

# Air Travel Insolvency Protection Advisory Committee (ATIPAC)

## Seeking Industry Panel Members

Unremunerated

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.

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 industry members who are committed to helping to shape the landscape for the financial protection of air travellers and customers of air travel organisers. Industry members are those who are currently employed directly by travel associations or travel industry companies (e.g. travel agents, tour operators, third party protection arrangers and airlines). 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. In particular, we would welcome applications from those who have expertise in more specialist areas of the travel industry or groups that are currently under-represented. For example, those who specialise in travel for people with disabilities or those involved with travel for passengers Visiting Friends and Relatives (VFR). [Applications from independent 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. Membership of the Committee provides the opportunity to stay abreast of key issues within the industry, learn from other experts in the field and input into Committee responses to relevant Government consultations. There is no remuneration for industry members, although general expenses, such as reasonable travel expenses will be covered.

### 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 the travel industry.

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 Date: 3 May 2024*

*Committed to Equality of Opportunity.*