

## APM Practitioner Qualification

### Who is it for

- The Practitioner Qualification is designed to test the delegate's practical ability to apply good project management practices as set out in the APM Body of Knowledge to a project.
- It is therefore only suitable for experienced project managers who have passed the APMP.

### Learning outcomes

Those who successfully complete the course will:

- Have a better ability to apply best practice to their projects
- Achieve a recognised and respected professional qualification.
- Be better able to contribute in a senior capacity to the professional development of others in their team and to improve their organisation's ability
- Have demonstrated their desire to continue their professional project management development beyond the APMP Qualification
- Have obtained an endorsement of their ability under independent peer group review.

### Membership of the APM

Those who pass the PQ Assessment will have the automatic eligibility without the need to substantiate their experience in the field for full membership of the APM and use the letters MAPM after their name.

### Benefits of Ladymeard's APM Practitioner Course

- Highly experienced tutors with active and engaging training styles
- Modular blended learning approach
- Preparation workshops with mock assessment and exam practice
- Online tutor coaching and support
- Practical, more enjoyable learning experience with a better chance of success in the exam
- Comprehensive course notes which will serve as first class resource for your future professional development.

### Eligibility for a Black CSCS Card

APM members working in the construction or related sector, who have obtained the

Practitioners Qualification, can apply directly for the senior management Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) Black Card, once they have completed the managerial level Health & Safety test.

They will not have to prequalify for the test by undertaking an NVQ or SVQ level 4 or 5 in a relevant topic.

This represents formal recognition from the Construction Industry Council of APM's membership and professional qualifications.



The APM is the only professional institution with an approved route for its qualified

members to achieve the senior management (black) CSCS card.

### Course structure

Our Practitioner Programme comprises two elements:

- Practitioner Preparation Workshop
- APM Practitioner Qualification (Assessment)

### Practitioner Preparation Workshop

A 2 day workshop aimed at preparing the delegates for Practitioner Qualification (PQ) Assessment process.

The PQ Assessment process is purely an assessment process. The candidates are therefore expected to be fully prepared before they start.

This course provides candidates with the briefing, preparation and experience required for the PQ.

The core element of the assessment process involves the candidates working in small groups on a case study to address questions and exercises raised by the assessors.

They will also be required to answer an exam question, formally present an exercise solution

and attend a short interview.

Crucially the assessors are looking for the practical ability of the candidates to apply key project management principles to a project.

Mere knowledge of project management will not be sufficient to pass. It is the practical ability to apply this knowledge that's important. However it is essential that the candidates have a sound knowledge of the APM Body of Knowledge prior to attempting the PQ.

Therefore it is only suitable for those who have passed the APMP.

The assessments not only cover the quality of the candidates responses to the management tasks allocated to them but also their ability to communicate clearly and their leadership and team working skills.

The assessment process is tried and tested, very robust and challenging.

The nature of the assessment means that candidates will benefit greatly from a detailed briefing on what to expect and an opportunity to practice some of the key exercises in a simulated PQ environment.

They will also have the benefit of feedback and advice from the tutors.

The preparation workshop will cover the following:

- Explanation of the PQ Assessment Process and what they assessors are looking for
- Mock PQ case study exercises
- Exercises on key PQ Assessment Criteria

We recommend that all delegates attend this workshop before attempting the Practitioner Qualification Assessment.



## **APM Practitioner Qualification Assessment**

The APM PQ Assessment itself is of 2½ days duration spread over a 3 day period (i.e. mid-day on day 1 to mid-day on day 3).

Please note that the PQ Assessment is purely an assessment process and does not involve any direct training.

The APM requires the candidates to be fully prepared prior to commencing the assessment process.

The assessments not only cover the quality of the candidates responses to the management tasks allocated to them but also their ability to communicate clearly and their leadership and team working skills.

The assessment process is independently supervised and marked by the APM.

## **In-house option**

This course can be run on an in-house basis on a format, location and dates to suit your specific requirements.

We could also incorporate additional bespoke material specifically relevant to your organisations needs, such as case studies and company processes and procedures.

## **Course fees**

APM Practitioner Preparation Workshops	
2 Days	£745 (non-residential)
APM Practitioner Qualification Assessment	
2½ days	£1,995 (residential)

The course fees exclude VAT. N.B. this fee includes the APM Assessment Fees.