

Fact Sheet : Managing Successful Programmes (MSP®)

Description:

MSP® represents proven programme management good practices in the successful delivery of transformational change, through the application of programme management. MSP® defines programme management as "the action of carrying out the coordinated organization, direction and implementation of a dossier or projects and transformational activities to achieve outcomes and realise benefits of strategic importance to the business". MSP® has been used and adopted within many organizations. The experiences of those who have adopted programme management have provided invaluable inputs into the latest edition of the guide, which is published in 2011.

Today's organisations exist in a climate of constant and increasing change. Organizations that have learned how to transform themselves through effective leadership and strategic control are more likely to survive and prosper. Programme management is increasingly being recognized as key to enabling organizations to manage that transformation.

Course Overview:

Managing Successful Programmes (MSP®) is a 5 day training course, which covers the syllabi for foundation and practitioner exam levels for Managing Successful Programmes (MSP®) method and includes the exams.

You will gain an understanding and knowledge of the processes and principles of the method to act as a programme manager. Class sizes are kept small to facilitate better interactions and discussions.

The training course fees include lunch, refreshments, the MSP® manual ('Managing Successful Programmes') and all other course materials.

The MSP® framework is based on three core concepts

- **MSP® Principles:** These are derived from positive and negative lessons learned from programme experiences. They are the common factors that underpin the success of any transformational change
- **MSP® Governance Themes:** These define an organisation's approach to programme management. They allow an organisation to put in place the right leadership, delivery team, organisation structures and controls, giving the best chance for success
- **MSP® Transformational Flow:** This provides a route through the lifecycle of a programme from its conception through to the delivery of the new capability, outcomes and benefits

Benefits:

Managing Successful Programmes is definitive guidance in managing inter-related projects as a co-ordinated programme of business change in order to manage risks and benefits more effectively. Managing Successful Programmes is widely adopted in the public and private sectors, and developed by a consortium of over 100 organisations including from within services industries.

Along with the other Programme and Project Management guidance available from OGc and OG's partners, MSP® aims to:

- provide referenceable standards
- provide a framework of best practice principles and concepts drawn from latest experiences and proven practice
- enable practitioners to adapt the guidance to real life situations
- be accessible by teams and organisations as well as by individual practitioners
- help practitioners improve their decision making and to become better at implementing beneficial change
- enable individuals to demonstrate their level of knowledge and understanding of the each product by obtaining a globally recognised qualification

Examination Format

Foundation Level: Foundation level is aimed at enabling the candidate to act as an informed member of the programme team using the MSP® method. For this they need to show that they understand the principles and terminologies of the method.

Foundation Exam:

- 75 multiple-choice questions including 5 trial questions
- Duration 60 minutes.
- Closed book.
- 35 correct answers out 70 required to pass.

Foundation exams are usually held at the end of the third day of the workshop. Candidates must first pass the Foundation exam before proceeding to the Practitioner level. The Foundation exam results are declared before candidates go in for Practitioner level course.

Practitioner Level: The Practitioner's Certification is intended to assess whether the candidate is able to apply MSP® method to the running and managing of a programme. The candidate needs to show that they are able to tune MSP® to different programme circumstances.

Practitioner Exam:

- Scenario based questions
- Duration 2.5 hours
- Open book format (Only MSP® Manual may be used)
- 40 out of 80 marks are required to pass.

The Practitioner level examination is held at the end of the fourth day.

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