

Sugar Sell Foundations Webinar Series: Week 1 Start Smart — The Power of Good Lead Qualification

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Section 1: Why Lead Qualification Matters

- 1. The phrase "garbage in, garbage out" reminds us that poor data quality leads to poor outcomes.
- 2. Bad data misleads your team, breaks automate and harms the customer experience.
- 3. Clean, consistent data is the foundation of credibility, efficiency, and revenue growth.
- 4. Sugar helps teams by making it easier to capture, automate, and act on high-quality data.

Section 2: What Good Looks Like

Qualification Frameworks

- 5. Lead qualification is the process of determining whether a lead is a good fit and has a real need.
- 6. Consistent qualification reduces friction and strengthens forecast accuracy.

Marketing & Sales Alignment

- 7. A shared MQL definition reduces handoffs a shared SQL definition reduces qualifications.
- 8. ICP stands for Ideal Customer Profile
- 9. ICPs use firmographic, technographic, and behavioral attributes to identify high-fit leads.
- 10. Lead scoring ranks prospects based on the **perceived value** they represent to the organization.

Section 3: Lead Scoring Basics

- 11. Explicit data includes attributes like job title, industry, and company size.
- 12. Implicit data includes behaviors like website visits, email opens, and whitepaper downloads.
- 13. In a typical scoring model, leads scoring above 45 are routed immediately to Sales.
- 14. The LAMBS model stands for:
 - L: Looking
 - A: Able
 - M: Motivated
 - B: **Believes**
 - S: Success potential

Section 4: Common Pitfalls

- 15. A lack of shared definitions between teams creates friction and inconsistent qualification.
- 16. Premature handoff results in lost **opportunity** and wasted **time**.
- 17. Missing or incorrect fields reduce the effectiveness of automation and lead routing.

Section 5: Creating a Lead Checklist or Scorecard

- 18. Lead qualification usually falls into 5 to 7 core categories.
- 19. Examples include Fit, Need, clarity, Authority, Budget, Timeline, and Engagement.
- 20. A consistency checklist ensures all team members follow the same qualification steps.
- 21. A scorecard quantifies qualification using points to reduce subjectivity.
- 22. Score ranges guide action. A score of 80-100 means a lead is "High Quality".
- 23. Data completeness fields (like industry and phone number) prevent **garbage** data from entering the pipeline.



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Section 6: Bringing It to Life in Sugar

- 24. Sugar enables you to create custom fields scoring models, and automation rules.
- 25. Dashboards help track lead qualification and conversion over time.
- 26. Sugar Market provides real-time scoring and behavioral data that syncs with Sugar Sell.
- 27. Integrations like Calendly and email/VoIP tools help capture high-intent signals automatically.

Section 7: Operationalizing Success

- 28. Daily standups help teams review activity, priorities and blockers.
- 29. Weekly Marketing + Sales syncs ensure alignment on MQL-SQL definitions and lead disposition.
- 30. Monthly cadence includes scoring model calibration and data hygiene review.
- 31. Key KPIs include lead-to-opportunity **conversion** average qualification time, and data **completeness** score.

Section 8: Key Takeaways

- 32. Lead qualification is the make-or-break moment of your sales process.
- 33. Good qualification requires consistent criteria shared definitions, and clean data.
- 34. Sugar makes qualification scalable with automation, dashboards, and configurable fields.
- 35. When you start smart, you sell smarter.