

## Strategic Portfolio Management



MoP<sup>®</sup> is a co-ordinated collection of strategic processes and decisions that together enable the most effective balance of organisational change and business as usual.

## MoP<sup>®</sup> Foundation and Practitioner Course

### KEY FEATURES

Portfolio management seeks to build on, and better co-ordinate, existing processes such as strategic planning, investment appraisal and project and programme management. Portfolio management is not concerned with the detailed management of these projects and programmes; rather, it approaches the management of change projects and programmes from a strategic viewpoint, focusing on the key issues outlined above.

The greatest success is realised when management boards use portfolio management to deliver the organisation's corporate change portfolio as a whole.

Portfolio management addresses the fundamental questions:

- Are we doing the right things?
- Are we doing these things right?
- Most significantly, are we realising all the benefits in terms of more effective services and efficiency savings from the changes we are implementing?

Investment is the key word because portfolio management is about investing in the right change initiatives and implementing them correctly. MoP is structured around five flexible principles within which the two cycles and the 12 portfolio management practices exist.

All portfolio management principles, cycles and practices are used at the same time albeit at varying levels of intensity, depending on the organization and the environment in which it works.

The MoP guidance walks you through each principle, cycle and practice explaining the theory in detail at the same time as backing theory up with real world examples and useful 'keys to success'.

### FOUNDATION OUTCOMES

The Foundation qualification confirms that a candidate has sufficient knowledge and understanding to work as an informed member of a Portfolio Office or in a range of portfolio management roles. Yellowhouse offers a 3 day Foundation Course.

The closed-book exam has 50 multiple choice questions to be answered in 40 minutes, with a 50% pass mark.

### PRACITIONER OUTCOMES

Passing the Foundation Exam is a prerequisite for the Practitioner Exam. We offer a 1.5 day Practitioner Upgrade course. A successful Practitioner candidate should be able to advise on the implementation of appropriate practices and techniques, and apply the method to a live portfolio.

The exam is based on a Case Study, with a 3-hour open-book exam. The pass mark is 50%.

### APPROACH

Workshops are designed to impart relevant skills and knowledge by working through real-life examples and scenarios. A case study is used throughout the course.

The course is available in blended mode, with the Practitioner upgrade taken as an eLearning option including all exam preparation. The exam is offered at a public venue.

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## Ensuring you prioritize the right change initiatives with MoP®

**Management of Portfolios (MoP) approaches the management of change projects and programmes from a strategic viewpoint.**



**Designed to help ensure the best return from an organization's total change management investment, MoP provides an overview of all change activities.**

This includes what is in the portfolio, what it is costing, what risks are faced, what progress is being made, and what the impact is on business as usual and the organization's strategic objectives.

Successful application of MoP guidance ensures that:-

- Programmes and projects undertaken are prioritized in terms of their contribution to strategic objectives and overall level of risk;
- Programmes and projects are managed consistently to ensure efficient and effective delivery;

- Benefits realization is maximized to provide the greatest return (in terms of strategic contribution and efficiency savings) from the investment made.

**MoP provides invaluable advice to senior managers and portfolio management professionals in understanding, prioritizing and planning their portfolio or change initiatives.**

### FURTHER INFORMATION

#### Who is it for?

MoP is aimed at formal and informal portfolio management roles encompassing investment decision making, project and programme delivery, and benefits realization.

It is relevant to those involved in the selection and delivery of business change initiatives (e.g. board members, change directors and programme/project sponsors), portfolio, programme, project, business change and benefits managers, and business case writers and investment appraisers.

#### Qualifications available:

- FOUNDATION (multiple-choice)
- PRACTITIONER (objective-testing)

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- Better Business Cases
- Managing Benefits
- MoV® / MSP® / P3O® / PRINCE2®
- Stakeholder Engagement

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