Training Course on Negotiation Skills for Aviation Professionals

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Aviation and Airport Management	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. **Master strategic negotiation frameworks** for complex aviation deals.
2. Develop **advanced communication and active listening skills** for high-stakes dialogues.
3. Enhance proficiency in **cross-cultural negotiation** within the global aviation context.
4. Implement effective **dispute resolution techniques** for aviation-specific conflicts.
5. Optimize **contract negotiation strategies** for MRO, leasing, and procurement.
6. Improve **stakeholder management** and build collaborative relationships.
7. Analyze **power dynamics and influence tactics** in aviation negotiations.
8. Formulate robust **BATNA (Best Alternative to a Negotiated Agreement)** for optimal outcomes.
9. Apply **ethical negotiation principles** in all professional interactions.
10. Navigate **crisis negotiations** with confidence and composure.
11. Leverage **data-driven negotiation** for informed decision-making.
12. Cultivate a **win-win mindset** for sustainable aviation partnerships.
13. Drive **operational excellence** through effective negotiation and agreement.

Organizational Benefits

- Improved profitability through better contract terms and cost efficiencies.
- Enhanced operational safety and compliance by negotiating clear agreements.
- Stronger strategic alliances and partnerships across the aviation supply chain.
- Reduced litigation and dispute costs through effective conflict resolution.
- Increased employee confidence and retention in critical negotiation roles.
- Accelerated project delivery by streamlining agreement processes.
- Elevated brand reputation through professional and ethical negotiation practices.
- Greater adaptability and resilience in navigating industry challenges.

Target Audience

1. Airline Management
2. Airport Authority Personnel
3. Air Traffic Controllers and Supervisors
4. MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul) Professionals
5. Aircraft Leasing and Finance Specialists
6. Aviation Procurement and Supply Chain Managers
7. Pilots and Flight Crew Representatives
8. Aviation Regulators and Compliance Officers

Course Outline

Module 1: Foundations of Negotiation in Aviation

- Understanding the nature and scope of negotiation in the aviation industry.
- Defining key negotiation concepts: interests vs. positions, BATNA, ZOPA.
- Identifying common negotiation pitfalls in aviation.
- Exploring different negotiation styles and their effectiveness in aviation contexts.
- Case Study: The negotiation of new bilateral air service agreements between two nations.

Module 2: Strategic Preparation for Aviation Negotiations

- Conducting thorough research on counterparts, market conditions, and regulatory frameworks.
- Defining clear objectives, targets, and walk-away points.
- Developing comprehensive negotiation plans and agendas.
- Assembling and leveraging a high-performing negotiation team.
- Case Study: Preparing for a complex aircraft purchase negotiation with a major manufacturer.

Module 3: Communication and Active Listening

- Mastering verbal and non-verbal communication in high-pressure aviation environments.
- Techniques for active listening and empathetic understanding.
- Asking powerful questions to uncover underlying interests.
- Managing emotions and maintaining composure during difficult conversations.
- Case Study: An airline's internal negotiation with pilot unions regarding new contract terms following a critical incident.

Module 4: Principled Negotiation and Value Creation

- Applying the Harvard Negotiation Project's "Principled Negotiation" framework.
- Focusing on interests, not positions, to create mutual gains.
- Brainstorming creative options to expand the "pie" in aviation deals.
- Developing objective criteria for fair and sustainable agreements.
- Case Study: Collaborating with an airport authority to resolve a long-standing dispute over landing fees, seeking a win-win solution for both parties.

Module 5: Power, Influence, and Persuasion

- Understanding sources of power in aviation negotiations.
- Ethical techniques for influencing and persuading counterparts.
- Recognizing and counteracting manipulative tactics.
- Building rapport and trust for long-term relationships.
- Case Study: A smaller regional airline negotiating slots at a major international hub with a dominant legacy carrier.

Module 6: Cross-Cultural Negotiation in Global Aviation

- Navigating cultural differences in communication, decision-making, and negotiation styles.
- Adapting negotiation strategies to diverse international contexts.
- Understanding the impact of national culture on business etiquette.
- Building bridges across cultural divides for effective collaboration.
- Case Study: Negotiating an MRO contract with an overseas service provider from a culturally distinct background.

Module 7: Negotiating Commercial Aviation Contracts

- Key clauses and considerations in aircraft leasing and financing agreements.
- Strategies for negotiating favorable terms in airline procurement contracts (e.g., fuel, catering).
- Managing legal and regulatory complexities in contract negotiations.
- Risk assessment and mitigation in commercial agreements.
- Case Study: Renegotiating a long-term fuel supply contract with a major oil company amidst fluctuating market prices.

Module 8: Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management

- Identifying the root causes of conflict in aviation settings.
- Techniques for de-escalating tensions and fostering constructive dialogue.
- Exploring mediation, arbitration, and other dispute resolution mechanisms.
- Crafting settlement agreements that protect organizational interests.
- Case Study: Resolving a contentious dispute between an airline and a ground handling company over service level agreement (SLA) breaches.

Module 9: Crisis Negotiation in Aviation

- Principles of crisis communication and negotiation during emergencies (e.g., flight delays, security incidents).
- Managing public perception and media relations in crisis negotiations.
- Coordinating with multiple agencies and stakeholders under pressure.
- Maintaining composure and ethical decision-making in high-stress situations.
- Case Study: An airline's response to a significant flight disruption, negotiating passenger compensation and alternative travel arrangements.

Module 10: Advanced Negotiation Strategies

- The art of making and responding to concessions.
- Using anchors and re-anchors effectively.
- Strategies for dealing with difficult or aggressive negotiators.
- Negotiating with multiple parties and coalitions.
- Case Study: Negotiating the acquisition of a smaller airline, managing various shareholder interests and regulatory approvals.

Module 11: Team Negotiation Dynamics

- Optimizing internal team dynamics for effective external negotiations.
- Assigning roles and responsibilities within a negotiation team.
- Managing internal disagreements and building consensus.
- Debriefing and learning from negotiation outcomes.
- Case Study: A joint venture negotiation between two airlines forming a new cargo operation.

Module 12: Ethical Considerations in Aviation Negotiation

- Defining ethical boundaries and avoiding deceptive practices.
- Maintaining integrity and reputation in all dealings.
- Addressing conflicts of interest and ensuring transparency.
- The long-term impact of ethical vs. unethical negotiation.

- Case Study: An examination of a historical aviation industry negotiation where ethical lapses led to significant negative consequences.

Module 13: Post-Negotiation Management and Relationship Building

- Ensuring successful implementation of negotiated agreements.
- Monitoring compliance and addressing post-agreement issues.
- Strategies for nurturing long-term relationships with counterparts.
- Measuring negotiation effectiveness and continuous improvement.
- Case Study: A successful long-term partnership between an airline and an aircraft maintenance provider, built on trust and effective ongoing negotiation.

Module 14: Digital Tools and Analytics in Negotiation

- Leveraging data analytics for pre-negotiation intelligence.
- Using communication platforms for remote negotiations.
- Virtual meeting etiquette and best practices.
- Digital tools for documenting and tracking negotiation progress.
- Case Study: How a major airline used predictive analytics to inform its negotiation strategy for airport gate allocations.

Module 15: Personal Negotiation Skills Enhancement

- Self-assessment of individual negotiation strengths and weaknesses.
- Developing a personalized action plan for continuous improvement.
- Strategies for managing stress and building resilience.
- Mentoring and coaching for ongoing negotiation skill development.
- Case Study: A personal reflection on a challenging negotiation and the lessons learned for future interactions.

Training Methodology

This course employs a highly interactive and experiential learning methodology, blending theoretical foundations with practical application. It includes:

- **Interactive Lectures and Discussions:** Engaging presentations on negotiation theories and principles.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Realistic aviation-specific scenarios for hands-on practice.
- **Case Study Analysis:** In-depth examination of real-world aviation negotiation successes and failures.
- **Group Exercises and Workshops:** Collaborative problem-solving and strategy development.
- **Individual and Peer Feedback Sessions:** Constructive criticism and personalized coaching.
- **Expert Guest Speakers:** Insights from leading aviation industry negotiators.
- **Pre-course Readings and Post-course Resources:** Continuous learning and reinforcement.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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