

Sales Testing Identifies Opportunities for Improving Sales Performance

A sales testing program offers businesses the opportunity to closely examine their sales practices, sales team and sales performance.

Sales testing programs enable businesses to identify opportunities to improve their effectiveness and achieve top sales performance for long-term sales growth, profitability and increased market share. Sales testing and pre-selection testing can help a company assess the members of its sales team to determine if they have the personal attributes, skills, experience, behaviors and motivation necessary to meet and exceed sales goals and reach their potential for top sales team performance. The sales testing process gives a company a complete assessment of its sales team's strengths and weaknesses. This assessment enables the company to develop training to overcome identified weaknesses and prepare the team for superior sales performance.

Sales testing can also reveal the need to restructure the sales team for improved performance, initiate a development program to better prepare leadership to direct the company's sales function and adjust compensation and incentives so that the company remains competitive in the market for highly skilled and talented sales people.

The sales testing assessment also helps a company create sales team standards that can help guide the process of recruiting and pre-screening sales candidates and hiring new sales team members. The goal is to develop a system that enables a company to hire salespeople who are good matches for the company and its brand and meet carefully defined requirements for top sales performance.

This system will help improve the chances of successful, long-term retention of employees, strengthen customer relationships and loyalty and in turn assure long-term growth of sales, profitability and market share of the company.

Other types of sales testing can be employed to analyze other significant factors of a company's sales program to find opportunities for improvement. Sales testing can examine such components of a company's sales program as the responsiveness and quality of customer service and support, the effectiveness of the company's executive leadership team in leading the sales function, and an examination of the effectiveness of those in middle management and supervision.

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