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# **MSP™**

**Managing Successful Programmes**

**Practitioner 2 Day Course Outline**

## Overview

The MSP™ Practitioner Examination Preparation event provides an opportunity for delegates to revise key areas of the MSP™ Guidance and discuss these with a delegate peer group. The event will work through various example Practitioner questions and consider the reasoning behind the answers, developing a deeper understanding of the application of the Guidance. Delegates will also be able to become familiar with the Objective Testing Exam (OTE) format and consider various exam approaches and strategies.

The focus of this event is primarily to refresh existing knowledge of the Guidance and to provide experience of the Practitioner style Objective Test exam. It is expected that delegates will already have the Foundation level qualification or are ready to take the exam.

## Learning Objectives

*The key objectives of this Exam Preparation event are to:*

- Provide delegates with an opportunity to review their individual preparation for the MSP™ Practitioner examination.
- Review and discuss specific areas of the MSP™ Guidance with an APM Group Approved MSP™ Trainer.
- Develop the delegate's depth of understanding and ability to apply the MSP™ Guidance appropriately through various project-based scenarios and associated objective tests.
- Provide delegates with an opportunity to complete sample Practitioner examination questions, consider the reasoning behind the correct responses and devise exam strategies.

## Course Structure

- Suggested 8 hours of pre-course preparation, reading MSP Delegate Course Handout.
- 2-day course
- The Practitioner Exam is a 2 ½ -hour objective test consisting of 9 questions that test the candidate's knowledge of the Guidance. Candidates can use the MSP™ Manual as reference during the examination. It is assumed that delegates have previously attended a MSP™ training course to Foundation Level as this event will concentrate on revision activities and not provide new learning opportunities
- A minimum of 50% correct answers are required to pass. Exam papers are marked by APM Group and results are usually available within 2- 3 weeks.

## Course Contents

A summary of the MSP™ Practitioner examination. What type of questions will be asked. Typical Practitioner questions. Suggested approaches to answering Practitioner examination questions. Hints & Tips for the examination; structure and timing.

### Topics included

The MSP™ Framework	Vision
MSP™ Principles	Blueprint Design and Delivery
Governance Themes	Programme Planning and Control
The Transformational Flow	Benefits Realisation Management
Identifying a Programme	Business Case
Defining a Programme	Organisation
Managing the Tranches	Programme Office
Delivering the Capability	Leadership and Stakeholder Engagement
Realising the Benefits	Quality Management
Closing a Programme	Risk Management and Issue Resolution

## Course materials

Delegates attending this event will be issued with the latest copy of the PPI Consulting MSP™ Practitioner Examination Pack. All other documentation including the MSP™ Manual should be brought to the event by the delegate.

## Designed For

The Examination Preparation Event is designed for:

- Delegates who require revision in preparation to re-sit the Practitioner exam.
- Delegates who have previously attended PPI Consulting Foundation classroom course and passed the exam who now wish to progress to Practitioner level.
- Delegates who wish to sit the Practitioner Re-registration exam. (Please also see separate MSP™ Re-registration course outline for further information).

The event is not suitable for anyone wishing to learn or substantially revise the MSP™ Method. The expectation is that all delegates attending will already have reached the standard of knowledge required to pass the pre-requisite Foundation Examination based on the 2007 MSP™ Guidance.

## **Benefits**

Following the event, candidates will have had an opportunity to:

- Refresh their knowledge of the method.
- Apply their MSP™ knowledge to a typical scenario.
- Discuss different approaches with Event Manager and colleagues.
- Practice practitioner style questions & receive feedback on them.

## **Approach**

For this 2-day exam event delegates effectively join the second part of the standard 5-day public practitioner training course. The event is a practical workshop focussing on refresher sessions, written class exercises, discussions and various exercises based on different styles of sample Practitioner Objective Test Questions. The Practitioner examination is taken at 2.00 pm on the second day and the exam papers are sent to APM Group for marking.