# PRINCE2 Programme Management (MSP) Foundation Training & Exam

**3-day PRINCE2® Programme Management (MSP®) Foundation Course, including exam voucher**

**This 3-day classroom course gives you the full MSP toolkit** — from fundamentals to real-world application — so you can confidently support (or lead) complex change programmes and demonstrate credible certification on tenders and client engagements. Most "Foundation-only" courses stop at knowledge checks. This format goes further:

- **Days 1–2** build strong Foundation understanding (principles, governance themes, transformational flow)
- **Day 3** moves into **Practitioner-style application**: tailoring, scenario work, decision-making and exam technique



### What's included?

- Accredited instructor-led training (3 days)
- Exercises, quizzes and practice questions
- Digital course materials (OTM and core guidance)
- Printed Quick Reference Guide and Core Guidance Book
- All-inclusive classroom experience (lunches + coffee breaks)
- Official PeopleCert MSP Foundation exam voucher

***PeopleCert now positions MSP under the umbrella of PRINCE2 Programme Management, while the certification levels remain MSP® 5th edition.***

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Our 3-day **PRINCE2® Programme Management (MSP®) 5th Edition** Foundation course gives you a complete, practical pathway to managing programmes end to end — from shaping the vision and governance to controlling delivery and realising measurable benefits. Designed for programme and project professionals, business change roles and PMO/governance teams, the training covers both **Foundation knowledge** and **Practitioner-style application**.

### By the end of the 3 days, you will be able to:

- Explain MSP's **principles, governance themes and transformational flow** and how they fit together
- Set up and work within **programme governance** (roles, controls, assurance, decision points)
- **Build a benefits-driven approach**: identify, structure, track and support **benefits realisation**
- **Align stakeholders** with clear communication, sponsorship engagement and practical leadership actions
- **Manage risks, issues, quality expectations** and delivery dependencies in a programme environment
- **Tailor MSP** pragmatically to suit organisational context, scale, risk and delivery constraints
- **Apply the programme management method** to a scenario (the basis of Practitioner-level work), including prioritisation and judgement calls

## COURSE OUTLINE

There will be a detailed introduction to present an overview of the method and to prepare participants for the information which then follows. There will then be individual topics, each focused on **the themes and processes of MSP®**. For each topic, there will first be a presentation to identify the major and most important aspects of that element, followed by simple but **worthwhile exercises as well as quizzes**.

### Day 1 — MSP Foundations

- Programme management vs project/portfolio: what changes when the goal is transformation
- MSP principles: how they guide decisions in messy, real environments
- Governance themes (core): organisation, vision, leadership & stakeholder engagement
- Benefits: defining, mapping, measuring and sustaining value
- Exercises: short, practical workshops after each topic

### Day 2 — From governance to delivery (Transformational Flow)

- Blueprint design & delivery: shaping “the future state” and keeping it coherent
- Planning & control across tranches (and why it’s different from project planning)
- Business case alignment and investment decision logic at programme level
- Risk & issue management at scale (and escalation paths that work)
- Quality and assurance: keeping outcomes credible and auditable
- Foundation-style question practice + consolidation activities

### Day 3 — Practitioner mindset: application, tailoring, confidence

- Tailoring MSP to context: what to adapt (and what not to)
- Scenario-based work: reading a programme situation and selecting the right MSP response
- Exam technique (for those choosing Practitioner): time management, handbook navigation approach, typical traps
- Integrated case exercises bringing governance, benefits and delivery together

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Ideal for professionals working in (or around) transformation:

- Programme managers / aspiring programme managers
- Senior project managers moving into programme space
- Portfolio / PMO roles supporting governance, controls and reporting
- Business change managers, benefits managers, product owners, business analysts, consultants
- Sponsors and key stakeholders who need structure and decision clarity

## PREREQUISITES

- **No prerequisites** to attend the course or sit the Foundation exam (recommended reading is provided).
- To sit **Practitioner**, PeopleCert requires completion of an accepted prerequisite (e.g., MSP 5th Foundation).

## About the Exam

### MSP Foundation 5th edition exam

- 60 questions, 60 minutes, multiple choice, **closed book**
- Pass mark: 60%
- Language: English

**Exam delivery & voucher validity -** PeopleCert exams can be taken via online proctoring, and vouchers are valid for **12 months**.

**Take2 (re-sit) option -** Your 1-year PeopleCert Membership Plus includes the Take2 option on all exams.

**Online Sample Exam -** Test your knowledge with the online sample exam, included in your PeopleCert Membership Plus.

## TRAINING MATERIALS

- A pre-course reading "Quick Reference Guide" that will be made available on your participant extranet 1 week before the start of the course. You will also receive a paper copy during the course.
- PeopleCert Official Training Materials in digital format (delivered with the exam voucher)
- PeopleCert PRINCE2 Programme Management core guidance in digital format and in hard copy.
- PeopleCert Membership Plus giving you access to reference materials, free online courses, webinars and more.

## IN-COMPANY DELIVERY OPTIONS

For organisations with limited availability, we can also deliver:

- **2-day MSP Foundation-only** (focused certification format), ideal when pulling consultants away for 3 days is difficult
- Optional follow-up: add a separate Practitioner preparation format later (including the drill session approach)