



NATIONAL COMPETENCY STANDARDS FOR E-COMMERCE QUALIFICATION "VIRTUAL ASSISTANT FOR E-COMMERCE"







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1. Introduction

E-commerce has huge potential to provide massive business opportunities for the country's youth to explore new marketplaces and directly sell their products and services globally. In this regard, registration of Pakistani exporters on Amazon is opening new gates and providing an important platform to promote trade and explore better marketplaces for Pakistani sellers.

According to the figures shared by the State Bank of Pakistan for freelancing exports during 2020-21 was \$396 Million and it is expected that it will reach to \$500 Million by June 2022. This shows that Pakistan has great potential to increase economic activities through different marketplaces globally. To best utilize the Amazon marketplace, it is essential to remove all hurdles affecting the economic activities involving Amazon. One of the biggest hurdle is the lack of skills required to utilize the Amazon platform for generating economic activities among people of Pakistan. The Government of Pakistan is committed to address this situation through major investment in E-Commerce sector. Under the Prime Minister's special initiative, NAVTTC has developed a course on "Amazon (Virtual Assistant)", in consultation with the stakeholders including academia, researchers, industry, chambers and TEVTAs. The duration of the course will be of two months. The course will initially be offered to 100,000 people across Pakistan and free of cost. This will be a great initiative to train masses with the skills required to understand the business and services models on Amazon. These skills will strengthen their abilities to work on amazon.

The National Competency Standards could be used as a referral document for the development of curriculum to be used by training institutions.





2. Purpose of the Qualification

The purpose of the course is to train people with the basic to advance knowledge and skills about the E-Commerce, specifically Amazon marketplace, to help them in generating income out of the e-commerce platforms. The specific objectives of the course are as under:

- Equip the individuals with globally required skills.
- Empower the individuals to internationally explore marketplaces and sell their products.
- Enable individuals to render their services to national and international clients.
- Improve the quality and effectiveness of the training and assessment for Virtual Assistant.
- Promote the enterprenuerial culture.

3. Entry Requirements for Trainees

The entry requirements of the National Competency Standards of "Virtual Assistant for E-Commerce" are:

- A. Computer Literate
- B. Able to communicate in English

*Entry Test/ Interview must be conducted for shortlisting purpose focusing on Computer Skills, English language skills and level of interest.

4. Entry Requirements for Trainer

The entry requirements of the National Competency Standards of "Virtual Assistant for E-Commerce" are:

- **A.** A Person associated with the E-Commerce field for at least two years
- B. A Person with at least 2 successful product launches on any global platform
- C. A person having his/her own Seller Central Professional ID
- D. A person having aptitude of a Trainer

*Interview panel will assess the candidates on a pre-defined criteria set by NAVTTC and partner institutes.





5. Summary of Competencies

Virtual Assistant

Week 1:	Introduce	E-Commerce	Market Place	20

Week 2: Explore Top E-Commerce Market Place

Week 3: Develop Product Hunting Skills for Amazon

Week 4: Source a Product from China/Pakistan

Week 5: Create Amazon Listing

Week 6: Manage Logistics

Week 7: Launch and Rank a Product

Week 8: Manage Amazon Pay Per Click (PPC) Ads

Week 9: Deal with Amazon Seller Support

Week 10: Handle Amazon FBM Model

Week 11: Get Introduced to E-Commerce and Amazon Wholesale Model

Week 12: Develop Wholesale Business Skills

Week 13: Work as a Freelancer

Week 14: Maintain good health while using Computer/Digital devices at work





Trainer Name					
Course Title	Virtual Assitant				
Objective of Course	To prepare the trainees to work as a Professional Virtual Assistant in a				
	wide variety of Amazon business and has a strong emphasis on amazon				
	related services				
Learning Outcome of the Course	Knowledge Proficiency Details				
	Knowledge related to E-Commerce platforms.				
	Knowledge understanding about amazon business models				
	 knowledge to find a winning product on Amazon 				
	Skills Proficiency Details				
	Able to create account on Fiver/Upwork.				
	Able to have the knowledge about the importance of having				
	own website in freelance world.				
	Able to learn the techniques for client retention.				
	Able to build a service providing agency.				
Course Execution Plan	Total Duration of Course: 3 Months				
	Class Hours: 4 Hours per day				
	Theory: 20% Practical: 80%				





Scheduled Week	Module Title	Days	Hours	Learning Units	Remarks
Week 1	Introduce E-Commerce		Hour#1	Motivational Lecture	
	Market Places	Day 1	Hour#2	Course Introduction	
		Day 1	Hour#3	Success stories	
			Hour#4	Job market	
			Hour#1	Institute/work ethics	
			Hour#2	• Introduction to e-commerce	
		Day 2	Hour#3	Differentiate between Commerce and E-commerce.	
			Hour#4	 Why is E-commerce Important? E-commerce Business Models	
		Day 3	Hour # 1 &2	 Types of e-commerce (concept of B2B and B2C.) Features of E-commerce. What is E-commerce Marketplace? 	
			Hour # 3 & 4	• Explore E-Commerce Marketplaces (Etsy, eBay, Amazon and Daraz etc)	
		Day 4	Hour # 1 & 2	Local and global E-commerce Platforms	
			Hour # 3 & 4	Generate report on E-Commerce market share	
		Day 5	Hour # 1 & 2	Understand the challenges of e- commerce marketplace	
			Hour # 3 & 4	Select the suitable E-Commerce platform	
Week 2	Explore Top E-Commerce Marketplaces		Hour#1	Explore various Amazon business models	Task - 1Task - 2
		Day 1	Hour#2	Explore various Amazon business models	• Task - 3
			Hour # 3-4	Define eBay business model	• Task - 4
			Hour#1	Understand the process of selling on eBay	• Task - 5
		Day 2	Hour#2	Explore eBay payment methods	• Task - 6
			Hour#3	Walmart business models	
			Hour#4	Highlight the steps involved in ID creation	m · -
		Day 3	Hour#1	Understand the importance of US LLC for ID creation	• Task - 7
			Hour#2	Tools used for Walmart product research	Task – 8Task – 9





			Hour#3	Etsy business models	• Task – 10
			Hour#4	Understand the significance of 'handmade' business model	• Task – 11
		Day 4	Hour#1	Etsy digital business model & Print on Demand (POD)	• Task – 12
			Hour # 2-3	Learn how to operate Etsy effectively to avoid account suspension	• Task – 13
				Understand different subscription packages	Task – 14Task - 15
			Hour#4	 List product on Alibaba.com Manage inquiries and RFQs Handle payments 	Task - 13
		Day 5	Hour#1	Explore top domestic marketplaces Identify market gap	
			Hour#2	 Select target platform Get your domain and hosting 	
			Hour#3	Develop your e-Store	
			Hour#4	Get traffic on your website through various digital/social media marketing	
Week 3	Develop Product Hunting Skills for Amazon Fundamentals	Day 1	Hour#1	 Identify Product Research Tools (Helium10, Jungle Scout, Viral Launch and Keepa etc.) Install chrome extensions for all tools listed above Configure Web apps for the tools listed above Collect information on how to use these tools for product research 	 Task - 16 Task - 17 Task - 18 Task - 19 Task - 20
			Hour#2	Find a product using various techniques	• Task – 21
			Hour#3	Analyze Product Potential using Product Research ToolsAnalyze existing offers in market.	
			Hour#4	Analyze Market Trends using Helium 10 and Google Trends etc	
		<i>p</i> -	Hour#1	 Validate Product Data as per given criteria Select Top relevant best sellers	
		Day 2	Hour#2	• using Crebro from H10	
		Hour # 3-4	Perform Reverse ASIN		
		Day 3	Hour#1	Shortlist Top relevant keywords based on the given criteria	
			Hour#2	Identify Niche Consistency	





			Hour # 3 -4	Finalize primary competitor and design color/material/type of product
			Hour # 1-2	Identify the competitive price point and lock profit margins as per the criteria
		Day 4	Hour # 3-4	Use primary keyword to perform search on Product Trademark using government official websites (www.uk.gov/ www.uspto.gov) etc.
			Hour#1	Use primary keyword to perform search on product patent using government official websites, search engine
		Day 5	Hour#2	Explain the impact and importance of keyword research in product hunting.
			Hour#	Discuss advance techniques used for hunting a product.
Week 4	Source a Product from China/Pakistan		3 & 4 Hour#1	Explore various best sourcing platforms (alibaba.com, 1688.com, made-in-china.com etc.) Ist Monthly test
		Day 1	Hour#2	Start searching suppliers across platforms
			Hour # 3-4	Contact various suppliers on given criteria
		Day 2	Hour#1	Provide product details and get quotations on given criteria
			Hour#2	Get quotations via Request for Quotation (RFQ) on sourcing platforms
			Hour#3	 Compare quotations from various suppliers Finalize few suppliers based on their competence on given criteria
			Hour#4	Perform patent check through google.patents.com
			Hour#1	Check official documents of patent
			Hour#2	 Order samples from selected suppliers Consolidate or get directly from suppliers
		Day 3	Hour#3	 Order competitor's sample as QC benchmark Evaluate samples as per quality assurance criteria
			Hour#4	 Identify different Payment Terms (D/P, Sight, L/C etc.) Select the Payment Terms according to the requirement





				Perform initial brand name				
			Hour # 1-2	availability before orderNegotiate suppliers for final				
		Day 4		quotation				
			Hour # 3-4	Place the order from selected supplier				
			11001 # 3-4	Generate and provide FNSKU labels to supplier				
		Day 5	Hour # 1-2	Hire an inspection Service Provider (www.qima.com / www.sgs.com etc.)				
		Day 3	Hour # 3-4	Provide reference product sample or reference quality check points to inspection team				
Week 5	Create Amazon Listing		Hour#1	Perform Keyword Research for Listing Content (Text only) Task – 22				
		Day 1	Hour#2	Get the text content ready as per Amazon guidelines Task – 23 Task – 24				
			Hour#3	Get the product images ready as per Amazon guidelines Task – 25				
			Hour#4	• Get the A+ Content and storefront design ready • Task – 26				
		Day 2	Hour#1	• Get the product videography ready • Task – 27				
			Hour#2	• Get the product videography ready • Task - 28				
		Day 3	Hour# 3-4	 Collect product package dimensions and weight from supplier 				
			Hour#1	Open case with Amazon Seller Support and get the 5665 error fixed before listing product				
			Hour# 2-4	List product through Seller Central front-end				
			Hour#1	Select appropriate category				
		Day 4	Hour# 2-4	download Inventory file from Product Classifier tool (in case of mass upload)				
			Hour#1	Fill and upload Inventory file from "Add Product via Upload" option.				
		Day 5	Hour#2	Add product variations using bulk file (where required)				
			Hour# 3-4	Add product variations manually (where required)				
Week 6	Manage Logistics		Hour#1	Register Brand name using website (www.gov.uk / www.uspto.gov / IP accelerator) Task – 30 Task – 31				
		Day 1	Day 1	Day 1	Day 1	Day 1	Hour#2	Register brand with Amazon Brand Registry using Trademark Registry Task - 32
			Hour#3	Contact Amazon Brand Registry Support to get Brand registry tools (Brand Analytics, A+ Content and				





				Amazon posts)	• Task – 34		
			Hour#4	Enroll your ASIN with Amazon Brand Registry	• Task – 35		
		Day 2	Hour#1	Identify Shipping Methods and Incoterms			
		, -	Hour # 2-4	• Explore different transportation modes			
			Hour#1	• Understand Incoterms			
		Day 3	Hour#2	Recalculate profit margin based on opted			
			Hour # 3-4	Contact Freight Forwarders to finalize the Shipping mode			
		Day 4	Hour#1	 Provide details to FF (number of cartons, CBM, weight) to get quotations Finalize FF based on competent offer 			
	Da		Hour#2	Create Shipping Plan			
			Hour # 3-4	Enter ship-from address			
			Hour#1	Add Shipment contents			
		Day 5	Hour#2	Mark Shipment as shipped			
			Hour # 3-4	Five major components of logistics			
Week 7	Launch and Rank a Product		Hour#1	Understand the role of 3PL			
VVCCK /	Launen and Rank a 1 foduct			 Identify Top Keywords Perform reverse ASIN using			
					Hour#2	CEREBRO (H10)	• Task – 36
		Day 1	Hour#3	Shortlist top most relevant keywords	• Task – 37		
			Hour#4	 Explore different Social Media Platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest etc.) 	• Task – 38		
				 Shortlist target Social Media Platforms Select audiences based on interest, 	• Task – 39		
			Hour#1	demographics and behaviorUnderstand discoverability,	Task – 40Task – 41		
				clickability and convertibility of product Target relevant Influencers	 Task – 41 Task – 42 		
	Day 2	Day 2		Walkthrough Amazon advertising dashboard	• Task – 43		
			Hour#2	 Understand Amazon deals (Lightening Deals, 7 Day Deals, Outlet Deals etc.) 	• Task – 44		
				Hour#3	 Explore Digital Coupons (percentage off/money off) 	• Task – 45	
			Hour#4	 Learn Vine Program Discover Prime Exclusive discounts and promotions 			





		Day 3	Hour#1 Hour#2 Hour # 3-4	 Setup On-Amazon advertisement Setup Off-Amazon advertisement Initialize influencers marketing Enroll Vine Program Get few initial sales (chatbots etc.) Understand the Brand Analytics Dashboard Integrate keyword tracker (H10, Amz tracker etc.) Configure P&L analytics software Understand re-stock limits Impact of IPI on inventory
		Day 4	Hour # 1-2 Hour # 3-4	 replenishment Understand LTSF, STSF, monthly storage fee, inventory aging Understand stranded inventory Risk associated with shipment privileges Manage inventory though 3PL incase of ordering excess inventory or limitations imposed by amazon
			Hour # 1-2	 Decide reorder quantity based on daily average sales Determine peak time frame to stay instock for maximum duration Manage cashflow efficiently to avoid being OOS and de-ranking
	Day	Day 5	Hour # 3-4	 Manage return reports Learn to manage reimbursement reports and claim reimbursements Analyze sales reports Learn negative customer experience report (NCX) and manage product quality Mange book keeping through various tools
	Manage Amazon Pay Per Click (PPC) Ads		Hour#1	• Explore Advertisement Fundamentals 2 nd Monthly Exam
		Day 1	Hour#2	Explore type of campaigns (Sponsored Products, Sponsored Brands, Sponsored Display)
			Hour#3	Explore targeting types (Auto, Manual, ASIN) Output Description:
			Hour#4	Explore match types (Broad, Phrase, Exact) Explore hidding strategies (Down)
			Hour#1	Explore bidding strategies (Down only, Up & Down and Fix Bids)
		Day 2	Hour#2	Understand Ad placements (SERPS)
				Hour#3 Hour#4
		Day 3	Hour#1	targeting and match types Create campaign on decided strategy





			Hour # 2-3	Explore and start video ads
			Hour#4	Analyze and optimize Advertisement Campaigns
			Hour#1	Start monitoring campaigns
		Day 4	Hour#2	• Generate reports (Search terms, Placement etc.)
			Hour# 3-4	Navigate reports and identify non- performing search terms and ASIN
		Day 5	Hour # 1-2	 Understand Negative Keyword Targeting (Negative Phrase, Negative Exact, Negative Product)
			Hour# 3-4	Exclude all non-performing search terms
Week 09	Deal with Amazon Seller Support		Hour#1	Open a Case with Seller Support Task – 46
		Day 1	Hour # 2-3	 Identify root cause of the issue Understand the core issue behind contacting Amazon Task – 47 Task – 48
			Hour#4	 Choose the right category to open case with Amazon Follow-up with Seller Support (if required) Task – 49 Task – 50
		Day 2	Hour#1	Handle Account Reinstatement Issues Task – 51
			Hour#2	Identify the main reason behind the suspension Task – 52
			Hour#3	• Prepare the action plan as per the reason • Task – 53
			Hour#4	 Gather evidences if required Submit appeal and follow-up if required
			Hour#1	Remove Hijacker from Listing
			Hour#2	Keep the Tracker alert for hijacker on H10
		Day 3	Hour#3	Identify the hijacker attached to listing
			Hour#4	Send warning letter through buyer-seller message
		Day 4	Hour#1	Submit IP Infringement complain to Amazon Brand Registry Support
			Hour# 2-4	Un-gate gated Categories
			Hour#1	Learn about the gated categories on Amazon
		Day 5	Hour#2	Explore the category ungating requirements for a specific category
			Hour#3	Gather the information required for ungating the category





			Hour#4	Apply for category un-gating
Week 10	Handle Amazon FBM Model	Day 1	Hour# 1-2	 Manage FBM Orders Task – 54
			Hour# 3-4	 Navigate through FBA and FBM orders Task – 55
		Day 2	Hour# 1-2	 Learn the importance of tracking ids in FBM orders Task – 56
		Day 2	Hour# 3-4	 Handle customer messages effectively Task – 57
		Day 3	Hour# 1-2	 Handle returns and refunds effectively Task – 58
		Day 3	Hour# 3-4	 Manage P1-P4 to keep the ODR under the threshold Task – 59
			Hour#1	Manage Account Health
		Day 4	Hour#2	Maintain the seller feedback rating
		zuj .	Hour#3	Address infringement issues on time
			Hour#4	Maintain the shipment rate to avoid LSR
		Day 5	Hour#1	Maintain the message response time
			Hour#2	 Provide in time invoices to business customers, where required
			Hour # 3-4	Resolve any A to Z claims or chargeback claims on time to avoid the negative impact on seller privileges
Week 11	Get Introduced to Amazon Wholesale Business Model		Hour#1	 Get introduced to Amazon Wholesale Business Model
		Day 1	Hour # 2-3	 Understand the fundamentals of Amazon Wholesale Business Model Task – 61 Task – 62
			Hour#4	 Identify pros and cons of Amazon Wholesale Business Model Task – 63
		Day 2	Hour # 1-2	 Identify risks associated with Amazon Wholesale Business Model Task – 64
		,	Hour # 3-4	• Fulfill FBA Wholesale Business Requirements. • Task – 65
		Day 3	Hour # 1-2	Get the Seller Central on LLC/LTD details.
		Day 3	Hour # 3-4	Arrange all required documents for wholesalers
		Day 4	Hour # 1-2	Get the website for approval from brands/distributors
			Hour # 3-4	Study the terms MOQ and MOA
		Day 5	Hour # 1-2	Review the terms LOA, re-sale certificate and VAT exempt certificate





			Hour # 3-4	Analyze the terms used to get discounts (EOL, end stocks, and deals etc)
Week 12			Hour#1	 Manage Financial Requirements for FBA Wholesale Business Model Task – 66 Task – 67
		Day 1	Hour#2	 Perform cost analysis of the business Task – 68
			Hour#3	 Identify defect rates and product quality Task – 69
			Hour#4	Perform SWOT analysis
			Hour#1	Get introduced to Wholesale Product Hunting Process Task - 70
			Hour#2	Enlist the tools and their usage
		Day 2	Hour#3	Install the required tools and their extensions
			Hour#4	Explore Keepa graph and its usage
			Hour#1	Enlist best-selling products
			Hour#2	Find which products are not sold by brand
			Hour#3	Narrow down based on sellers against one product
				Analyze complete stats against the product
				Select the winning product
	Day	Day 3	Hour#4	Determine the most economical quantity of the product
				Perform profitable product margin analysis
				Learn about Local Purchase Order (LPO)
				Place order of the product
				• Finalize payment methods with the supplier
				Keep a record of supplier invoicesCheck if there is any certification
				required to add the product
			Hour#1	Analyze the price point required to make the offer
]	Day 4		Add offer via ASIN doing ME TOO
			Hour # 2-4	Make shipment plans on amazon
	Day			Download box labels from amazon
				Send shipment labels to prep centers and get inventory shipped
			Hour # 1-4	Learn the preference of buy box for sellers with a professional plan
		Day 5		 instead of the individual plan Learn the preference of buy box
				for FBA sellers instead of FBM • Learn the relation between higher





Week 13	Work as a Freelancer	Day 1	Hour#1 Hour#2 Hour#3	stock to a higher percentage of BUY BOX win Explore the importance of positive seller feedback to win BUY BOX Explain the relationship of free shipping with winning of BUY BOX Develop Moral and Ethical Values Explore the legal and msoral work codes Explore the legal and msoral work codes Set and honor terms written in contract Handle data protection, piracy,
			Hour#4 Hour# 1-2	privacy, and intellectual property of clients Maintain transparency and honesty with clients
		Day 2 Day 3	Hour# 3-4	Give exact estimates and timelines
			Hour# 1-2	 Explore freelancing channels Find high demand skills regarding your service
		Day 3	Hour# 3-4	Enlist steps of how to use every party of the profile to showcase the skills
		Day4	Hour#1	Select a professional profile picture
			Hour#2	Make a video imprint for an outstanding impression
			Hour#3	Add certifications to boost the conversion rate of clients
			Hour#4	 Analyze the client's needs and expectations Explain effective ways to ask questions for clarification
			Hour# 1-2	 Enlist steps on how your product or service inside and out helps in communication Understand the importance of client retention Initiate the referral program for client retention
		Day 5	Hour# 3-4	 Understand the importance of agency making Learn to build partnerships and team Follow the basic rules of freelancing platforms Explore the outcomes of noncompliance with regulations of freelance channels
Week 14	Maintain Good Health while using	Day 1	Hour#1	Reposition the screen to avoid glare from lights or windows Final exam





Computer/Digital Devices at Work		Hour#2	Keep the screen clean and use a desk lamp to make it easier to see
		Hour# 3-4	Ensure the screen colours are easy to look at, and that the characters are sharp and legible
	Day 2	Hour# 1-2	Look away from the screen into the distance for a few moments to relax your eyes(e.g. focus on something 30 meters away for 30 seconds every 30 minutes)
		Hour# 3-4	Maintain a straight sitting posture
	Day 3	Hour# 1-2	Stand up and walk around every hour or so, so that you're not sat in the same position all day
		Hour# 3-4	Slowly lean your torso over to one side of the chair and then the other to stretch your sides and spine.
	Day 4	Hour# 1-2	Stand up and put your hands together, elbows out, then slowly twist to the left and then to the right
		Hour# 3-4	Maintain a straight sitting posture
	Day5	Hour# 1-4	Stand up and walk around every hour or so, so that you're not sat in the same position all day