

Introduction

Accredited courses with their examinations and 5-day duration have their attraction – suited especially for the high achievers with the available time to invest.

But in this busy world we live in there are many priorities tugging at our busy schedules and diverse demands. There are moments in our life where we don't have the time or the funding to attend the accredited course on a particular subject but we need to know the essentials of the subject.

Many people attend the PRINCE2® course and hear about Programme Management but few understand how closely project and programme management are linked. Without the knowledge of programme management essentials, most PRINCE2® accredited professionals are uncertain (when bringing about change) whether a PROGRAMME management approach would be better. This Programme Essentials course will remove this uncertainty.

This outstanding course will provide you with value-for-money and value-for-time. You shouldn't miss this opportunity.

Course details / objectives

1. Overview and Organisation

Programme management fits in below portfolio management and manages projects. It is important to understand the context of programme management within the organisation.

The roles and responsibilities within a programme will be clarified so that the role players participating in the programme processes can be understood.

2. Mandate and Identification

The programme mandate triggers the Identify a Programme process. This process is responsible for creation of the Vision Statement – a clear statement about the future state which is required.

3. Defining a Programme

During this process all the programme documents (management products) are set up in readiness for delivery. The Vision Statement is used to create the Blueprint. The Dossier of projects is created from the Blueprint's future state that is required. The Programme Plan is then created so that it can feed information into the Programme Business Case.

The eight governance strategies are created in tandem with various plans (5).

This will allow the Tranches to be planned for control purposes.

4. Manage the Tranches

Once delivery commences the following aspects of the programme will be managed:

- * Risks & Issues,
- * Communication,
- * Audit & Assurance,

- * Alignment,
- * Information & Asset Integrity,
- * People & Resources,
- * Procurement & Contracts,
- * Monitoring,
- * Reporting & Control

5. Project Delivery

During project delivery the programme team will keep a keen interest in project performance – especially at project stage boundaries

6. Transition

Where the project team disbands upon project closure, the programme is accountable for transitioning the outputs into benefits. Where projects focus on product delivery, programmes concentrate on benefits and their realisation.

7. Closing the programme

Programmes are far longer than projects - therefore closure activities should confirm that there is sufficient operations and maintenance for all that has been achieved. Feedback is provided to Corporate Governance before programme closure is confirmed.

Who should attend?

- Middle and senior management of organisations working with programmes
- PRINCE2® practitioners who wish to understand how projects interface with programmes
- Project managers using organisation developed methodologies
- Anyone wanting a basic understanding of a global programme management methodology
- Those who intend attending the demanding MSP® foundation and practitioner courses

The standard package inclusions

Delegates will receive a course workbook (with copies of all slides used) and memory maps. Refreshments and a light luncheon are included.

Duration and Delivery

2 Day Instructor-led classroom

Evening work and exam preparation

None is required

Pre-course work - none

Prerequisites – a sound understanding of projects

Examination – none