

MSP® Practitioner Conversion Course



Course Objective

The objective of this course is to give delegates a comprehensive understanding of the 'Managing Successful Programmes' (MSP®) philosophy and how it can be applied to live programmes. This course is delivered using the latest MSP manual and syllabus.

Delegate Profile

Recommended for managers with full-time responsibility within a programme environment. An MSP Foundation pass is a pre-requisite for attendance at this event.

Topics Covered

Overview	Blueprint Design & Delivery
Principles	Benefits Management
Transformational Flow	Organization
Interrelationships	Planning & Control
Managing the Tranches	Leadership & Stakeholder Engagement
Delivering the Capability	Risk & Issue Management
Realising the Benefits	Quality & Assurance Management
Closing a Programme	
Adopting MSP	

Trainer Profile

All AFA MSP trainers have undergone the rigorous approvals process administered by the APM Group on behalf of the UK Cabinet Office. They are practising programme managers with considerable experience in a wide range of industry sectors. The use of hybrid trainer-managers is of great benefit to delegates and ensures that illustrations and anecdotes have up-to-date validity and that the training given, whilst being true to the syllabus, is also pragmatic.

Location and Duration

AFA open courses are held at approximately monthly intervals at a range of locations across the UK. All venues have been chosen for their modern equipment and ease of access from major road, rail and air routes. Alternatively client events can be arranged either on-site or at a suitable venue nearby. A full open course schedule can be found at <http://www.afaprojects.com/courses/search/>.

This course takes place over two days, including the optional MSP Practitioner examination. Delegates should be aware that considerable evening preparation and consolidation will be required by those who wish to pass the exam. Residential attendance is recommended.

ProjectCoach
AFA is pleased to introduce ProjectCoach, a new premium service which is completely free of charge to AFA clients. This confidential service gives every delegate the opportunity to have a document reviewed by one of AFA's experienced consultants.

AFA Atrium
The AFA Atrium is a secure online document repository, for use by all delegates on AFA's courses. The Atrium will provide a range of value-added resources for use by delegates before, during & after classroom training.

Guaranteed Courses
AFA guarantees all course dates in England. We believe that delegates should not have to worry about cancelled courses or transferring dates.

Course Arrangements and Cost

Open course places cost from £750+VAT per delegate.

Included in the cost of the course are:

Joining instructions and pre-course preparation pack

Access to the AFA Atrium

Printed course material

Examination fee

Course refreshments

ProjectCoach Service

Joining instructions including pre-course exercises are sent out approximately 2 – 3 weeks before the course start date. Typically pre-course preparation will require 3-4 hours of study.

You will need to provide your own copy of the 2007 version of the manual 'Managing Successful Programmes'.

Exam Information

Practitioner

- 8 topic areas, each containing 10 question lines, each worth 1 mark.
- Pass mark is a total of 40 or more out of a possible 80 (50%).
- 2 ½ hour multiple choice scenario based objective test.
- Access to the MSP manual is allowed during the exam; no course material.

AFA has always played a full part in the Best Practice community. AFA trainers and consultants have served on the editing and review teams for all recent updates of the guidance manuals. Several AFA trainers are examiners or assessors for one or more of the methodologies.

We would be pleased to provide a quote for an in-house event, based on location and delegate numbers. Course timetables can be tailored to meet client requirements. Please contact us for further information.

Why AFA?

AFA was established sixteen years ago as a management consultancy organisation. AFA are one of the original and leading MSP Accredited Training Organisations. Since the introduction of MSP in 1999 AFA have grown to become one of the largest organisations delivering accredited training, guiding literally thousands of individuals through their examinations. AFA quickly established a reputation for being able to deliver training courses that combine excellent exam pass rates with realistic and practical guidance ensuring maximum skills transfer.

AFA continues to specialise in the Best Practice methods, becoming accredited at the earliest possible opportunity to deliver training in:

MoP™ portfolio management

PRINCE2® project management

M_o_R® risk management

P3O® portfolio, programme and project support offices

Five further training strands complete the AFA offering:

Change Management – accredited by the APM Group

Benefits Management – developed from experience of MSP training & implementation

ITIL® Service Management – accredited by ISEB

APM Qualifications – accredited by the Association of Project Management

MoV™ Management of Value – accredited by the APM Group

We believe that this unique combination of expertise allows us to help organisations to maximise the benefits of their change initiatives.

Contact Details

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