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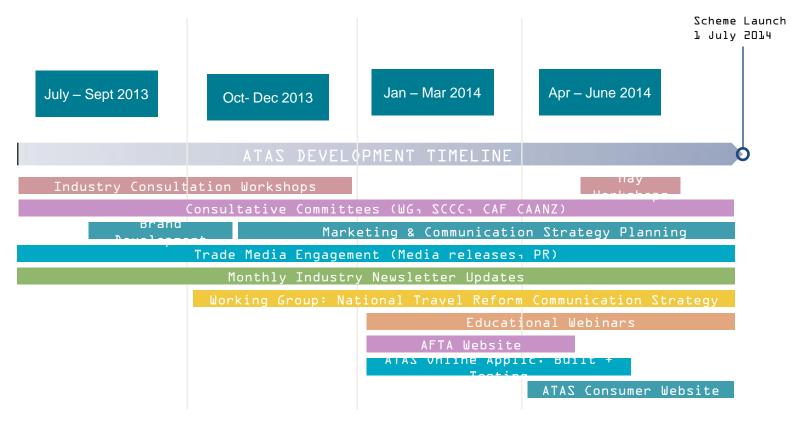


# AFTA'S LEADERSHIP





#### ATAS Development - intense planning & consultation





#### ATAS delivers on reform objectives

- Remove inconsistencies between state-based licensing requirements
  ✓ ATAS is national voluntary industry accreditation scheme
- > Create a level playing field

✓ ATAS is for ALL travel intermediaries (those that buy and sell travel)

> Reduce compliance burden and cost on travel intermediaries

✓ Lower cost of entry, no participation / license fee, no annual audit

- > Elevate travel industry standards
  - Participants are vetted against strict criteria to help consumers identify reputable, professional and reliable travel professionals.





travel accredited

Helps consumers identify reputable & professional travel businesses.



#### Charter provides sound governance

- 5 primary ATAS objectives nationally recognised scheme, elevate standards, educate consumers about the benefits, disputes resolution, professionalism of the travel industry
- > Becoming a participant
- General commitments Code compliance
- Resolving complaints and disputes ACCMC, escalation process
- > ATAS Code compliance, monitoring and sanctions appeals
- > Confidentiality and conflict of interest
- Definitions
- Attachments Code, Deed Poll, Fees, Use of ATAS symbol, Solvency definition, Complaints Handling Policy, ACCMC Terms of Reference

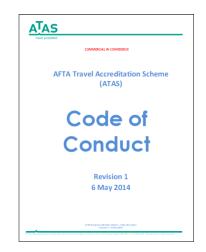




Code of Conduct elevates industry standards

#### > About ATAS

- > ATAS Benefits
- Key Commitments and Obligations (from the travel intermediary's perspective)
- > Information you will provide about your service delivery
- Professional resolution of complaints and disputes (including appropriate escalation procedures)





#### Robust criteria ensures scheme integrity

- 1. Meet the definition of a 'Travel Intermediary'
- 2. Workforce development
- 3. Dispute resolution & complaint handling
- 4. Commercial safeguards
- 5. Business compliance and governance
- 6. Charter & Code of Conduct
- 7. Consumer protection & engagement (Deed Poll, ACL)
- 8. Payment of fees
- 9. Special criteria for start-up businesses



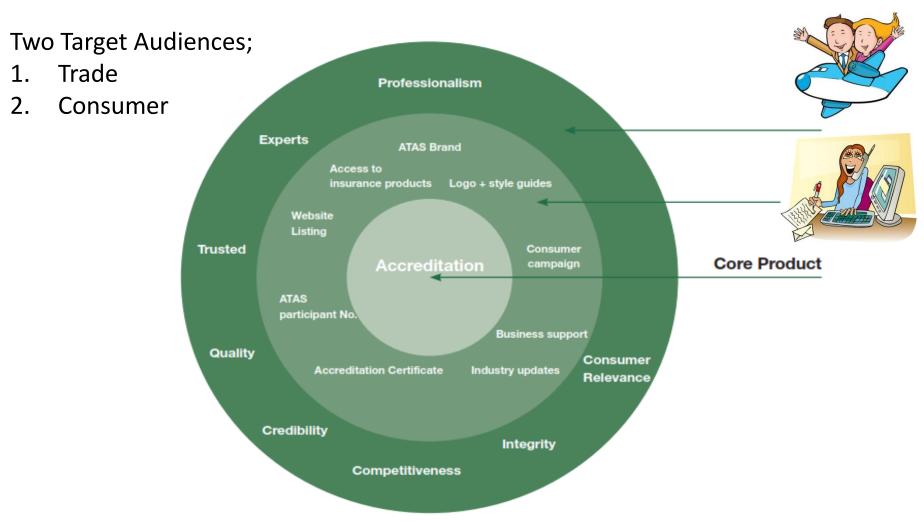
#### Criteria 9 (Start-up businesses)

Defined as business that is in the first stages of its operations, and has either recently started trading or is about to commence trading. This business did not hold a travel agent license in 2013/14.

The following documentation must be provided with an application:

- Forecast operational budget (12 month minimum) outlining cash reserves, borrowing capacity or details of other means available to meet operational expenses and the estimated timing of revenues and expenses
- Business Plan- including start-up business information, financial, professional fees (legal and/or accounting), regulator charges (cost to incorporate etc.)
- Copy of your Business Name / ABN Registration
- Copy of your most recent bank account statements (including the setup of a Client Account)







#### **Marketing Objectives**

#### Consumer

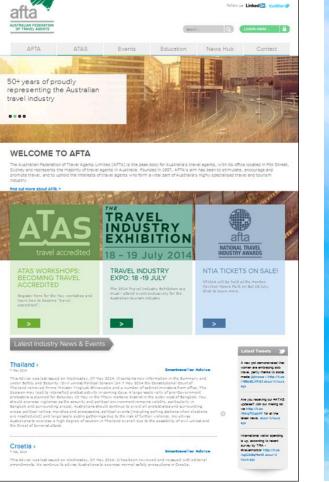
- ✓ Raise awareness of ATAS
- ✓ Promote the benefits of booking through an ATAS accredited travel agent
- Encourage Australian Consumers to actively seek out and book their travel through ATAS accredited travel agent.

#### Trade

- ✓ Australia-wide marketing program which maximises travel intermediary ongoing participation in ATAS.
- Leverage the national integrated consumer marketing campaign to help drive business to ATAS accredited travel intermediaries
- Encourage travel intermediaries to promote ATAS brand and benefits in their daily operations & marketing activities



### Trade & Consumer Websites









#### **Trade Engagement**



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Travelport 🗢

available

AirAsia now

on Travelport





#### **Excite Europe expansion**

services is now available to travel

exciteholidays.com portal and to wholesalers via XML connection.

agents in GBP and EUR via the

TODAY we're launching our

trip for two to Mauritius on offer

courtesy of Air Mauritius and Sun

CRUISEABOUT is currently on a

recruitment drive for consultants

around the country, with roles in

Brisbane, Melbourne, Geelong,

Resorts - details on page 7.

Cruiseabout jobs

B2B wholesaler Excite Holidays has today confirmed its expansion abroad, with the Australianowned company announcing Its has established a presence In London during World Travel Market In London. Already entrenched in the local market and with offices in Banskok, Athens and Dubai (TD 09 May), Excite Holidays will now channel new business through a dedicated London base. "Our decision to venture into the European market is based on the exceptionally high demand for our wholesale and Web Services product on a global scale," Excite Holidays ceo George Papaloannou said this morning. Excite's product portfolio of over 250,000 hotels & apartments,

In May, 8m Joe Karbo revealed to Travel Daily that Southeast Asia was also a potential future hub for Excite Holidays. QF earlybird incentive AGENTS are being reminded to take part in this year's Qantas Earlybird promotion, with prizes including a First Class return trip to London for two up for grabs. See the cover page for details. Win a trip to Mauritius

new monthly competition, with a

Seven pages of news Travel Daily today has sever ages of news & photos, a ront cover page for Qantas plus full pages from: AA Appointments Jobs Travel Trade Recruitment Cruiseabout Job ads







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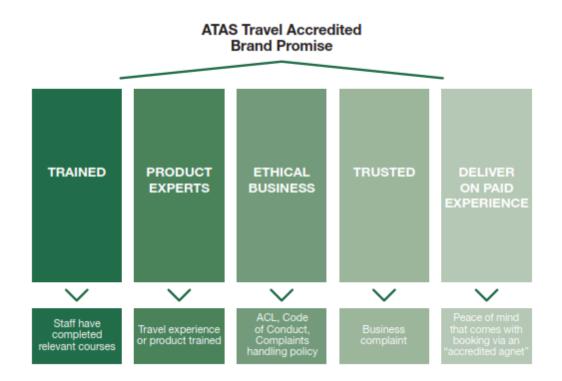


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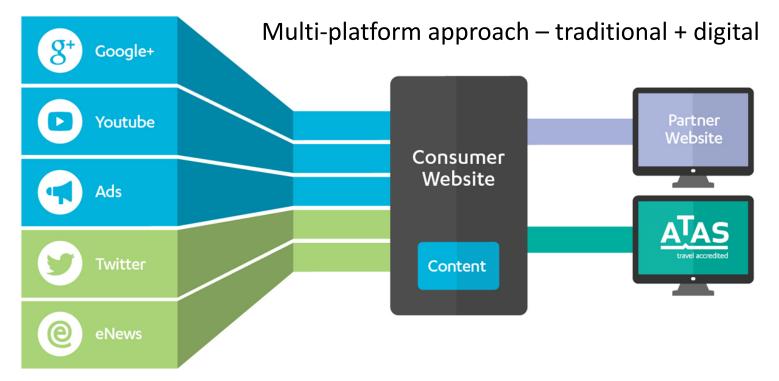




#### Stems from our research







The traditional space will be used to raise awareness of the ATAS brand.



Paid & free PR via mainstream media – Print + Radio Inflight Magazines

Industry to consumer – equipping the industry the right tools.





2.7 MILLION ACTIVE AUSTRALIAN USERS



1.5 MILLION CONSUMERS RESEARCHING EACH MONTH



13.4MILLION PEOPLE INTERACTING

1.6 MILLION USERS SHARING





13 MILLION PEOPLE WATCHING



3.9 MILLION PEOPLE CONNECTING



60,000 ACTIVE USERS EACH MONTH



#### Radio Campaign;

to reach over 1 Mill consumers who intend to travel overseas in the next 12 months.



Radio – the most cost effective medium for mass reach & frequency.

Consumers are 6 x more likely to visit a website after having heard it on radio.



sydney's new place to relax









### Inflight Magazine;



Readership 1.2mill+



Qantas & Virgin Nov 2014 Issues

**DID YOU BOOK THIS** FLIGHT WITH AN ATAS ACCREDITED TRAVEL AGENT?

Quality, trustworthy, experienced, industry accredited travel agents can be found at ATAS.com.au











# SIMPLE RESOURCES

- 1. Brochures and catalogues
- 2. Email signature
- 3. Company Website
- 4. Print publication advertising
- 5. Shop window decals and signage





#### So how have we done ?

- 1. Over 3100 agency locations accredited by ATAS
- 2. This represents over 80 % of locations and 96% of turnover
- 3. Applications continue to come in



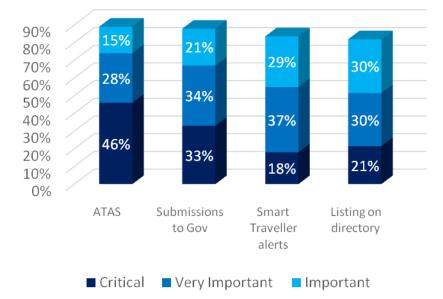
ATAS is becoming a powerful brand – recognised by1 in 5 Aussie travellers.



travel accredited



### ATAS is an important to critical part of business – 90% respondents



#### Perceived High Value



## Thank you

# Trade website > www.afta.com.au Consumer website > www.atas.com.au