

# AgilePM® training and certification



## Background

Increasing numbers of organizations are adopting agile practices for project management. Until recently, the project management landscape was dominated by traditional (“waterfall”) approaches.

Major benefits are often attributed to Agile practices, including improve revenue and speed to market, increased collaboration and customer satisfaction, and delivering more effective products & solutions.

## Overview

AgilePM training courses introduce participants to the fundamentals of agile project management and explore the details of the AgilePM framework, and how to apply it effectively for successful agile projects.

## What is it based on?

AgilePM training is underpinned by the **AgilePM Handbook** which details the AgilePM framework. Developed by the Agile Business Consortium, the framework offers a practical and repeatable methodology that achieves an ideal balance between the standards, rigour and visibility required for good project management, and the fast-pace, change and empowerment provided by Agile.

## Why AgilePM?

- ❑ Participants learn how to adopt and apply the world’s leading framework for agile project management
- ❑ The framework is based on proven best practice from the Agile Business Consortium, established for 20+ years and regularly refined.
- ❑ AgilePM offers a structured and scalable corporate Agile framework.
- ❑ AgilePM can be applied in any industry and sector.
- ❑ AgilePM addresses the full project lifecycle, from foundations through to closure

## Target audience

- ❑ Practicing & aspiring project professionals (e.g. Project Managers)
- ❑ Project support (e.g. team members, developers, etc.)
- ❑ Individuals and organizations wishing to adopt an Agile approach to project management

## Course durations

Training and certification is available at Foundation and Practitioner levels. Foundation courses are delivered over 2 days; Practitioner courses a further 3 days. They can be completed consecutively over 5 days. The examinations are completed at the end of each course level.

## Exam information

- ❑ **Foundation:** multiple-choice format (40 mins, 50% pass mark)
- ❑ **Practitioner:** objective-testing format (2.5 hours, 50% pass mark)

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## Individuals benefits and learning outcomes

- ❑ A globally recognized certification.
- ❑ Deliver quicker, cost-effective and high-quality change by implementing a tried & tested approach to agile project management.
- ❑ Understand the background of agile in project management and the differences compared to traditional / alternative approaches.
- ❑ Apply the underpinning philosophy and principles of AgilePM in a project situation
- ❑ Appropriately configure the lifecycle of an Agile project to a given scenario
- ❑ Identify and apply popular Agile techniques, including MoSCoW prioritization, iterative development and timeboxing
- ❑ Understand the mechanisms for governance & control of an Agile project
- ❑ Boost communication & stakeholder engagement skills; critical for successful projects.
- ❑ Become an informed member of a project team using DSDM and AgilePM practices.
- ❑ Enhance your CV and boost future employment prospects.
- ❑ Free 1-year membership with the Agile Business Consortium.

## Benefits for organizations

- ❑ Offers a structured and scalable corporate Agile framework based on proven practice.
- ❑ A complete, 'off-the-shelf' framework; no need to develop a unique framework (often at significant cost).
- ❑ Achieves an ideal balance between the standards, rigour and visibility required for good project management, and the fast-pace, change and empowerment provided by Agile.
- ❑ Covers the full project lifecycle, from initiation & foundations through to closure.
- ❑ Ensures clear roles & responsibilities are allocated.
- ❑ Built-in quality, governance and risk management controls.
- ❑ Deliver change faster & more effectively by adopting a proven approach.
- ❑ Complements and works with existing corporate processes such as PRINCE2®, quality and audit processes.

## Market information

- ❑ **The world's leading framework & certification for agile project management; over 150,000 exams sat globally since 2011.**
- ❑ Adopted by organizations from a wide range of industries.
- ❑ Exams sat in over 75 countries

*“The top three benefits of adopting agile have remained steady for the past five years: manage changing priorities (87%), team productivity (85%), and project visibility (84%).”*

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## Why should I choose an AgilePM course and certification?

- ❑ **Increasing popularity of Agile:** Increasing numbers of organizations and project professionals are embracing Agile tools and frameworks to manage and deliver projects. In addition, Agile knowledge and skills are increasingly required for career progression.
- ❑ **Developed with industry experts:** Developed in partnership with the Agile Business Consortium, the not-for-profit professional body for business agility, whose mission is to lead, promote and enable business agility worldwide.
- ❑ **Provides a complete framework:** AgilePM courses do not simply focus on the fundamentals of agile project management and the contrast with traditional or “waterfall” approaches. AgilePM provides learners with a mature framework that addresses the full project lifecycle.
- ❑ **Based on recognized best practice:** AgilePM is the latest edition of what was formally DSDM (Dynamic System Development Method), originally launched in 1994 and regularly refreshed.
- ❑ **International recognition:** AgilePM is the world’s leading framework & certification for agile project management, with 150,000+ exams sat since 2011 in over 75 countries.
- ❑ **Peace of mind:** The AgilePM certification program is accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS).
- ❑ **Valid for life:** AgilePM certification is valid for life with no mandatory re-certification requirements to maintain certification.