

P3O®: Portfolio, Programme and Project Offices

Following completion of this syllabus topic and having gained a general understanding of the relevant sections of the P3O:2013 Guide, you will be able to demonstrate the following.

1. Knowledge of the components of the Permanent P3O model lifecycle
2. Understanding of the key activities in the Definition Stage and why it requires careful planning
3. In relation to a blueprint for a P3O, how to implement or refresh a PMO

What is P3O?

A P3O model provides a decision enabling and delivery support structure for all change within an organisation. This may be through a single permanent office which may exist under different names eg, Portfolio Office, Centre of Excellence, Enterprise or Corporate Programme Office.

It may otherwise be provided through a linked set of offices (portfolio office, programme offices, project offices), both permanent (enabling/supporting business objectives) and temporary (enabling/supporting specific programmes and projects), providing a mix of services.

There has been no single source of information to provide guidance or advice on setting up or running an effective delivery support office in alignment with OGC's Best Practice guidance.

This new guidance – aligned to PRINCE2, MSP and MoP – brings together in one place a set of principles, processes and techniques to facilitate effective portfolio, programme and project management through enablement, challenge and support structures.

The purpose of the Portfolio, Programme and Project Offices (P3O) guidance is to provide universally applicable guidance that will enable individuals and organisations to successfully establish, develop and maintain appropriate business support structures that will allow:

1. Informed senior management decision making on strategic alignment, prioritisation, risk management, resource optimisation to successfully deliver business objectives (portfolio).

2. Identification and realisation of business outcomes and benefits via programmes.
3. Successful delivery of project outputs that enable benefits within time, cost and quality restraints.

The Guidance provides:

1. An Introduction to P3Os - Discussing why, when and how to use P3O models including the difference between portfolio, programmes and project environments and their different requirements.
2. Value – What value P3Os can bring to the organisation including a business case, funding models and performance measures.
3. Model – An overview of the different P3O models with examples.
4. Functions and Techniques – Details on the functions/services and techniques/tools used by units of a P3O model.

Foundation Qualification

1. The Foundation qualification focuses on the concepts, structures and duties of a P3O.
2. The exam consists of 75 multiple choice questions in 1 hour. It is a closed-book examination and has a pass mark of 50%.

Practitioner Qualification

1. The Practitioner qualification focuses in depth on the concepts, structures and duties of a P3O.
2. Pre-requisite is passing the Foundation Exam
3. The exam is based on a Case Study, with multiple choice questions to be answered in 2 hours 30 minutes. It is an open-book examination and has a pass mark of 50%.

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Further Information

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Establish effective project and programme support structures with P30®

Around the world, many organizations in both public and private sectors recognize that their portfolio, programme and project management activities are best supported through a delivery support office.



P30 (Portfolio, Programme and Project Offices) brings together a set of principles, processes and techniques to facilitate effective portfolio, programme and project management through enablement, challenge and support structures.

These structures can bridge the gap between the strategy/policy makers and the delivery arm of the organization.

The purpose of P30 is to provide universally applicable guidance that enables individuals and organizations to successfully establish, develop and maintain appropriate business support structures that allow:

- Informed senior management decision-making on such things as strategic alignment, prioritization, risk management and optimization of resource to successfully deliver their business objectives
- Identification and realization of business outcomes and benefits via programmes
- Successful delivery of project outputs that enable benefits within time, cost and quality restraints.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Who is it for?

P30 certification is aimed at individuals fulfilling management, functional or generic roles within a portfolio/programme/project support office environment aligned to P30. Naturally, it also applies to those aiming to establish a new support office environment based on the P30 framework.

Qualifications available:

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

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