

Portfolio, Programme and Project Offices (P3O®)

Foundation to Practitioner





Overview

As businesses increasingly adapt portfolio, programme and project management, there is an increasing need for an effective infrastructure, namely the programme/project office, to support them.

The need for an effective support structure increases not only with the number of programmes and projects undertaken, but also with the significance placed on these initiatives. Portfolio, Programme and Project Offices (P3O®) is a best practice guidance from AXELOS addressing this functionality.

The P3O model provides a decision and delivery support structure for enabling change within an organisation. This may be provided through a single permanent office such as, the Portfolio Office, Centre of Excellence, Enterprise or Corporate Programme Office. Alternatively, it may be provided through a linked set of offices (portfolio office, programme offices, project offices).

P3O is aligned with PRINCE2® and MSP® and blends in one place a set of principles, processes and techniques to facilitate effective portfolio, programme and project management through enablement, challenge and support structures. These structures bridge the gap between the strategy and policy makers, and the delivery arm of the organisation.

Key topics

These courses explore the following areas:

- An Introduction to P3O – discussing why, when and how to use P3O models including the difference between portfolio, programmes and project environments and their different requirements
- Value – what value P3Os can bring to the organisation including a business case, funding models and performance measures – Model – an overview of the different P3O models with examples
- Functions and Techniques – details on the functions/services and techniques/tools used by units of a P3O model



P3O Foundation

Objectives

The Foundation course aims to certify participants in P3O Foundation Level and enable them to demonstrate a good understanding of the programme and project support office functions, acting as an informed member of a P3O. Overall, the course assists in developing an appreciation of the issues and challenges that face Programme and Project Managers.

Course duration:

- Weekday/virtual: 3 days
- Weekend: 2 days

Exam & Certification

The Foundation course includes the P3O Foundation online exam which consists of:

- 75 multiple choice questions
- 60-minute exam
- Pass mark is 50% (35/70)
- Closed book exam

P3O Practitioner

Objectives

The Practitioner course prepares participants to undertake and pass the P3O Practitioner Exam. The Practitioner level qualification aims to measure whether the candidate has sufficient knowledge and understanding of the P3O guidance to apply and tailor it to a given scenario situation.

The course includes 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 P3O to prepare candidates for the Practitioner examination.

Course duration:

- Weekday/weekend/virtual: 2 days

Exam & Certification

Practitioner course includes the P3O Practitioner online exam which consists of:

- 4 questions, 2.5 hours duration
- Objective testing paper based on a scenario
- Pass mark is 50% (40/80)
- Open book (P3O guide only)



Course delivery

As part of PM-Partners' new integrated learning solution, this course offers students the option to attend our bespoke classroom in person or virtually by dialling in from a remote location. Trainers are skilled at both delivery methods and use the latest in virtual technology to simultaneously provide participants with the same interactive, multi-faceted and challenging learning experience. Whichever delivery mode learners choose, comprehension and recall techniques will be used to provide them with a solid understanding of P3O.

PeopleCert administers the P3O examination scheme. PM-Partners is an accredited partner of PeopleCert (Partner ID: 3800).

For group bookings, courses can be customised to suit your requirements and conducted onsite at your premises, at our training centre, or virtually.

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Who is this course for?

Foundation

Those working within a P3O environment who need to understand the principles and terminology of P3O.

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites for the Foundation course.

Practitioner

Those managing and working within a P3O component requiring a full understanding of how to justify, build and manage a P3O.

Prerequisites: Have attended the Foundation course and obtained a pass in the P3O Foundation exam.

PDUs

Participants who have been awarded the Project Management Professional (PMP) credential by the Project Management Institute (PMI) are eligible to earn PDUs (Professional Developments Units) for their participation in these courses as follows:

Foundation

- **Weekday/Virtual (3 days):** 21 PDUs (15 Ways of Working, 4 Business Acumen and 2 Power Skills).
- **Weekend (2 days):** 18 PDUs (14 Ways of Working, 3 Business Acumen and 1 Power Skills).

Practitioner

- **All courses (2 days):** 14 PDUs (12 Ways of Working, 1 Business Acumen and 1 Power Skills).

CPDs

Participants holding any of the Project Management accreditations (CPPP/CPPM/CPPD) are eligible to earn 20 CPDs for each of these short courses.

Foundation:

- **Weekday/Virtual (3 days):** 20 CPDs
- **Weekend (2 days):** 20 CPDs

Practitioner:

- **Weekday/Weekend (2 days):** 20 CPDs
- **Virtual (2 days):** 20 CPDs for short course OR 15 CPDs for certification attained.

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I recommend this course to anyone working in the PMO area. It provided a good framework that has practical application for everyone. I have taken what I learned back to my employer and am applying the principals.

- Richard Zoomer



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