

Introduction

The purpose of the qualification is to confirm that a candidate has sufficient knowledge and understanding of the MSP® guidance to interact effectively with those involved in the management of a programme or act as an informed member of a Programme office team, business change team or project delivery team working within an environment supporting MSP®.

Course details / objectives

This course takes place over three days, including the optional Foundation examination. Delegates should be aware that considerable evening preparation and consolidation will be required to pass the exam. Joining instructions are sent out approximately 2 weeks before the course. During the three days, there will be a combination of formal presentations, group and individual exercise enabling delegates to gain an understanding of the following topics.

- Overview
- Principles
- Transformational Flow
- Identifying a Programme
- Vision
- Blueprint Design & Delivery
- Defining a Programme
- Benefits Management
- The Business Case
- Organisation
- Planning & Control
- Leadership & Stakeholder Engagement
- Risk & Issue Management
- Quality & Assurance Management
- Delivering the Tranches

Who should attend?

Programme office team members, business change team members, project delivery team members, anyone who needs to understand the terminology and concepts underpinning MSP and those wishing to pursue higher level qualifications.

The standard package inclusions

Delegates will receive a pre-course study guide, the official MSP® reference manual, a course workbook (with copies of all slides used), the MSP® syllabus, sample exams and examination rationale (explanation of answers). The costs for the two examinations are included. Refreshments and a light luncheon are also included.

Duration and Delivery

5 Day Instructor-led classroom. The methodology will be covered during the first three days and this will include the foundation examination. The fourth and fifth days will be used to work with sample project scenarios and practitioner examination preparation.

Evening work and exam preparation

Delegates should plan to spend time reviewing the day's work and preparing for exams, during the evenings of the course.

Pre-course work

For 2 weeks before the course, participants should spend 2 hours each evening preparing. The pre-reading consists of the MSP® manual, which you will need to be familiar with. For more information regarding the reading, please refer to the Pre-course Workbook.

Prerequisites

Participants must pass the PRINCE2® Foundation exam in order to participate in the PRINCE2® Practitioner exam.

Examination

MSP® Foundation is a one hour exam performed at the end of the third day. It is made up of 75 multiple choice questions. The exam is closed book. The pass mark is 50%.

MSP® Practitioner is a 2.5 hours exam comprising 80 multiple choice questions. The exam is open book. The pass mark is 55%. We recommend that it be taken a week or more after the end of the course.