AgilePM® Foundation to Practitioner

Based on Agile Project Management Handbook v2.0

Overview

AgilePM provides the ability to deliver Agile projects in organisations requiring standards, rigour and visibility around Project Management, whilst at the same time enabling the fast pace of change and empowerment that is integral to Agile.

AgilePM addresses the needs of management, project managers, team leaders, business analysts and the PMO working in an Agile environment, based on the DSDM® (Dynamic System Development Method) Agile Project Framework.

The Foundation course lays a solid foundation for managing projects using the DSDM Agile Project Framework and prepares candidates for the AgilePM Foundation certification.

The Practitioner course builds on the AgilePM Foundation course, providing additional depth of understanding, and prepares candidates for the AgilePM Practitioner certification exam.

Foundation Course Objectives

This course will enable participants to:

» Adopt an Agile approach and philosophy
» Work in line with DSDM philosophy and principles
» Work effectively with DSDM roles, process and products
» Describe how DSDM Agile projects are managed
» Prepare for and sit the Foundation examination

Practitioner Course Objectives

The Practitioner course prepares participants to undertake and pass the AgilePM Practitioner Examination. The course follows Section 2 of the AgilePM Handbook V2 – “Digging Deeper”, and includes a review, consolidation of concepts and exam questions for the Practitioner level certification.

Please note that the Practitioner course is an examination preparation course and focuses on the application of AgilePM to prepare candidates for the Practitioner examination.

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Who should attend?

» Practising project managers
» Agile team members looking to become Agile Project Managers.
» Individuals pursuing AgilePM Certification

Prerequisites

Foundation
To gain the greatest benefit from participation in this course, participants should have an interest and / or role in the project management arena.

Practitioner
Participants joining an AgilePM Practitioner course will be issued with pre-course work to ensure adequate preparation for the Practitioner exam.

Expected pre-course Practitioner preparation time: minimum 4 hours.

To be eligible to sit the Practitioner examination, participants must have obtained a pass in the AgilePM Foundation exam (25 / 50).

Course Summary

The courses explore the following content with the Foundation level focusing on the theory, whilst Practitioner considers the application of the method:

Agile approach and philosophy

The DSDM Agile Project Framework
The DSDM approach, principles and processes, and how they are applied throughout the project. Application and tailoring of relevant AgilePM aspects in context to enhance project success.

Working with DSDM Roles and products
Roles and responsibilities. Working effectively as an Agile team. Collaborating and communicating for success. The project manager’s role across the DSDM lifecycle.

Managing Agile projects using DSDM
DSDM planning concepts including outcome-based planning and iterative development. Defining requirements through user stories, prioritisation and estimation. Tracking and control concepts and techniques e.g. management by exception, timeboxing and stand-ups. Managing quality and risk.

Course Delivery

Trainers of this course will use a practical delivery approach to provide participants with a ‘hands-on’, multi-faceted and challenging learning experience. Understanding and recall techniques will be used to provide participants with a solid understanding of AgilePM.

Courses are facilitated by our expert team and can be conducted onsite or at our premises. All courses can be customised to suit your requirements.

Note: weekend courses are conducted over one full weekend and one following Saturday.
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Development Units
Participants who have been awarded the Project Management Professional (PMP)® credential by the Project Management Institute (PMI)® are eligible to earn PDUs for their participation in these courses as follows:

» FOUNDATION
  Weekday (3 days): 21 PDUs
  16 Technical, 2 Strategic and Business Management, 3 Leadership

  Weekend (2 days): 18 PDUs
  14 Technical, 2 Strategic and Business Management, 2 Leadership

» PRACTITIONER (1 day): 7 PDUs
  5 Technical, 1 Strategic and Business Management, 1 Leadership

Participants holding any of the Project Management accreditations (CPPP / CPPM / CPPD) are eligible to earn 20 CPDs for the foundation course (weekday or weekend) and 14 CPDs for practitioner.

Foundation Certification
The Foundation course includes the AgilePM Foundation exam which consists of:

» 50 multiple choice questions
» 50% pass mark (25/50)
» 40 minutes duration
» Closed book

The Foundation exam addresses knowledge of the terminology associated with the method and a high-level understanding of the concepts.

Weekday courses: Exam taken on the afternoon of day 3 of the Foundation course.
Weekend courses: Exam taken on the morning of the Practitioner course.

Practitioner Certification
The Practitioner course includes the AgilePM Practitioner exam which consists of:

» Complex multiple choice based on a project scenario
» 4 questions per paper and 80 question items (total marks)
» 40/80 marks required to pass (50%)
» 2.5-hour duration
» Open-book (AgilePM Handbook only)

The exam is taken on the afternoon of the Practitioner course, and papers sent away for scoring.

RE-REGISTRATION
The AgilePM Practitioner certification is valid for 5 years. Practitioners are required to re-register within 3-5 years of their original certification to demonstrate their commitment to professional development.

APMG International administers the AgilePM examination scheme.