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MSP® Foundation & Practitioner

MSP (Managing Successful Programmes) is an internationally recognised best practice programme management methodology. It has been widely adopted and successfully implemented throughout both the public and private sectors around the world. Using MSP, large complex initiatives are broken down in to manageable projects. The methodology helps organisations to improve practices, offer better services and to plan better for the future. MSP is often seen as the next step from PRINCE2 practitioner.

The combined MSP Foundation & Practitioner course gives delegates in-depth knowledge and experience of applying the MSP methodology and its tools for successful programme management.

Benefits to the individual

- Recognised qualification
- Gain the confidence to manage uncertainty and complex change
- Learn how to create strategic plans and define the right projects within a programme

Benefits to the business

- Gives staff tools to successfully deliver programmes on time and within budget
- Reduced downtime and increased productivity
- Minimised risk of programme failure
- Confidence to take on all change programmes and manage them effectively
- The methodology is flexible, scalable and systematic and can be used for a huge variety of different programmes

Audience

Programme managers

Members of the Programme Management Board

Those responsible for managing the overall delivery of complex projects and programmes

Course duration

Five days. The Foundation exam takes place on the third day and the Practitioner exam on the fifth day.

Pre-requisites

Delegates are required to have project management or project board experience and are expected to spend time before the course reading through the pre-course materials. Delegates must pass the Foundation exam in order to proceed to the Practitioner element of the course.

Course outline

This is a five day course conducted through interactive group study using practical examples and activities.

Having completed the course and passed both exams, delegates will be able to:
- Set up and manage complex programmes including defining roles and responsibilities, identifying and controlling risk and communicating the impact that change will have on the organisation
- Understand the importance of continually monitoring the programme's objectives and ensuring that any necessary adjustments are made in response to changes in the operating environment
- Manage the programme right through to a successful conclusion ensuring that all goals have been achieved

At Foundation level, the following topics are covered:
- Identifying a programme
- Defining a programme
- Programme planning
- Benefits management
- Issue and risk management
- Establishing a programme
- Running a programme
- Closing a programme

There will also be the opportunity to examine a case study and to prepare for the Foundation exam.

The emphasis at Practitioner Level is on the application of MSP principles and practices in the real world. The topics covered at Foundation Level are reviewed and using case studies, delegates are given an understanding of how MSP is applied and how it can be tailored to the project environment. As at Foundation level, there will be the opportunity to prepare for the exam.

Delegates are expected to spend time reading and reviewing course materials each evening throughout the course. This extra study is necessary to pass both exams.

Exam details

The one hour closed book Foundation exam consists of 75 multiple choice questions and the pass mark is 50%. The two and a half hour Practitioner exam consists of 9 questions worth 20 marks each (total = 180 marks). Questions are based on a given scenario and the pass mark is 50%. This is a closed book exam i.e. entrants may not refer to any course materials or their own notes.

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