

Managing Successful Programmes (MSP[®]) Foundation and Practitioner Course

Introduction

The MSP[®] Foundation and Practitioner Course is based upon the “Managing Successful Programmes - 2007 edition” which describes “best practice” guidance for handling all types of transformational change programmes.

The course is designed to teach the basic principles of good programme management in line with the Principles, Governance Themes and Transformational Flow described in the MSP[®] approach and to prepare delegates for the Foundation and Practitioner examinations, held within the course.

There are no formal prerequisites to this course, but it is anticipated that delegates will have an understanding of, and preferably experience in, the issues surrounding business change.

The Foundation course is an intensive 3 day event, requiring delegates to undertake some evening work in their own time, and is followed by a 2-day Practitioner event. Delegates may choose to attend both modules together or separately, however it should be noted that delegates wishing to sit the Practitioner examination must hold the Foundation qualification.

Designed for

The course is designed for those who need to understand the practical application of MSP[®] and for anyone wishing to gain the MSP[®] Foundation and/or Practitioner qualifications. Please note that examinations are the responsibility of the examination board, APMG.

Course Content

Day 1

Introduction to Programmes, Programme Management and MSP[®]
Organisation
Identifying a Programme
Vision

Day 2

Defining a Programme
Blueprint Design and Delivery
Planning and Control
Business Case
Benefits Realisation Management
Risk Management and Issue Resolution

Day 3

Managing the Tranches
Leadership and stakeholder engagement
Delivering the Capability

Realising the Benefits
Quality Management
Closing a Programme
MSP® Foundation Examination and results
End of Foundation Course

Day 4

MSP® Practitioner Examination Objectives and Guidance
MSP® Review
MSP® Practitioner Examination Workshops

Day 5 (a.m. only)

MSP® Practitioner Examination

The Examinations outlined

Foundation Examination – the first level of MSP® qualification, this examination will be held on the afternoon of Day 3:

- 50 multiple choice questions
- 40 minutes to answer
- 60% required to pass - 30/50
- No reference material permitted

Practitioner Examination – the second level of MSP® qualification, this scenario based examination will be held on Day 5:

- 9 “Objective Assessment” questions often referred to as “complex multiple choice questions”
- Each question is worth 20 marks
- All questions to be attempted
- 2.5 hours to answer
- 50% required to pass - 90/180
- MSP® reference manual permitted

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