

Ventura County Transportation Commission
Job Description

Customer Service Representative

Definition

Under direct supervision, provides transit assistance and information, including fees, schedules, and routes to patrons, primarily over the telephone and via e-mail regarding Ventura County transit services, primarily VCTC Intercity and Valley Express, including bus passes and special transit programs, Commuter Assistance Program, Freeway Service Patrol, Metrolink and Amtrak train services, as well as other VCTC programs. ; processes bus pass sales and recharge transactions, provides phone support to sales outlets for card replacements and authorizations; handles cash, checks, money orders, purchase orders and credit card transactions and receipts; and does related work as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics

This dual-position classification reporting to the Program Manager – Transit Contracts has primary responsibility for providing direct assistance to customers. It is distinguished from the Program Manager in that the latter has overall responsibility for leading the function. This class is distinguished from other office administrative classes by the amount of customer contact.

Typical and Important Duties

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Answers patrons' questions regarding bus schedules, bus routes, Metrolink schedules, fares for county and city buses, bus pass information; assists patrons in reading and understanding schedules, routes, and navigating the Go Ventura website, as well as websites and information for other Ventura County transit and transportation providers.
- Assists walk-in, over the telephone, through U.S. mail, or e-mail patrons with bus pass sales/recharges; describes the bus pass program and products available for purchase.
- Assists riders in determining location of buses, and works with contractor to address missed passengers and connections for late buses.
- Provides referrals for lost and found and other issues requiring communication between patrons and transit contractors.
- Provides sales support for transit passes, including support with the mobile app and card replacement for patrons and sales outlets.
- Handles cash, checks, money orders, purchase orders, and credit-card transactions and receipts; maintains fare-instrument inventory according to policy; processes daily reports, identifies and corrects exceptions, inputs and reconciles transactions, maintains log files and accounts for all damaged/defective cards returned by sales outlets, logs and properly discards.
- Processes bulk orders for purchase for private and public agencies to distribute to employees and clients.
- Utilizes technology employed by VCTC which supports bus operations and the Regional Transit Information Center.
- Ensures adequate inventory of bus pass cards and transfers; initializes, maintains log file and distributes cards to sales outlets.

- Handles difficult customer service issues; refers the more complex customer service issues to appropriate staff; receives and responds to complaints; routes more complex complaints to appropriate staff, VCTC Intercity and Valley Express manager, or contract operations manager staff; enters complaints into data log for tracking and follow up.
- Performs a variety of routine office administrative tasks ensuring there brochures and schedules for county transit services; keeps track of specific inventory, notifying appropriate staff when re-ordering is necessary; changes printer cartridges and prepares them for recycling; prepares packets for mailing of schedules and bus passes, and provides sales outlet supplies to applicable agencies.
- Performs other related duties and responsibilities as assigned.

Experience and Training

Any combination of experience and training that would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge, skills, and abilities would be:

Experience: One year experience in customer service or retail sales that included cashiering duties. Fluent in speaking and writing English is required, and speaking and writing in Spanish is highly desired, and multilingual abilities are desirable.

Training: Equivalent to graduation from high school.

Job-Related Qualifications

Knowledge of:

- Principles and practices of good customer service.
- Techniques for dealing effectively with the public, contractors and staff, in person, through email, and over the telephone.
- Procedures and techniques for proper cash handling.
- Basic arithmetic.
- Fundamental of office administrative procedures, including equipment and filing systems.
- Correct English usage, spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Ability to:

- Learn, and follow customer service policies and procedures, including those applicable to bus pass sales.
- Learn and effectively use new computer-based systems and programs.
- Explain and interpret a variety of policies.
- Make accurate mathematical computations.
- Balance and reconcile data and daily sales totals including cash, checks, money orders, purchase orders, credit-card transactions, and receipts, and fare-media inventory.
- Verify and check files and data.
- Be flexible and patient.
- Maintain composure when dealing with the public in stressful situations.
- Communicate effectively in English in writing, orally, and with others to assimilate, understand, and convey information, in a manner consistent with job functions.

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- Apply a customer service orientation when addressing and resolving complaints and other issues of concern to customers in a tactful and courteous manner.
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with those contacted in the course of the work.
- Represent the Agency effectively in contacts with the public and sales outlet staff occasionally in situations where relations may be difficult or strained.
- Organize own work, set priorities, meet critical deadlines, and follow-up on assignments with a minimum of direction.
- Work in a safe manner adhering to correct Agency safety practices and procedures.
- Maintain confidentiality regarding sensitive information.

Skill in:

- Using a personal computer and associated applications.
- Troubleshooting office equipment.

Licenses and Certificates

All licenses and certificates must be maintained as a condition of employment.

- A valid appropriate California driver's license may be required.
- Maintain a satisfactory driving record.

Special Requirements

Essential duties require the following physical skills, abilities, and work environment:

Physical Skills: Able to use standard office equipment, including a computer and other electronic equipment; arm, hand, finger, wrist, leg, or foot motion repetitively; firmly or lightly grasp items as needed; sit for extended periods; stand, walk, kneel, and maintain sustained posture in a seated or standing position for prolonged periods of time; vision to read printed materials, a computer screen, and to work in a typical office environment; hearing and speech to communicate in person, over the telephone, and to make public presentations; lift and carry 30 pound boxes, files, and materials.

Ability to: Travel to different sites and locations; drive safely to different sites and locations; work protracted and irregular hours and evening meetings or work unusual hours for meeting attendance or participation in specific projects or programs.

Work Environment: Mobility to work in a typical office setting.

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