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### **PROFITABLE TEAM WORKBOOK**

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### **How To Attend a One-Day Intensive**

The average (growing) Plumber or Electrician spends \$958 a year on some form of self-improvement. Seminars, books, CD's, DVD's, Software systems or courses to make themselves better people and better business people, in short: to make more money.

Seminars and courses are the best opportunities because they're live performances. They offer "in your face" information that is timely—which makes you evaluate the information in terms of what you are doing "right now".

Business people go to live seminars eager to get more information, but few know how to attend for maximum benefit. Here are few guidelines and ideas I've compiled from both seminar leaders and seminar attendees - These tips will ensure you walk away with the gold:

- 1. <u>Lower your sensitivity meter or better yet, turn it off</u>. You're here to get information not be offended by a remark or word.
- 2. <u>Self-evaluate it, don't " I know it".</u> When you hear a fact that will make you better, don't tell yourself "I know that" rather ask yourself, "how good am I at that?" Self-evaluation is the only way to get better.
- 3. <u>Search for idea-gold</u>. Look for what you don't know not what you do know. Try to walk away with 6 things you can use tomorrow.
- 4. <u>Listen with the intent to understand</u>. Don't cut off the thought too soon. Stick with it...listen all the way out. Don't be smarter than the presenter just listen with the intent to learn and get better.
- 5. <u>Don't do it like they do it. Do it like you do it.</u> Adapt the seminar leader's concepts and words to your personality and style.
- 6. <u>Ask anything any time</u>. Challenge anything any time. If you don't understand, ask why. Write down questions as they occur to you and ask them at the first appropriate moment.
- 7. All information won't work all of the time. So what? Pick out what WILL work and concentrate on that.
- 8. <u>Take the general information and adapt it to your situation</u>. Think, "how will this work in my business?" Try to adapt the principle as soon as you hear it.
- 9. Don't criticise the presenter instead listen for the one or two gems that may impact you forever.
- 10. <u>Your objective is to make yourself better</u>. That's why you came in the first place. Don't strut what you already know. Find the "BFOs (Blinding Flashes of the Obvious)" and convert them to your world. Leave with new things that will help you, not the same information you came with.
- 11. <u>Sit with someone you don't know -</u>Stay away from the people you came with. Make new friends. Look for a potential new customer or contact.
- 12. <u>Take great notes and record them at the end of the event</u>. Too many times great ideas go fallow before they have a chance to be implemented. All great seminar ideas fall victim to the every day work that awaits you after the event. If you record your notes and listen to then every day for two weeks, you are more likely to do the things you would have put off for a month, maybe forever.



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# <u>Module 1</u> How To Operate When Tradesmen Are As Scarce As Hen's Teeth



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# **Default Diary Template**

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**Default Diary Template** 

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### **Job Specification**

### XYZ Plumbing - Job Description – Plumber/Gas Fitter

#### **Overview:** -

We are excited about providing the highest quality service in all our plumbing, drainlaying, gas and solar projects from maintenance work through to construction.

We aim to employ only highly motivated team members where the overall quality and pride in our work are the key factors to providing this service.

### **Position Overview: -**

- Position Status: Plumber/Gas Fitter
- Reporting Relationships: Director/Owners Frank and Debra Thomas, Supervising Project Manager Jared Stevens, Project Manager Dylan Haywood.
- Liaise with: Office staff and other team members and clients.
- Expected hours of work: 7.30 5pm. However, the nature of this position may often require time outside of standard hours, these being paid at normal rate.
- Expected Contract Rate: Negotiable, dependent upon demonstrated ability and previous experience.

#### Role: -

To be able to undertake any Plumbing and/or Gas work assigned by the Director and/or Project Manager in a positive efficient and productive manner with pride, excellent workmanship and quality.

### **Responsibilities: -**

- 1. Turn up to work at the correct time.
- 2. Be well presented in regard to clothing and personal grooming at all times and wear the allocated XYZ attire as directed.
- 3. Be polite, courteous and friendly at all times and refrain from bad language and excessive noise from such things as vehicles and radios.
- 4. Observe instructions/direction for job allocations and requirements, be clear on the specific details and carry out duties in a professional tradesman like manner. Strive towards producing the highest quality work.
- 5. Communicate clearly with all customers in terms of job commencement, work-inprogress matters and job completion at all times. Also communicate clearly with colleagues and management on all relevant matters.

### **Job Specification**

- 1. Carry out all work as instructed by the Project Manager in the expected time frame.
- 2. Have your own basic kit of tools and work towards acquiring more tools as appropriate.
- 3. Ensure that your tools and those belonging to XYZ Plumbing are kept maintained in good working order so you can produce quality work. Including all Machinery.

#### 4. Keep your van clean and tidy, check oil and water weekly and replenish if needed.

- 5. Let office staff know when your van has had a WOF (for the new due date).
- 6. If any tools or equipment are broken notify your Manager immediately so it can be fixed promptly.
- 7. Make sure that your site is safe at all times, (according to OSH regulations and XYZ Plumbing Health and Safety Policies).
- 8. It is expected that you will abide by the 'House Rules' and the 'Rules of the Game' of XYZ Plumbing.
- 9. Have fun, enjoy and be proud of what you achieve in your working day.
- 10. If needing to return to a job at another time, liaise with client and your Manager.
- 11. Upon completion of all jobs leave the site/property in a very clean and tidy manner.
- 12. Communication is paramount, do not hesitate to report any concerns immediately.
- 13. If you need time off, then you must give 2 weeks' notice minimum to your Manager.
- 14. If you are sick, contact your Manager before 7.00am.
- 15. You are encouraged to participate in team meetings and contribute to the overall team spirit. Your input, ideas and openness is encouraged and valued.
- 16. Be willing to share expertise with other staff members, especially apprentices.
- 17. Ensure quality control measures are carried out on jobs that are your responsibility.

### **Key Performance Indicators: -**

- 1. Complete all time on jobs in Fergus, with the correct job number and accurately taking account of materials that need to be ordered.
- 2. All credits are accounted for and photo of packing slip is entered into 'Merchant Documents' under the correct job number.
- 3. Be punctual at all times when arriving at work and on client jobs. Your will provide a high level of customer service at all times.
- 4. Client satisfaction will be assessed through feedback from clients.
- 5. Time on Fergus to match the GPS readings.
- 6. All and any accidents reported to your manager immediately.
- 7. All broken/damaged equipment is reported immediately to your manager. (There is a whiteboard in the workshop also to make a record of these.)

### **Job Specification**

- 1. Clear all rubbish from jobs and dispose of correctly. Cardboard flattened into the cardboard bin and recycling done where possible at all times.
- 2. All work carried out in the expected timeframe as per the 'Notes' in the job on Fergus.
- 3. When doing underfloor ensure all hear is put away and not left in the workshop van or trailer.
- 4. Inform office if needing to return to a job so it can be rescheduled.
- 5. Keep work vehicle clean and in working order.

### **Future Possibilities and Career Development**

### **Personal Development and Training: -**

Up skilling courses as required i.e. Health and safety and trade related courses. Contact Jared for guidance and discussion in these areas.

### **Career Development: -**

The aim for XYZ Plumbing will be to help you develop in any necessary areas to allow you the ultimate job satisfaction.

### **Personal Attributes and Qualifications: -**

#### Essential

- Extremely ambitious with the drive and commitment to succeed.
- Passionate and committed to contributing to excellence in the business.
- Highly motivated and focused.
- Is able to delight customers by exceeding expectations.
- Attention to detail.
- Naturally shows initiative and is solution focused.
- Well-presented and articulate.
- New Zealand Licensed Plumber (With the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board of NZ)
- Experienced with both residential maintenance and residential drainage.
- No criminal convictions.
- Current Drivers Licence.
- A team player.
- Be able to follow systems and processes to ensure the highest quality of work on time.
## **Job Specification**

### XYZ Plumbing - Job Description - Office Assistant

### Overview: -

We are excited about providing the highest quality service in all our plumbing and drainlaying, solar and gas fitting projects from maintenance work through to construction.

We aim to employ only the most highly motivated team members where the overall quality and pride in our work are the key factors to providing this service.

### **Position Overview: -**

- Position Status: Office Assistant.
- Reporting Relationships: Director/Owners Frank and Debra Thomas, Office Manager - Maree Greely, Supervising Project Manager - Jared Stevens
- Liaise with: Office staff and other team members and clients.
- Expected hours of work: 8.30 5pm. A lunch break will be taken at 12.30 or 1.00pm for thirty minutes.
- Expected Contract Rate: Negotiable, dependent upon demonstrated ability and previous experience.

### Role: -

To assist the Director/Owners, Office Manager in ensuring allocated office activities are completed in a timely, accurate and professional manner.

### **Responsibilities: -**

- 1. Turn up to work at the correct time taking lunch breaks, (as above), to be staggered with Office Manager to ensure phones continue to be answered.
- 2. Be well presented in regard to clothing and personal grooming at all times.
- 3. Be polite, courteous and friendly at all times.
- 4. Carry out all work as instructed by the Office Manager, Director/Owners and/or Project Manager in the expected time frame.
- 5. Make sure that your site is safe at all times, (according to OSH regulations).
- 6. It is expected that you will abide by the 'House Rules' and the 'Rules of the Game' of XYZ Plumbing.
- 7. Have fun, enjoy and be proud of what you achieve in your working day.
- If you need time off, then you must give 2 weeks' notice minimum to your Manager. (Acceptance of leave is at the discretion of the Director)

## **Job Specification**

- 1. If you are sick, contact your Director before 7.30am.
- 2. You are encouraged to participate in team meetings and contribute to the overall team spirit. Your input, ideas and openness is encouraged and valued.
- 3. Be willing to share expertise with other staff members.
- 4. Answer the phone, if away from the phone, let the Office Manager know.
- 5. Working as part of a team, scheduling jobs for the maintenance tradespeople.
- 6. Assist with marketing activities (e.g. Mailing letters, customer database etc.)
- 7. Filing.
- 8. Processing the mail, (as per Receiving and Opening Mail Procedure), and banking of cheques.
- 9. Attend to email and website enquires as directed.
- 10. Management of credits back to suppliers.
- 11. Documentation of procedures under your jurisdiction.
- 12. Processing and management of Supplier Invoices, including importing.
- 13. Dealing with emails from Classic Builders re SSR's.
- 14. Invoicing of Classic Builders jobs.
- 15. Invoicing of 'other quoted jobs', e.g. Ultimate Homes.
- 16. Management of Asbuilts, scanning. Preparation of Drainage paperwork and duplication of job.
- 17. Fridays Preparation of paper work for jobs the following week.
- 18. Creation of new jobs in Fergus.
- 19. Creation and management of purchase orders.
- 20. Management of Vehicle Database.

### **Key Performance Indicators: -**

- 1. Purchase orders created daily.
- Communicating effectively (in both articulation and listening), with the Office Manager, Managing Director/Owners and Project Manager to highlight any potential problems or concerns with staff, workload, quality or client relations.
- 3. Be punctual on arrival to and from work. You will provide a high level of Customer Service at all times.
- 4. The ability to demonstrate a willingness to share expertise.
- 5. Tasks completed in timely and accurate manner.
- 6. Job folders up to date, both physical and electronic.
- 7. All relevant invoicing is up to date.

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- Highly motivated and focused.
- Is able to delight customers by exceeding expectations.
- Attention to detail.
- Naturally shows initiative and is solution focused.
- Well-presented and articulate.
- No criminal convictions.
- A team player.
- Be able to follow systems and processes to ensure the highest quality of work on time.
- Experience using XERO and Fergus (or similar accounting and trade management software).
- Willingness to share expertise and help others.
- High standard of communication skills, including and not limited to listening skills.
- Able to deal with change in an open minded and enthusiastic manner.
- Strictly limits time on personal phone calls and/or texts. No personal Social Media during working hours.
- Adheres to JT Plumbing Policies and Procedures and contributes to the creation and maintenance of them.

## TradeMe

Title: Top Plumber...Huge Opportunity...Nail 2016!

Sub Title: Earn \$31-\$40 per hour(+)Earn OT if you want(+)\$1000 tool money(+)Paid birthday off(+)Relocation Allowance(+)\$2000 Sign On Bonus (+)more fun and laughs!

Do you want a job where you earn top dollar and love coming to work?

Do you want a great place to work where you have scope to learn, work with positive clients and interesting projects and have fun in the process?

Are you a qualified Plumber looking for a challenging role and a fresh start with a growing Plumbing Company?

Then this role could be perfect for you...if you've got what it takes!

XYZ Plumbing are on the hunt for an A+ Plumber who is motivated and wanting to get ahead.

We're (put the region) #1 Plumbing Company and our business is booming. We've got so many projects on the go that we need another pair of hands! Both our builders and maintenance clients are flat tack! And we have big plans to make 2016 a great year!

Now, if you're not looking right now yourself but you have a mate who is we offer a \$2,000 referral fee when we hire the person you refer. The only condition is that they work with us for at least 3 months...we don't want any muppets!

Here's why working with us will be the best career move you ever make:

- Earn \$31 -\$40 per hour we pay top rates (depending on what you bring to the table).
- A \$2,000 sign-on bonus to reward you because you'll be a top class tradesmen (...if just want to make a quick buck then we're not the place for you)
- You get a company vehicle and the latest iPhone 6
- Get up to a \$1,000 tool allowance
- If you're relocating we'll help with any moving costs up to \$1,000
- Overalls, wet weather gear and boots provided –we've just got flash new uniforms too! A
  paid day off for your birthday
- Beers, barbeques and lots of fun social events. We take an annual trip to Rarotonga!
- A boss who looks after you –John is well known for being a 'good bugger'

## TradeMe

Here's what we need from you:

- # Gas fitting experience would be an advantage but not essential.
- # Be a New Zealand Qualified and Registered Plumber.
- # Hold a current Practising License.
- # Have a clean full NZ Drivers license.
- # Be able to work un-supervised, run your own jobs and train apprentices.
- # Honest and trustworthy.
- # Experience with both residential construction and maintenance work would help.
- # Take pride in your work and go the extra mile to make sure the job is top notch.
- # Great people skills both with fellow workmates and customers.

Check out the cool stuff we do at <u>www.xyzplumbing.co.nz</u>

If you think you've got what it takes then apply now via email with a copy of your CV and brief covering letter telling us why you are the right person for the job. Please include a photo and email it through to xyzplumbing@xtra.co.nz

Only people with the right to work in this country may apply for this position.

Applications close on .....(give 2 week deadline)

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- 1. Company vehicle.
- 2. Tool allowance of \$1000 each year.

TOP PLUMBER,

TOP RATE FOR A

TOP TEAM

- Enjoy a stress and hassle free work place because our customers are all fantastic and appreciate our attention to detail and our desire to go the extra mile.
- Your exposure to a "wide variety' of interesting and challenging work will develop your skills and experience. Not to mention your future earning potential.
- Enjoy a supportive working environment where we value the contribution of our people and are committed to seeing you develop to your full potential. At Waipa Plumbing & Gas you will be treated as a real person.
- 6. \$500 relocation allowance.
- 7. Work safety boots supplied.
- YOUR BIRTHDAY PAID DAY OFF ... that's right, we pay you to have your birthday off to enjoy doing the things you want to do.

Waipa Plumbing & Gas is a dynamic growing company based in Te Awamutu. We have more work than the team can handle so we have decided it is time to get some help - but we only want the best help! Are you good enough?

This is what you must be able to do to quality to work at Waipa Plumbing & Gas.

- Be a New Zealand qualified and registered plumber.
- Hold a current practising license.
- Have a clean driver's license.
- Be able to work unsupervised and use your initiative to solve problems as they arise.
- Honest and trustworthy.
- Have a wide range of experience.
- · Have the internal desire to complete jobs to a high standard.
- Great people skills both with fellow work mates and customers.

So, if you think you have what it takes to join Waipa Plumbing & Gas then we **WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!** We are recruiting for a full time position (but we will consider part time if you have the right stuff).

Apply now via email with a copy of your CV and a brief covering letter telling us about yourself to: tania@waipaplumbingandgas.co.nz or phone Neal on 021 224 9300

Applications close 30 October 2015.

Only people with the right to work in this country may apply for this position.

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## **Referral Email**

Hi (NAME) (or Mate if you have not created name fields)

John (Your name) here from XYZ Plumbing (Your company name) in Wellington (your town) here.

We're looking to hire a new plumber / drain layer (insert title). If you know anyone how is looking for a change please let them know about the position. <u>I've attached a link to</u> <u>our Trade Me add here.</u> It'd be great if you could point them in our direction.

We're offering a referral fee of \$2000 for any one we hire.

Cheers

(Your name)

## **Phone Interview Template**

### **Phone Interview Template**

Name of Applicant:

Phone Number:

(assess their energy and attitude on the phone)	Rating:/5					
<ul> <li>Hi, it's John Smith from XYZ Plumbing &amp; Gas. I'm calling about the Plumbers Position that you applied for.</li> <li>How are you today?</li> </ul>						
<ul><li>Do you have a few minutes to chat? Fanta</li><li>I have a couple of questions for you today</li></ul>	stic					
• Thave a couple of questions for you today						
5 Keys Traits for Successful Tradesmen (sc	creening interview)					
Motivation for Applying?	Rating:/5					
"Tell me what made you apply for this particular						
position?"						
Have they been applying willy-nilly? Are they						
desperate? What is the reason for change?						
Job Experience	Rating:/5					
"I see you have had several interesting positions						
(or you've been at your current job for a while).						
What type of work have you done?" e.g.						
maintenance, construction, commercial work etc.						
If you are looking for specific experience or skills						
ask what experience they have in that area. e.g.						
"what experience do you have in large commercial						
construction projects?"						
Remember you are looking to qualify out the time						
wasters.						
Personality	Rating:/5					
"So what do you like to do for fun?" Are they						
"boring" or involved in other things that indicates						
achievement and motivation. (Do they have other						
interests? Fitness? Family?)						
Eagerness to learn, enthusiasm, motivation to get	Rating:/5					
better, strength of ego and self-belief – Why do you						
want this job? Look at actions, not words						

## **Phone Interview Template**

Covering the Basics...

"This recruitment process is about find the right person for the role and we're looking to give the successful for applicant more responsibility in the future.

- What is your situation in terms of availability and start dates?
- Are you a licensed / certifying plumber / gas fitter / drain layer?
- What are your salary expectations?
- Do you drive; have a car and a full license?"

**Great, thanks for your time today.** After doing these telephone interviews we will run interviews and job test with the successful applicants. We'll advise you about that in the next couple of days.

Do you have any questions?

Great to chat and I look forward to talking with you again soon.

## **Face to Face Interview Template**

### **Face to Face Interview Template**

This interview should take between 45 and 60 minutes depending on the applicant. You may choose not to use all the questions.

1. Welcome the applicant by introducing yourself and engaging in small talk for a couple of minutes (e.g. the weather, the rugby, family, news events etc.). Remember that you'll expect them to do similar with your clients when meeting for the first time. *Intent: Evaluate ability to put people at ease quickly* 

2. **Tell me a bit about yourself.** *Intent: Evaluate ability to communicate clearly, humour, interesting person, can they hold a conversation?).* 

3. What made you apply for the position? Intent: Evaluate whether the person is desperate for a job because they are not particularly employable or whether they see the role as real opportunity and have a genuine reason for moving jobs.

## Face to Face Interview Template

- 1. Tell me about a time you knew you were right... but you still had to follow directions or guidelines. Follow up questions would be...How would you do things differently next time? Intent: Evaluate ability to follow instructions and processes... and possibly to lead.
  - **Red flag:** Found a way to circumvent guidelines "... because I know I was right," or followed the rules but allowed their performance to suffer. (Believe it or not, if you ask enough questions, some people will tell you they were angry or felt stifled and didn't work hard as a result, especially when they think you empathize with their "plight")
  - **Good:** Did what needed to be done, especially on a time-critical project, then found an appropriate time and place to raise issues and work to improve the status quo.
  - **Great:** Not only did what needed to be done, but stayed motivated and helped motivate others as well. With the team, an employee who is able to say, "Hey, I'm not sure this makes sense either, but for now let's just do our best and get it done..." is priceless. In a foreman / Ops Manager setting, good leaders are able to debate and argue behind closed doors and then fully support a decision in public even if they privately disagree with that decision.

- 2. Tell me about a situation when you've faced a disappointment or challenge and how you dealt with it? It could be a work situation or a more personal situation. Follow up questions would be... What did you do? How did you turn things around? What did you learn? What would you do differently next time? Intent: Evaluate ability to be persistent and to keep going when frustrated, disappointed or challenged.
  - **Red flag:** Didn't learn anything and gave up. E.g. I had to quit work and couldn't handle it anymore.
  - Good: Did what needed to be done, kept plodding on despite the challenge.
  - **Great:** Not only did what needed to be done, but explained what they learnt about themselves and how they would do things differently next time.

## **Pre Employment Checks**



You would insist on a pre-purchase inspection before you bought a house or a car, but what about your new employee?

### Taking on the wrong person could cost you as much as a new roof or a reconditioned engine. The standard checks that should be done include:

Linked-in	Does the work history and other information on their Linked-in page match with what is on their CV?	Drug test	The Health and safety of your employees and those around them is paramount. Early identification of a potential drug user
Facebook	Are the image, culture and values that they talk about at the interview, the same as what the rest of the world is seeing?	Credit check	helps to ensure this. A poor credit history and outstanding debts does not always lead to an
Youtube	Are there any videos or other listings on social media that may portray your		untrustworthy employee, but it may be something to be aware of.
	candidate to be different to the impression you get at the interview?	Skill Check	Certificates and test results may show that your employee has passed an exam
Qualifications	Are their qualifications valid? Have they actually been earned or is the certificate		or finished a course, but do they have the skill level that you require?
	merely copied from the internet?	References	References should always be done
CV details	Is there an unexplained gap in their work history? Do the dates for all of their previous employers match up?		verbally, and with a verified manager or supervisor. Not a friend or relative. Written references can never be relied on as being
ACC	What historical injuries or limitations does your new employee have? Will you have to be aware of what tasks you ask them to do?	Visa Check	genuine. Have you verified your employee's visa? Assuming that they have told the truth about their visa status is no protection grained e \$10.000 kins.
Drivers Check	Your new employee may have their drivers licence in their pocket, but is it still current? Have their endorsements expired?	EA Check	against a \$10,000.00 fine. Has your new employee got a track record of taking previous employers to the Employment Relation Authority?
Criminal History	A Ministry of Justice background check will reveal all convictions not concealed under the Clean Slate Act.		

If you have already completed the recruitment process and are about to offer the position to the successful candidate, how confident are you that they will pass all of these tests?

Give us a call and we can carry out all of these checks for you. A full 14 point preemployment check on your new employee will help to give you the extra peace of mind.

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Call us

NOW!

## **Reference Checking Template**

### **Reference Checking Template**

Name of Applicant:

Name of Reference:

Phone Number:

Introduction			
My name is <your name=""> form <xyz plu<br="">conduct a reference check for <name of<br="">interviewing for a job. <name applicat<br="" of="">reference. Are you prepared to provide</name></name></xyz></your>	as a	Yes No	
The reference check will take approxima a good time for you? If not, when is a go		s this	Call back Proceed
Briefly explain the responsibilities of the assessing through the reference check. plumber / gas fitter and I want to check of general attitude to work.			
General questions			
What is the nature of your relationship with the applicant? (e.g. Boss, Co- Worker etc.)			
In what role was the applicant employed by your business? (e.g. Plumber, Foreman, Gas Fitter, Drain Layer etc.)			
What were the dates of their employment? (verify against the CV to make sure the details are true)	From:	To:	
What type of work did <name of<br="">applicant&gt; do when working with you? What level of responsibility did they have? (Evaluate job experience and whether they were trusted with responsibility such as running jobs etc.)</name>			
What was <name applicant="" of=""> reason for leaving?</name>			

# **Reference Checking Template**

General performance questions	
How would you describe the applicant's overall work performance?	
What would you say are the applicant's strengths?	
What would you say are the applicant's development areas (eg. weaknesses)?	
Have you had any concerns with their performance?	
If yes, please explain what the issues were.	
How would you assess the applicants:	
<ul><li>reliability</li><li>punctuality</li><li>attendance</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>professionalism</li> <li><insert factors="" other="" where<br="">relevant&gt;</insert></li> </ul>	
Job-specific questions	
<in prepare<br="" section,="" should="" this="" you="">your list of questions based on the skills or attributes required for the role, for example:</in>	
What experience do they have with solar water systems? How good are their problem solving skills?	
In closing	
On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is never and 10 is no question how likely would you be to re-employ <name of<br="">applicant&gt;?</name>	
<ul><li>(A 9 or 10 are what you are looking for.</li><li>7 or 8 means they were ok but not great. 6 or less means they are rubbish. Don't go there!)</li></ul>	
Great, thanks for your time today. I appreciate your comments.	

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# <u>Module 4</u> Create A High Performing Team



## **Team Boot Camp**





# **Quality Assurance**

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### **Quality Control**

Date:	Project: Completed by:							
A	A UNDERFLOOR CHECKLIST					<u>Fail</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	Revise plan befo	ore starting work						
2	Checked have	the right amount of fa	ll needed					
3								
4	Checked all pipes are lagged with right lagging (felt or all proof pipe sleeve)							
5	Pipes taped off	f and 100mm PVC caps	are on toilets or sta	cks				
6	If island sink, w	vater pipes are in						
7	Drainage plan has been marked to where the pipes come out and measurements from outside walls to center of pipes have been written down on the plan							
8		back filled and made le they want dirt left in	evel to how it was be	fore we				
9	Signs on all site	es						
10	Ensure waste p	ipes are securely stake	d in place					
11	Check all measu	rements are correct						
12	Stacks have x2 4	45degree bends at base	e. Provisions for term	inal vent.				
13	Any back vents required							
14	Waste pipes un	der test for inspection						
15	T.A inspection p	bassed						
16	Any variations t	o charge						
17	Remove all left	over fittings and mater	rial from site					

Notes, comments:

# **Quality Assurance**

Insert Logo here

### **Quality Control**

Date:
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Project:

Completed by:

В	PRE LINE CHECKLIST	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	<ul> <li>Revise plan before starting work:</li> <li>Have you got the latest version of plans</li> <li>Complete fixture list received</li> <li>Shower mixer depth (appropriate for lining/tile)</li> <li>Basin Waste strapped</li> <li>Vanity waste- In wall if wall hung</li> <li>Check length of hot supply to kitchen (2L)</li> <li>Bath mixer height and spout position</li> <li>WC Water inlet position</li> <li>HWC drain</li> </ul>				
2 3	T.A inspection completed All pipes are siliconed where they go through timber or when touching other pipes				
4 5	All pipes are clipped Checked pipes aren't running over manholes or any lights e.g. not running through middle of rooms, bathrooms and hallways				
6	Checked hose taps aren't in the way of down pipes				
7	Gone through house checked all pipes hot and cold are going to the right places				
8	Cut WC's pipes down to floor level and recap them with the 100 mm cap-check in right position				
9	Job has been pumped up to 1500 kpa and left for 15min or until you have cleaned up the job				
10	Swept up all our mess e.g. Bathrooms, HWC area and kitchen				
11	Checked all wingbacks for leaks				
12	All Vents through the roof and straight				
13	All shower wastes installed				
14	Flashing on roof water tight				
15	All waste pipes are in correct position including WC				
16	Mark Limiting Valve position on plan (Measurements)				
17	Job Cards Filled in correctly				
18	Sleeves of pipes to be cut off at concrete level				
19	All penetration through building wraps to be sealed				

## **Choose 4-6 Core Values**



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# Exercise

## **Rules of the Game**

### XYZ Plumbing RULES OF THE GAME:

- **Rule 1:** Hours of Work: Minimum 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Inform your employer if you are leaving your job earlier or in later than start time and times above. i.e. to go to the dentist, doctor etc. Be Punctual! If planning to be off work please give your employer 1 week's notice in advance.
- **Rule 2:** To have time sheets on site and filled in daily at the job. They are to be returned to the office at the end of each day.
- **Rule3:** Start time and finishing times to be correct. Make sure times are correct when moving from job to job. Any discrepancy in timesheets will be seen as misconduct.
- Rule 4: To have 15 minutes smoko in the morning and in the afternoon and 30 minutes for Lunch. Travelling to buy lunch is required to be within the 30 minute break. The smoko and lunch breaks are to be at 10.00am to 10.15am, Lunch 12.30 -1.00pm, 3.00pm to 3.15pm. Unless special circumstances i.e. pouring concrete, delivery of materials etc. Lunch will be deducted each day so if you choose not to have it you still will not be paid.
- Rule 5: No smoking during working time. If smoking during your break please smoke outside.
- Rule 6: To wear protective safety boots.
- Rule 7: Limit personal phone calls during working hours.
- Rule 8: At the end of the day clean your work site. This includes your lunch rubbish.
- Rule 9: Produce quality work.
- Rule 10: Respect your team mates.
- Rule 11: If asked to do something by the owner do it as a matter of priority. Do not put it off.
- **Rule 12:** If wanting to purchase tools/plumbing materials on \_\_\_\_\_ account for yourself you must ask the owner first. Order number is required.
- Rule 13: All materials purchased for a job must have an order number.
- Rule 14: Any broken tools need to be reported and handed to Neal not used, as this will cause more damage. Do not misuse company tools. They are to be cleaned after use if needed.
- Rule 15:No alcohol or drug use Instant dismissal.
- **Rule 16:** Respect company vehicles and report any damage immediately. You must pay for any fine you get while using the company vehicle.
- Rule 17: Company vehicles are to be cleaned weekly in own time.
- Rule 18:Workshop/shed area to be kept tidy at all times.
  Put pipe away behind shed.
  All fittings to be put in shed.
  Cardboard boxes to be flattened correctly and stacked tidily against red bin.
  All rubbish in bin.
- Rule 19: Do not throw out fittings, pipe clips, scrap etc. when cleaning out vans sort through before dumping in Bin.
- Rule 20: If you have a problem, DO talk to us so we can sort it out!

# Top 5 Rules Of The Game

# Exercise

## **Meeting Format**

### **Meeting Format**

1. Regular, scheduled non-negotiable meetings are the single greatest and most powerful tool for transforming your group into a team.

2. The purpose of the meeting is to create the workplace your team would like to be proud of - as well as to meet the business needs and goals.

### 3. The meeting is best broken into 3 parts

- a) **First 1/3** = the results of the last week(s) e.g. progress on projects, financial/sales targets met or not etc (It is a good place to find out what information the team value i.e. what they would like to know about)
- b) **Second 1/3** = what's coming up in the next week(s): who needs what in terms of resources, manpower, assistance, who will be responsible for what.
- c) **Final 1/3 = Creativity.** For the first few weeks (even months) this section will be devoted to dealing with the little irritations that are clogging up the smooth running of the business.

The set up for this section is to ask each person to put up on a large sheet of paper: - What is 1 thing that is working well in the business?

And

What is one thing that is preventing this business from being even better?

The ground rule here is that it is not about blame - no names needed It is about defining the challenges objectively.

eg. "When I need to process the invoices on a Friday they haven't been sent through to me" rather than "Tom never gives me the job cards when I need them"

The improvements are then prioritised into

- a) The unchangeable
- b) That which we can change immediately for no cost
- c) That which we will improve eventually with \$ input and time.

Then Action one of the improvements suggested in category "b)" Do this by a team member choosing responsibility for making it happen and the business ensuring resources are available. For instance, the foreman will write the Quality Assurance Checklist for finishing new houses.

What we are looking for is a SYSTEM solution rather than trying to change a person. So the solution to the problem above might be to finish all job cards before leaving the job so there is no hold-ups.

# **Client Survey**

### Your Feedback Is Valued...

Client names(s):								
In order to improve the service that we can provide to our customers, we would appreciate valued feedback. Please answer the following questions honestly and make any comments you think applicable.								
Were you pleased with the job that w	e ca	rried	l ou	t for	yoı	1?		
Yes  Could you give an exa	mpl	e?						
No $\Box$ How would you have 1	likeo	l tha	it to	cha	ngeʻ	?		
Please circle the scale which best des On a scale of 1 = needs improvement				·		in the following areas: Comments/examples		
Service/reliability	1	2	3	4	5			
Professionalism	1	2	3	4	5			
Quality of workmanship	1	2	3	4	5			
Communication with you	1	2	3	4	5			
Are there any other additional communications If there were any problems, were the Please make comment on service pre- Electrician / Builder / Painter / etc	ey d	leal	t wi	th e	ffic	iently? Yes/No		
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Thank you for your cooperation in a comments will help us to ensure that result for our clients.		•	-		-			
Can we use any of your comments in / No	in h	ere	as te	estir	non	ials for other people? Yes		
Signed	•••••				Dat	e:		
Please send or email your completed questionnaire within 7 days to:								

## **Performance Review**

### **XYZ Plumbing**

### **Plumber/Gasfitter**

### **Performance Review**

Employee Name:	 	 
Job Role:		
Date of Review:		
Managers Name:		
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#### KEY | 1 = Never | 2 = Seldom | 3 = Sometimes | 4 = Usually |5 = Always

Key P	Key Performance Indicators and Responsibilities			(Tick)				
		1	2	3	4	5		
1.	Complete all time on jobs in Fergus onsite, using the correct job number and accurately taking account of materials that need to be reordered.	0	0	0	0	0		
2.	All credits are accounted for and photo of packing slip is entered into 'Merchant Documents' under the correct job number.	0	$\bigcirc$	0	0	0		
3.	Feedback from clients = satisfaction.	$\bigcirc$	0	0	0	0		
4.	All broken/damaged equipment is reported immediately to your manager. (Whiteboard in the workshop to make record)	0	0	0	0	$\bigcirc$		
5.	Clear all rubbish from jobs and dispose of correctly. Cardboard flattened into the cardboard bin and recycling done.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$		
6.	All work carried out in the expected timeframe as per the 'Schedule' in Fergus.	0	$\bigcirc$	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$		
7.	Keep work vehicle clean and in working order, checking oil, water and tyre pressure every Monday morning and top as required.	0	0	0	0	0		
8.	Create variations in Fergus ensuring time and materials go to the appropriate job number. Noting if subcontractor used or any other relevant information.	0	0	0	0	0		
9.	No call backs as a result of faulty workmanship.	$\bigcirc$	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	0		
10.	Work site is safe at all times, according to OSH regulations and XYZ Plumbing Health and Safety Policies.	$\bigcirc$	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$		
11.	Complete checklist for job as requested where appropriate.	$\bigcirc$	0	Ō	0	$\bigcirc$		

## **Performance Review**

### **Discussion Points**

What are your goals for the next year?

Are there any training programmes/courses that you think could benefit you and your role at XYZ Plumbing?

Do you have any suggestions on how we could improve the performance of XYZ Plumbing? For example, customer care, systems, staff incentives etc.

How do you feel things are overall for you at XYZ Plumbing? For example, do you get along with the other guys, are you happy with your work, what are your long term plans etc?

Are there any other issues that you would like to discuss with me?

## **Performance Review**

The boxes below are for the Manager to complete:

What are (Name) areas of strengths over the last year?

What areas could (Name) improve on?

Discuss Pay Increases and/or plan for future pay increases.

### **Signatures**

My Manager has reviewed this document with me. My signature indicates that I have reviewed this performance review, but does not necessarily imply my agreement or disagreement with this performance review.

 Employee:
 Date:

 Manager:
 Date:

## **Team Incentive Program**

Name:

Date:

#### Rate: 1 - 5 (1=Poor 3=OK 5=Excellent)

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#### **Time Management**

- Arrives 5 minutes early and leaves after work is finished.....
- Takes appropriate breaks.....
- Completes a full week's work ......
- Completes tasks in reasonable timeframe......
- Limits time spent on personal calls / texts etc. ......

#### Appearance

- Wears a clean and tidy uniform with pride ......
- Personal appearance and hygiene is good ......

#### Quality

- All tasks / jobs are completed as per plans or standard......
- Fixes any mistakes quickly and without complaint ......
- Ensures he has a clear understanding of instructions before beginning a job or task....

#### Attitude

- -Turns up with a positive can do attitude......
- Assesses problems, discusses options and finds appropriate solutions.....
- Adheres to Health and Safety requirements.....

#### Politeness/Respectfulness

- Is courteous to clients and neighbours......
- Is helpful to other Contractor's on project sites......
- Uses appropriate language on site....

#### TOTAL

If you score above 78 you will receive a bonus of \$ 500 cash If you score between 69 and 78 you will receive a bonus of \$ 300 ITM voucher If you score between 59 and 68 you will receive a bonus of \$ 100 ITM voucher If you score below 51 you owe the company team fund a box of beer.

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# <u>Module 5</u> Leading From The Front



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# **Causes Of Poor** Performance

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## <u>Module 6</u> Guest Speaker – Richard Petrie



#### **Team Boot Camp**

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# <u>Module 7</u> Building Your Plan



#### **Team Boot Camp**

Sales	1 year	Map Sales Process		sales scripts	Phone Scripts	Enquiry Scripts	Prospect Questionnaire	Information "Wow" Pack	Sales Training	Set Price Book	Video and Written Testimonials	Quotes and Action Plans	Visual Sales Presentation	CRM System	Uniforms	Autoresponder Sequence	7 reasons to "Choose Us"	FAQ's	Quote Follow Up Scripts	
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	5tent 30 Days 1 Days 1 Year	Vehicle Signage	Site Signage	Building Signage		Program for Servicing Work	Flyers	Marketing Student	Direct Mail to Niche Markets		Customer Farming	Client Surveys	Plumbing / Electrical	Inspection Checklist	FIIUge Magnets	Switchboard Stickers	Personal profile			
Marketing		Choose Niche(s) Market(s) (e.g. Maintenance, High End Homes, HVAC etc.)	Unique Selling Proposal (USP)	Customer Database	-	Regular Newsletter	Record Source of Leads	Marketing 10 x 10 (Marketing Plan)	Guarantee		Review / Update Website	Landing Pages for Website	Lead Generation Magnet	Condo Ad Mondo	GOOBIE AG WOLDS	On-Line Directories	Social Media	Strategic Alliances (Property Managers, Kitchen /	Bathroom suppliers etc.)	
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Onsite	Equipment / Tool Management System	Operations Manual	On-Line Job Cards	Job cards	Handover checklist	Online Job Cards	Task Analysis (who, what, when)	Hand Over Checklist
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Office	A to Z of Operations	Job Management Systems	Administration manual	"Cloud" Accounting system	Code of Conduct	Email Templates	Pre-Job Checklists	Quality Assurance Checklists
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Team t Year 90 Days

	Core Values	Code of Conduct	Job Descriptions	Employment Agreements	KPI's (Key Performance Indicators)	Hiring Process	Interview Scripts	Unique Hiring Proposition	DISC Profiling	Vision Statement	Mission Statement	Team Culture	Team Fun Days / Social Club	Performance Reviews	Organisational Chart	Suggestions Box	Incentive Program	Job Advertisement
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Sub-Contractor Hand Over Checklist

Training Videos for Office Process (JING)

Health and Safety Program

Team Induction Checklist



Numbers

	Price for Profit	Use Margin not Mark-Up	Monthly Profit and Loss	Key Performance Indicators	Break Even Point (Weekly, Monthly, Yearly)	Set Minimum Gross Profit Margin	Cash Flow Forecast	Sales Budget	Unit or Set Pricing	Minimum Service Charge	Review Pricing Strategy	Terms of Trade	Accounts Receivable Process	Credit Card Payments	Take Bigger Deposits	Pay Yourself First	"Sack" C & D Clients	Improve Invoicing Time	
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	Default Diary	Personal Development	Delegate and Outsource	Business Strategy	Vision Book	Milestones	Develop strong leaders	Business KPI's	90-day plan	SMART goals	Time Productivity	Scheduling Tools	Recognise longevity and performance	Self-Directed Learning	Implement Staff Suggestions	80/20 Rule	Stop-Doing List	Exit Strategy	
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# Your Top 10 Projects For The Next 90 Days

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### **Example 90 Day Plan**



						My 90 D	ay Plan	My 90 Day Plan Summary	×			r	KAUE	Ц
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	Strategy description	25-Feb	3-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	5-May	12-May	19-May
	<sup>1</sup> Default Diary													
	<sup>2</sup> Dream Builder/Vision book													
	<sup>3</sup> Fergus training for team													
	<sup>4</sup> Quality assurance checklist													
	<sup>5</sup> Website													
	6 Guarantee													
4.2	7 Information packs for quotes													
~	<sup>8</sup> Marketing 10x10													
	<sup>9</sup> Newsletter													
-	<sup>10</sup> Operations manual													
-	11 admin manual													
-	<sup>12</sup> Set quotes in Fergus													
-	<sup>13</sup> Quote follow up system													
-	<sup>14</sup> Hiring tradesperson													
-	<sup>15</sup> Goals & Planning													
	Personal Development													
	Books / Videos / Seminars													
	1 Celebrations with my TEAM													
	2 FUN for ME													
	3 Weekends away													
	4													
	My Key Performance Indicators	Now	90 day goal			Now	90 day goal							
	# Leads				Monthly sales									
	Conversion rate				Monthly profit									
	# Iransactions Average \$ sale													
	Margin										SIGNED:			

# Homework Exercise



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						When will	When will I work ON these strategies to build my business?	se strategies t	o build my bu	siness?				
	Strategy description	5-Sep	12-Sep	19-Sep	26-Sep	3-Oct	10-Oct	17-Oct	24-Oct	31-Oct	7-Nov	14-Nov	21-Nov	28-Nov
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#### Highly Recommended Reading List For improving your marketing results

	Торіс	Title	Author
1	Networking	Little Black Book of Connections	Jeffrey Gitomer
2	Systemised Marketing	Never Cold Call Again	Frank Rumbauskas
3	Marketing Strategies	Getting Everything you can	Jay Abraham
4	Telemarketing	Cold Calling Techniques That Really Work	Stefan Schiffman
5	Effective Direct Mail	Million Dollar	Allan Pease
6	Client Retention	Critical Non-Essentials	Dr Paddi Lund
7	How to step by step	Instant Leads	Brad Sugars
8	Promotions and Referrals	Instant Promotions/Instant Referrals	Brad Sugars
9	The best marketer in the world.	www.dankennedy.com	Dan Kennedy
10	Marketing Tactics	Guerrilla Marketing	Jay Conrad Levinson
11	Promotion	101 Ways to promote yourself	Raleigh Pinskey
12	Time Management	NO BS for Entrepreneurs	Dan Kennedy
13	Marketing systems & examples	Magnetic Marketing	Dan Kennedy

These are some of the best books and audios I have read and listened to on marketing, and give practical ideas you can implement into your building company to improve your marketing results.