

Programme overview

As the pace of change accelerates and pressure continues to build for businesses to be innovative and deliver greater value, traditional project management methods that may have worked in more stable and predictable environments become much less reliable.

Project teams need to be able to keep pace, and respond quickly whilst at the same time demonstrating control and reliability. AgilePM offers a practical and repeatable methodology, which combines the discipline of a process covering the whole project lifecycle with the real-life practicality afforded by a flexible and more collaborative approach.

The AgilePM Practitioner qualification takes the principles of the DSDM Agile Project Framework and shows how these can be applied to achieve an ideal balance between the standards, rigour and visibility needed for good project management, and the fast pace, change and empowerment provided by Agile. The course also shows how Agile techniques can be integrated with PRINCE2[®] and SCRUM.

AgilePM focuses first and foremost on identifying value to your business, and delivering it faster.



Course structure

Foundation

2 days

Foundation and Practitioner

4 days



In-company course

Virtual classroom or
Onsite classroom

Training to meet your
specific needs either
over consecutive days
or split into modules

What you will gain

The course is focused on helping people gain a practical understanding of Agile Project Management and how to apply this within their working environments. It will also prepare candidates for the Foundation and Practitioner exams.

The Foundation level exam is knowledge-based and the Practitioner level of this qualification focuses on the practical application of the DSDM principles and framework, and digs deeper into the AgilePM perspective.

The Foundation level exam covers the following syllabus areas

The fundamentals

- What is Agile Project Management?
- Why use this approach?
- When to use Agile Project Management
- Core principles

The lifecycle

- Agile Project Framework
- Configuring the Agile project lifecycle
- Planning and control
- Management products
- Business products
- Technical products

The project team structure

- Roles and responsibilities
- Empowerment and leadership styles

The practices

- Facilitated workshops
- MoSCoW prioritisation
- Modelling
- Iterative development
- Timeboxing

The Practitioner level exam covers the following topics

- People, teams and interactions
- Effective communication
- Collaboration
- Requirements gathering
- User stories
- Effective estimating
- Risks and uncertainty

- Ensuring quality
- Tailoring the framework
- Planning throughout the lifecycle
- Delivering on time with timeboxing and MosCoW
- Project management through the lifecycle

Duration and gaining the qualification

Foundation level - The pre-course preparation and the first day of the course cover the syllabus for the Foundation qualification. The Foundation exam is taken on the morning of the second day. This tests knowledge and understanding and consists of a 40 minute multiple-choice paper, with 50 questions. This is a closed book exam and no reference materials may be used. The pass mark is 50%.

Practitioner level - There is an opportunity to revisit syllabus areas and practise sample questions to prepare for the Practitioner exam, which is taken on the afternoon of the 4th day. The Practitioner exam tests candidates' ability to apply AgilePM knowledge appropriately to a case study scenario that is provided. The exam is a 2.5 hour multiple-choice paper comprising a total of 80 questions. This is an open book exam, and candidates are able to reference the AgilePM Handbook. The pass mark is 50%.

Our in-company course presents this 4 day programme in the most convenient way for you, for example as 4 consecutive days, or as 2 modules covering the Foundation and Practitioner levels separately. Having a time lag between the modules means there is more time for people to practise applying the concepts and to prepare for the practitioner exam. You can run either the full accredited certification course, or shorter bespoke options.

Who should attend?

If you are a project manager or team leader and either responsible for, or involved in, implementing projects then this course is for you.

You will learn about a wide range of tools and methods, and gain fresh skills and a new-found confidence to manage projects and collaborate successfully in an agile way.

Course benefits

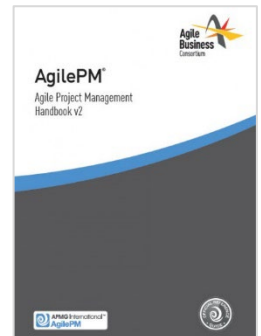
For individuals - The course will develop understanding of the subject and identify the differing demands between traditional project management and Agile Project Management. They will have increased confidence in applying the Agile Project Framework and have greater choices in adopting different styles of project management as appropriate.

For organisations - The Agile Project Framework encourages greater focus on business involvement and early delivery of business benefits. This results in quicker return on investment and experience more consistent and timely delivery.

The handbook

The AgilePM Handbook v2 provides the basis for this qualification.

The awarding body for the qualification is APMG International. There are no prerequisites but pre-course study of the handbook will help you fully prepare for the course and exams.



Training to meet your specific needs



In-company training

In-company training means we can reference your current processes, specific terminology and project management frameworks, throughout the course. This makes it easier for people to identify how best to apply the theory and concepts in the most effective and beneficial way.

It also means your teams can work with 'live' project examples during course activities to develop useful outputs, making the programme even more relevant and effective.

In-company training:

- Offers you the convenience of choosing when and where the training takes place
- Allows your teams to work with their actual project examples, discuss their specific challenges and find solutions together
- We get to know your ways of working and methods, before the course begins
- Post-course support includes follow-ups to review progress

Why choose ChangeQuest?

The course has been designed with you ‘the learner’ in mind and not the course syllabus to be covered. We specialise in using innovative learning techniques to suit different learning styles and create an environment which will challenge you whilst keeping it enjoyable and fun. Our focus is on your issues, making the course highly relevant and practical, so you get greater value for your investment.

We’re highly trained in project management, change management, neuro linguistic programming (NLP) and facilitation skills, and share this rich mix of experience with you to help make your experience unique and inspirational. We don’t just talk about theory, we ‘walk the talk’. With over 20 years’ business experience, we have repeatedly demonstrated how applying these tools and techniques can help achieve outstanding results.

Full support is provided, before, during and after the course, so that you get the best possible results from your ChangeQuest training.

What others have said about the course

“Great trainer, very engaging. Lovely relaxed atmosphere. Thoroughly enjoyed the course!”

PROJECT MANAGER

“Everything was excellent”

TECHNICAL PROJECT LEADER

“The delivery of the course materials was excellent. Open discussions helped to consolidate ideas and theories. Great mix of experience and knowledge within the group which everyone was prepared to share – this is my favourite way of learning”

BUSINESS ANALYST

“The most enjoyable course I have done to date”

PROJECT CONSULTANT

“The trainer was very good at explaining the material in relation to other approaches and kept your motivation throughout”

PRODUCT OWNER

“Thoroughly enjoyed the course, great group of people. The lectures and delivery were first class. I would highly recommend ChangeQuest to anyone who is interested in further training in Agile”

PROJECT MANAGER



More testimonials can be seen on our website [here](#)

Contact us to discuss your specific requirements, and together we will find the solution that is perfectly suited to your needs.

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