

Agile Business Analysis (AgileBA®) Foundation and Practitioner

Course overview

To stay ahead of the competition, it is important for an organisation to minimise the time it takes to deliver business change effectively. By adopting agile development approaches, project teams can become more responsive to customer expectations and deliver business value early.

This course looks at the role of the Business Analyst in an agile context. It has been created by the Agile Business Consortium (formerly DSDM) in conjunction with APMG and aims to provide a recognisable qualification for the business analysis community.

You will gain a practical understanding of the difference between agile business analysis and traditional business analysis, including a detailed definition of an agile business case and how this differs from a traditional business case.

Course objectives

This course aims to provide Business Analysts with the valuable skills needed to successfully gather, analyse, validate and champion the requirements throughout an agile project. On completion of this accredited course, you will become a certified Agile Business Analyst.

This course in Agile Business Analysis will enable delegates to:

- Understand the difference between traditional and agile business analysis
- Identify stakeholders, personas and their involvement in agile
- Describe the competencies and techniques of an Agile Business Analyst
- Understand the BA role in the agile team and the organisation
- Capture and manage effective requirements for incremental solution delivery
- Recognise how an agile business case differs from a traditional business case and present a lean business canvas
- Learn how modelling techniques fit into an agile environment
- Understand the importance of facilitated workshops
- Understand the different ways of working as a BA in agile

Who will benefit from this course?

- Business Analysts
- Product Owners and business representatives
- Project Managers
- Developers in agile teams
- Testers in agile teams

Is this an accredited course?

Yes. This course is accredited by the APMG and was created in partnership with the DSDM Consortium, who are now known as the Agile Business Consortium.

Exams:

You will take the AgileBA Foundation exam on the third day, and the AgileBA Practitioner exam on the fourth day.

Exam structure:

The AgileBA Foundation exam is a 40-minute multiple-choice paper.

The AgileBA Practitioner exam is a 2.5-hour complex multiple-choice paper.

What is included in the cost?

- All course materials
- A printed copy of the PowerPoint slides and exercises
- Your copy of the Agile Business Analysis Handbook
- The AgileBA Foundation and Practitioner exam fees
- Lunch and refreshments throughout the course
- Your e-certificate upon successful completion of the course

Why choose agileKRC?

The agileKRC team contains specialists from all of the agile disciplines and you can expect high quality delivery and results. We keep our classes to a maximum of 12 participants to allow each person the attention they need.

Our trainers have many years of experience in both teaching agile and working in agile project environments. They are amongst the most highly qualified trainers in the UK, and bring real-world experience into every course

Course Content

The holistic view of the business

- The agile BA role in relation to mission and objectives
- How to analyse the business environment
- Measuring the success of implementing change

The agile landscape

- What is agile? Approaches and frameworks
- Why is agile needed?
- Role and responsibilities of the Agile BA and Agile team

The Agile Business Case

- Strategic and project business cases
- Understanding the business problem
- As Is, To Be, Abstraction
- Gap Analysis and Value Streams

Facilitated Workshops

- The role of Facilitation in Agile
- How to organise and run a Facilitated Workshop

Stakeholders

- Stakeholder types / personas
- RACI and RASCI in Agile
- Empowerment of Stakeholders in an Agile project

Dealing with Requirements

- The Agile approach to requirements
- User Stories, Epics, Acceptance Criteria
- The Agile Business Analyst's link to quality and testing
- The Agile Requirements Life Cycle
- Checking completeness

Prioritisation

- Combining and prioritising requirements
- Customer perception and expectation

Modelling and prototyping

- 6 perspectives for modelling
- Tacit information
- Reasons and perspectives for prototyping

Working in a timebox

- Timebox structure and iterative development

FAQs

Will I need to do any homework during the course?

Some evening work is required.

Are there any pre-requisites for completing this course?

There are no pre-requisites for the course.

What about certification?

Upon successful completion of both exams, candidates are awarded both an APMG Foundation Certificate in Agile Business Analysis (AgileBA) and an APMG Practitioner Certificate in Agile Business Analysis (AgileBA).

Is there any pre-course reading?

Pre-course reading is beneficial but not essential.

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