

Target Market Determination



HSBC Star Alliance Credit Card

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Product Description (including Key Attributes)

The HSBC Star Alliance Credit Card is a credit card which accesses a line of credit subject to a limit. There is an interest free period, before an interest rate applies to purchases and a different interest rate that applies to cash advances.

The key attributes of the product are:

- Star Alliance Points are earned on eligible purchases
 - a minimum credit limit of \$6,000
 - up to 55 days interest free on purchases. Cash advances incur interest immediately
 - complimentary insurance benefits – including domestic and international travel insurance
 - physical and/or digital card
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Target Market

The target market for the HSBC Star Alliance Credit Card is the class of persons who are consumers and who have the following likely objectives, needs and financial situation.

Likely objectives

Customers with **any one or more** of the following likely short term and long term objectives:

- to manage cash flow
- make ordinary, everyday or one-off domestic purchases, overseas and/or online purchases
- to reduce credit card debt by utilising a balance transfer promotion

Likely needs

Customers with **any one or more** of the following likely needs:

- access to a rewards program with the ability to earn Star Alliance Points on purchases
- time to make repayments before incurring interest
- access to an amount of credit of at least \$6,000
- access to complimentary insurance benefits (including domestic and international travel insurance)
- ability to access cash in emergency situations
- ability to access special promotional terms
- ability to make purchases using a widely accepted payment method (through a physical and/or digital card)

Likely financial situation

Customers in **all** of the following financial situations:

- aged 18 years or older
- regular income of at least \$75,000 p.a.
- not experiencing financial hardship or financial stress as identified through credit bureau checks carried out at the point of application
- likely to be able to make at least minimum repayments each month without experiencing financial hardship
- likely to be able to repay the credit limit within 3 years without experiencing financial hardship

Dependencies

The class of persons must be able to service the proposed credit limit in accordance with the bank's lending criteria and responsible lending obligations at the time of application.

Explanation

The product and its key attributes are likely to be consistent with the likely objectives, financial situation and needs of consumers in the target market because:

- the credit limit on this card starts at \$6,000, which is aligned with customers who need access to an amount of credit and to manage their cash flow
 - there are up to 55 days interest free on purchases which is aligned to customers needing time to make repayments before incurring interest
 - Star Alliance Points are earned on eligible purchases which is aligned to customers needing access to a Rewards Program that contains these benefits
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Distribution Conditions

This product can only be distributed through the following channels and subject to the following distribution conditions:

HSBC Australia

- via an HSBC branch
- online application via the HSBC public website, Online Banking or Mobile Banking
- over the telephone via the HSBC Contact Centre

Third Party Comparison Websites

- comparison websites - only those with whom HSBC has an agreement, where factual information about the key attributes of the product are hosted together with a link to HSBC's public website, and no additional marketing is conducted.

Explanation

The distribution conditions make it more likely that the consumers who acquire the product are in the target market because:

- all HSBC branch and customer service staff must have completed the required training to be able to recommend this product
 - the HSBC public website provides all necessary product information, so customers can make an informed decision before applying for the product
 - the direct channels are proprietary channels and HSBC has strict control and monitoring over the distribution, application process and marketing of products within these channels
 - third party comparison websites are strictly controlled through the agreement with HSBC
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Review Triggers

If, in HSBC's view, any of the following occur:

- where there is significant dealing outside the target market
- where there are a significant number of exceptions outside the target market, for example, a significant number of exceptions in relation to the minimum age requirement or the financial hardship or financial stress requirements
- where there is a significant number of material complaints in relation to the product
- where there is a material change to the product or the terms and conditions of the product

- where there is a significant increase to the number of defaults within the first year of issuing the product to customers
- where there is a significant number of customers making only minimum monthly repayments for a number of months

Review Periods

Unless a review trigger occurs:

- **first review date:** 5 October 2023
- **periodic reviews:**
 - next review completed by 5 October 2024
 - maximum period between reviews: 12 months

Distribution Information Reporting Requirements

Distributor	Information	Frequency	Reporting period
Comparison websites	Information on all complaints received in relation to the product, HSBC or the distributor	Quarterly	Within 10 business days of the end of the quarter

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