



Agile Business Analysis (AgileBA®) Foundation to Practitioner

Weekday course: Foundation - 3 days. Practitioner - 1 day.

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Overview

The Business Analyst (BA) is a critical role within an agile project team and with more and more organisations adopting agile approaches, BAs performing this crucial role need to have the necessary skills and expertise.

Despite this, there has been little in the way of detailed best practice guidance that directly addresses the role, responsibilities and skills of the Agile Business Analyst.

The guidance is based on the DSDM® (Dynamic System Development Method) Agile Project Framework, an approach which defines the role of the project-based Business Analyst in relation to business, development and testing roles at all levels. However, the guidance goes deeper, with many generic and popular agile techniques also included.

The Foundation course prepares candidates for AgileBA® Foundation certification exam.

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

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Foundation Course Objectives

The Foundation course includes review, consolidation of concepts and exam questions to prepare participants for the Foundation level certification.

Practitioner Course Objectives

The Practitioner course prepares participants to undertake and pass the AgileBA Practitioner exam. The Practitioner level qualification aims to measure whether the candidate has sufficient knowledge and understanding of the AgileBA guidance to apply and tailor it to a given scenario situation.

The scenario is designed to allow the candidate to demonstrate they possess the competence to begin working as an AgileBA.

The course includes review, consolidation of concepts and exam questions for the Practitioner level certification.

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

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Who should attend?

This course is designed for a wide range of roles including:

- » Business analysts
- » Change analysts
- » Project managers
- » Scrum product owners/managers
- » Systems analysts
- » Agile developers
- » Anyone with an interest in business analysis in an agile world

Prerequisites

Foundation

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

Practitioner

To be eligible to sit the AgileBA Practitioner exam, participants must have obtained a pass in the AgileBA Foundation exam (25 or more out of 50).

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 this course as follows

- » **Foundation course: 21 PDUs**
(14 Technical, 3 Strategic and Business Management and 4 Leadership)
- » **Practitioner course: 7 PDUs**
(1 Technical, 5 Strategic and Business Management and 1 Leadership).

Participants holding any of the Project Management accreditations (CPPP / CPPM / CPPD) are eligible to earn **20 CPDs** for this short course.

Course Summary

At Foundation level, the course helps participants to:

- » Lay the foundations for successful agile projects
- » Explain how the business analyst role and skills fit in an Agile environment
- » Clarify the different ways of working with the AgileBA during the phases of an Agile project
- » Outlines the lifecycle of an Agile requirement and how to write good, effective Agile requirements
- » Provide a comprehensive set of techniques and practices for effective business analysis and collaborative agile working

At Practitioner level, the course helps participants to:

- » Apply the underpinning philosophy and principles of DSDM in a project situation
- » Appropriately configure the processes of an Agile project to a given scenario
- » Produce and evaluate the content of BA-developed Agile products created during an Agile project in a given scenario
- » Apply the following Agile practices in a project situation: Facilitated Workshops; MoSCoW Prioritisation; Iterative Development; Modelling and Timeboxing
- » Identify the Agile practices to be used for a given situation within a scenario
- » Understand the roles and responsibilities within an Agile project and the different levels of empowerment with respect to requirements and the business case
- » Understand the mechanisms for facilitation and support within an Agile project
- » Understand in outline how to test, estimate and evaluate benefits delivery in an Agile project
- » Describe the Agile approach to managing and prioritising requirements and identify actions to rectify problems with requirements within an Agile project from a given scenario

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 comprehension of AgileBA.

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 two full weekends.

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Consortium Membership

Candidates who pass the AgileBA Foundation exam are eligible to claim one year's Consortium Membership. This entitles you to:

- » Free Member Training Days
- » Access to member-only content and business agility webinars
- » 40% discount on all webshop items and Agile Business Conference tickets
- » Access to the latest Agile Project Management templates
- » Access to online pocket books

The Consortium will email you directly with an invitation to activate your membership.

Foundation Certification

The Foundation course includes the AgileBA 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 of the method and a high-level understanding of the concepts.

The Foundation exam is taken on the afternoon of day 3 of the Foundation course.

Practitioner Certification

The Practitioner course includes the AgileBA Practitioner exam. *Please note a pass in the Foundation exam pass is a prerequisite to sitting the Practitioner exam.*

The Practitioner exam consists of:

- » Complex multiple choice
- » 4 questions per paper
- » 40/80 marks required to pass (50%)
- » 2.5 hour duration
- » Open-book (AgileBA Handbook only)

The Practitioner exam tests knowledge, understanding, application, analysis and evaluation of the method. Please note the exam is taken on the afternoon of the course, and papers sent away for scoring.

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The AgileBA Practitioner qualification is valid for 5 years. Practitioners should re-register within 3-5 years of their original certification to demonstrate their commitment to professional development.



APMG International administers the AgileBA examination scheme.