

Air Travel Insolvency Protection Advisory Committee (ATIPAC)

Seeking Independent Panel Members

£450 day-rate (inc. WTD)

4 year appointments

The Air Travel Insolvency Protection Advisory Committee is an expert advisory group established by the Secretary of State for Transport to advise the CAA, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust (the fund behind the ATOL scheme), the Secretary of State for Transport (and other Secretaries of State, as appropriate) on the arrangements for the financial protection of air travellers and customers of air travel organisers. Members of the Committee are appointed by the Chief Executive of the CAA, however, applications will be reviewed by the ATIPAC Chair, who is independent, and officials at the Department for Transport. Employment is via Reed.

We are seeking to assemble a Committee with a balance of skills, knowledge and breadth of experience to reflect the diversity of the air travel sector and consumers. In particular, we are looking for independent members who are committed to helping to shape the landscape for the financial protection of air travellers and customers of air travel organisers. Independent members include those who might be acting in an advisory capacity to companies in the sector (for example in the areas of finance, insolvency, management consultancy), but are not currently employed directly by a travel industry company or association. We welcome applications from all areas of society and want the Committee to be representative of UK society as a whole. This will enable the Committee to be an effective and strategic source of expertise whilst the Government and the CAA develop initiatives for the financial protection of air travellers. [Applications from industry members](#) are also being sought.

All Committee members are expected to take an active part in ATIPAC's four half-day Committee meetings per year, which are currently held in London. In addition, they may be required to take part in sub-group meetings and present findings/outcomes to the wider group. Independent members are expected to be experts in their professional field and be able to bring their expertise to the Committee for the benefit of all members.

Skills required

It is **essential** that candidates should be able to demonstrate **all** of the skills below as a minimum:

- the ability to listen and challenge in a constructive manner, providing an objective and impartial point of view;
- the ability to work collaboratively with other experts in a multi-disciplinary group and the ability to take account of different perspectives as part of a collegiate approach;

- the ability to analyse and evaluate complex information, including qualitative and quantitative research and market data, in order to form fair, balanced and proportionate views based on evidence and reasoned argument;
- the ability to advise other Committee members on issues relating to their own areas of professional experience; and
- to the extent that candidates are not already familiar with the arrangements for the financial protection of air travellers and customers of air travel organisers, the ability to demonstrate a track record of being able to engage with and understand complex legal and technical issues in an equivalent setting (e.g. another regulated sector).

Experience and knowledge

In addition to the above essential skills, we are looking for candidates who are able to demonstrate current, relevant, expert knowledge and experience gained in **one or more** of the areas below:

- the travel industry, in particular travel agents, tour operators, third party protection arrangers and airlines;
- the professional advisory sector, for example in areas of finance, insolvency, management consultancy, insurance, marketing or sales etc;
- travel and/or consumer finance; and
- consumer protection, for example consumer policy, consumer advocacy, etc.

The CAA expects its independent panels, including the Committee, to be inclusive and represent a diverse range of views and backgrounds and this is something we will consider as part of the recruitment process. Applicants must be UK-based and, if appointed, will be required to declare any conflicts of interest. They will also be required to complete a Diversity & Inclusion declaration.

Full details are included in the [candidate application pack](#)

Closing Date: 19 April 2024

Interview Dates: 3 May 2024

Committed to Equality of Opportunity.