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Agile Project Management™ Practitioner Qualification 4 days

About this course

The Agile Project Management philosophy is gaining focus for all the right reasons. Organizations are finding that some traditional project management methods do not appear malleable enough where:

- requirements are not clearly defined
- time to market is important
- some flexibility is essential to respond to changing environments
- frequent communication between the developers and the customer is vital

This course covers the theory and rationale behind Agile PM and discusses the principles, lifecycle, roles and responsibilities and techniques of the philosophy. Throughout the course, exercises are used to demonstrate how it all works in practice. The APMG Agile Project Management framework places particular emphasis on the techniques used by DSDM.

The Agile Project Management™ (AgilePM®) certification aims to address the needs of those working in a project-focussed environment who want to employ Agile practices.
Based on proven fundamentals within DSDM, Agile Project Management Framework, this certification provides the ability to deliver Agile projects in organisations requiring standards, rigour and visibility around project management, while at the same time enabling the fast pace, change and empowerment provided by Agile.

The course is 4 days in total. This combines accredited Foundation and Practitioner-level learning. Delegates take the Foundation exam at the end of Day 3, and the Practitioner exam on Day 4. A running case study shows you how to apply different elements. Broadly the sessions follow the pre-project and project lifecycle as sequenced in the Agile PM Handbook v. 2.0.

Who is it for

The certification – Foundation and Practitioner - is aimed at **practicing project managers** and **Agile team members** who wish to become Agile Project Managers.

Team members who are involved in an agile project will also benefit from this course. Typical roles would include Project Manager/Team Leader, Business Analyst, Solution Developer and Solution Tester. It would also be of benefit to business stakeholders who may work with an agile team.

Benefits

Benefits for Individuals

- Develop a more advanced, applied level of knowledge to gain an understanding of agile and the ability to apply relevant project management methods, leading to successful agile projects.
- Clarify different management styles needed for successful agile projects compared to the traditional projects and be able to tailor these to the situation.
- Actively promote trust and close co-operation between the business and developers and gives the business ongoing visibility into what is happening.
- Combine knowledge of more traditional management methodologies with agile to better adapt to a changing business environment.
- Improve time-to-market and project success rates while simultaneously accelerating results by encouraging stakeholder involvement, feedback and effective controls.

Benefits for Organizations

- Delivers change faster, at a lower cost and with lower risk by continually validating project milestones against business objectives.
- Complements and works with existing corporate processes such as PRINCE2®, quality and audit processes which improve rigour and visibility around project management, leading to a proven track record of successful delivery in a corporate environment.
- Adopts a tried and tested approach rather than developing and integrating a company-specific agile management process.
- Achieves better communication and control over projects and adapts project plans without disrupting the project budget, timescale and scope.
- Develops professionalism in employees and include agile certification in employee professional development schemes.

Features

The course will cover:
- How to lay the foundations for successful Agile projects
- How an Agile project is managed
- The different management styles needed for successful Agile projects (compared to "traditional" projects)
- How to integrate Agile with PRINCE2® and other traditional project management approaches

Testimonials

"It was a good, informative and enjoyable course." Steve Fower

"It would make a great many improvements on how we implement projects within this organisation which tend to be isolated and long winded." K.V.

"From a relatively short input I have learned the basics of a different approach to my workload and my private life! I can think of lots of places where I can explore this further." A.C.

Pre-event preparation

We would like to help you do some worthwhile preparation before the start of the course. Doing this work pre-course gives you a tremendous advantage by maximising the value of your course experience.
 You should allow at least 12 hours in total – probably more – to work through it.

Do not treat this preparation as optional as it will:
- Take significant pressure off you during the course,
- Make your experience on the course more enjoyable
- Help you perform better in the examinations.

We recommend that you read through the handbook, using this study book to structure your reading, at least once before the course starts.

What is included

- Agile Project Management Handbook – Version 2.0 The handbook is the sourcebook for the course and the text upon which the examinations are based.
- Pre-course Workbook that the delegate must work through before the start of the course and Study Guide
- Syllabus
- Practitioner Exam Candidate Guidance – explaining the structure and style of the exams
- Sample exam papers
- Foundation and Practitioner Examination papers
- Stationery (foolscap pad, highlighters, pop tabs, pens & pencils)
- Folder containing the course's work and references
- Exams
- Certificate
- Joining instructions, venue map and directions
- For non-residential lunch and refreshments are included.
- For residential bed & breakfast, lunch, dinner and refreshments are included

Examinations

Foundation Exam:

- Multiple choice format
- 50 questions per paper
- 25 marks required to pass (out of 50 available) - 50%
- 40 minutes duration
- Closed book.

Practitioner Exam:

- Objective format (not essay)
- 4 questions per paper, 20 marks available per question
- 40 marks required to pass (out of 80 available) - 50%
- 2.5 hours duration
- Open book (access to the Agile Project Management Handbook only) examination.

What do I do next?

Book online now, or if your organisation is a member of our Platinum Club, contact them now to reserve your place on this premier training experience. We strictly limit the number of delegates to ensure the best quality course experience. This can also be delivered as an in-house course on a client's own site, exclusively for their own team.
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