



eLearning



25 mins

**Prerequisite:** BFSA051

#### **SA Advanced - Customer Focused**

#### 3.11 EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE (EQ)

Understanding and developing emotional intelligence is a mindset and skill set that will help every Service Advisor regardless of their level of experience.

The module is designed to encourage participants to consider their current approaches to each of the pillars of EQ - Emotional Intelligence.

Participants will be equipped with an awareness of each of the pillars in order for them to expand their current level of EQ and evolve it to the next level through considerations presented by Kieran during this module.

#### **Outcomes:**

Understand the concept of EQ and its significance to the Service Advisor role.

Leverage the learnings to develop their personal level of the Service Advisor role.

Leverage the learnings to learnings into their day-to-day interactions in the Service Department. resilience and overall performance.

day-to-day interactions in the Service Department leading to increased employee and customer satisfaction.



eLearning



20 mins

**Prerequisite: BFSA061** 

Code: BFSA051

#### 3.12 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

As the entire course comes to completion, an understanding of how everything that we do gets measured will be a useful endeavour.

This module is designed to simplify KPI's using real world examples to explain them.

Every part of what happens in the Service Department and understanding how each step in the process impacts the next along with the final result is a useful thing to know.

#### **Outcomes:**

are calculated.

Participants will be equipped with an awareness of the main KPI's will allow participants to recognise that are used in the Service the drivers behind each KPI and how they can impact results.



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25 mins

**Prerequisite:** BFSA051

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