

MSP™ Managing Successful Programmes

3-day or 5-day Certification Courses

Description: MSP™ is the OGC Best Practice method for managing programmes.

The training accreditation and examination scheme is provided by the APM Group Ltd.

Target Audience for MSP™

MSP™ is written primarily for those who are involved in the direction, management, support and delivery of programmes.

Including:

- ✧ Programme Managers
- ✧ Business Change Managers
- ✧ Programme Office staff.
- ✧ Programme Directors
- ✧ Senior Responsible Owners
- ✧ All Programme Sponsors

Qualification Audience

The Foundation and Practitioner Qualifications are aimed at people who are working in a Programme Management environment as:

- ✧ Project Managers
- ✧ Team Managers
- ✧ Programme Office staff
- ✧ All those advising on the elements of a programme

Three days for Foundation level only. Five days to reach full Practitioner level.

Duration:

These courses, run in collaboration with Novare Consulting, last for 3 or 5 days. Delegates will sit the Foundation examination at the end of day 3. The Trainer marks the Foundation exam. Delegates may opt to stay for the full five days and sit the Practitioner exam at the end of the final day.

MSP™ Exam Format

The Foundation exam tests general understanding of the fundamental principles of MSP™ - the exam is 40 minutes long. The exam is a closed book, multiple choice paper. There are 50 questions and the pass mark is 30 out of 50 representing 60%. The Practitioner exam lasts for two and a half hours - is based on objective testing - 9 questions - 180 marks available - 90 marks or more are required to pass - Open-book (only the MSP Guide is allowed).



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Evidence of Identity

When attending the exam, delegates must present an official form of **photographic** identification to the Tutor.

Delegates will not be eligible to sit the exam without this identification.

Course Work Overview

The course comprises pre-course work followed by a mixture of learning sessions, group exercises and programme scenario based practical work.

During the course, delegates will undertake a number of exercises and mock examinations from these they will gain feedback on their progress towards eventual success. Delegates should expect to undertake 1 – 2 hours of revision work on the 1st night of the course

Prior to the Course

Delegates will be sent the following:

“Managing Successful Programmes” using MSP™

Delegates should read the manual covering the Overview of MSP™, Principles of Programme Management and the Programme Management Lifecycle and familiarize themselves with the content and structure of the method.

“Managing Successful Programmes” Pocketbook

Delegates should use the pocketbook as a pre-course revision aid to become familiar with the key products and processes of MSP™

Pre-course Preparation

It is essential that delegates complete some pre-course preparation by reading the MSP™ official manual “Managing Successful Programmes” prior to attending the course.

Delegates should also complete any further suggested pre-course work. In total aim to do a minimum of 8 – 10 hours pre-course reading to prepare for the course.

There is a direct relationship between the amount of pre-course preparation and the eventual pass-rates for the exam.

Homework

Delegates will be expected to:

Undertake approximately 2 hours of homework on the first night of the course. Continue to read

Other sources of information

APM Group Web-Site—Delegates should access The APM Group web-site at www.apmgroup.co.uk to obtain more information about the method and its ownership.

MSP™ Web-Site—Delegates should access the MSP™ web-site at www.programmes.org to obtain more information about the method and its ownership.



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