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AgileBA

Agile Business Analysis (AgileBA®)

Foundation to Practitioner

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Overview

The Business Analyst (BA) is a critical role within an Agile project team and with more and more organisations adopting Agile approaches, BAs performing this crucial role need to have the necessary skills and expertise. Despite this, there has been little in the way of detailed best practice guidance that directly addresses the role, responsibilities and skills of the Agile Business Analyst.

The guidance is based on the DSDM® (Dynamic System Development Method) Agile Project Framework, an approach which defines the role of the project-based Business Analyst in relation to business, development and testing roles at all levels. However, the guidance goes deeper, with many generic and popular agile techniques also included.

Key Topics

The courses explore the following content, with the Foundation level focusing on the theory and the Practitioner considering the application of the method to a given scenario:

Agile and the DSDM Agile Project Framework

The agile mindset. The DSDM approach, philosophy and principles. Overview of the DSDM process, roles and products.

Strategy analysis

Gaining a holistic view of the business environment using internal and external analysis. Capturing a clear picture of the value an organisation creates through value chain analysis and Lean thinking. Identifying and measuring the impact of implementing organisational strategies. The agile business case.

Stakeholder collaboration

Working effectively with different stakeholders throughout the DSDM process. Analysing stakeholders. The Agile BA's role in communication planning. Collaborating effectively using facilitated workshops.

Managing requirements

Working with requirements, user stories, acceptance criteria and story maps. The DSDM approach to managing requirements throughout the project lifecycle. The Agile BA's role. The lifecycle of a requirement. Requirements elicitation models. Estimating requirements in a DSDM project.

Delivering on time

Exploration of key practices to deliver on time: prioritising requirements, timeboxing and iterative development. Common prioritisation techniques. Activities conducted in timeboxes and useful collaboration techniques such as stand-ups and burn charts. Approaches to iterative development.

Modelling and mapping

Modelling perspectives. Modelling techniques for the Agile BA including business domain models and wireframes.

All content is covered in Foundation. Practitioner focuses on preparing participants for the Practitioner exam and so does not introduce new content.

AgileBA Foundation

Objectives

The Foundation course provides comprehensive instruction and hands-on practice to embed concepts and techniques presented. This course will enable participants to:

» Adopt an Agile approach and philosophy

» Work in line with DSDM philosophy and principles

» Work effectively with key stakeholders to elicit and manage requirements for incremental solution delivery

» Prepare for and sit the AgileBA Foundation examination

Duration

WEEKDAY
3 days

WEEKEND
3 days

Exam and Certification

The Foundation course includes the AgileBA Foundation exam which consists of:

» 50 multiple choice questions
» 50% pass mark (25/50)
» 40 minutes duration
» Closed book

The Foundation exam addresses knowledge of the terminology of the method and a high-level understanding of the concepts.

Weekday (in-class/virtual) courses
Exam taken on the afternoon of day 3 of the Foundation course.

Weekend (virtual) courses
Online proctored exam taken **after** the course. On completion of the Foundation virtual training, you will receive an invitation to book your Foundation exam. You have 6 months to sit the exam online. Please check availability when making your booking.

AgileBA Practitioner

Objectives

The Practitioner level qualification aims to measure whether the candidate has sufficient knowledge and understanding of the AgileBA guidance to apply and tailor it to a given scenario situation.

The Practitioner course builds on the Foundation course, providing additional depth of understanding. This is achieved through a review of Foundation material, consolidation of concepts and sample exam questions for the Practitioner level certification. This course fully prepares candidates for the AgileBA Practitioner certification exam.

Please note that the Practitioner course is an exam preparation course and focuses on the application of AgileBA to prepare candidates for the Practitioner exam.

Duration

WEEKDAY

1 day

WEEKEND

1 day

Exam and Certification

The Practitioner course includes the AgileBA Practitioner exam which exam consists of:

» Complex multiple choice
» 4 questions per paper with 20 marks available per question
» 40/80 marks required to pass (50%)
» 2.5 hour duration
» Open-book (AgileBA Handbook only)

The Practitioner exam tests knowledge, understanding, application, analysis and evaluation of the method.

Weekday (in-class/virtual) courses

The exam is taken on the afternoon of the course, and papers are sent away for scoring.

Weekend (virtual) courses

Online proctored exam taken after the course. On completion of the Foundation virtual training, you will receive an invitation to book your Foundation exam. You have 6 months to sit the exam online. Please check availability when making your booking.

Course Delivery

As part of PM-Partners' new integrated learning solution, this course offers students the option to attend our bespoke classroom in person or virtually by dialling in from a remote location. Trainers are skilled at both delivery methods and use the latest in virtual technology to simultaneously provide participants with the same interactive, multi-faceted and challenging learning experience. Whichever delivery mode learners choose, comprehension and recall techniques will be used to provide them with a solid understanding of AgileBA.

For group bookings, courses can be customised to suit your requirements and conducted onsite at your premises, at our training centre, or virtually.

Virtual training: You can learn more about our virtual delivery here.

Weekend courses: These are conducted over one full weekend and one following Saturday.

Materials: A comprehensive participant workbook is provided for the Foundation course. A participant workbook and the AgileBA Handbook (published by the Agile Business Consortium) are provided to Practitioner participants.

APMG International administers the AgileBA examination scheme.

Who is this course for?

- » Business analysts
- » Change analysts
- » Project managers
- » Scrum product owners/managers
- » Systems analysts
- » Agile developers

Participants should:

Foundation

- » Have a minimum of one year's Business Analysis experience OR
- » Have attended a PM-Partners Business Analysis Fundamentals course (or equivalent) OR
- » Have an interest in Business Analysis and attended an Agile Project Management (AgilePM) Foundation course

Practitioner

To sit the AgileBA Practitioner exam, participants must have obtained a pass in the AgileBA Foundation exam (50% or more).

Professional Development Units (PDUs)

Participants who have been awarded the Project Management Professional (PMP)® credential by the Project Management Institute (PMI)® are eligible to earn PDUs for their participation in these courses as follows:

Foundation
Weekday/Virtual: 21 PDUs (14 Ways of Working, 3 Business Acumen and 4 Power Skills)

Practitioner
Weekday/Weekend: 7 PDUs (5 Ways of Working, 1 Business Acumen and 1 Power Skills)

Pre-course work

Participants are required to complete pre-course preparation for both courses. Please be aware that pre-course work must be completed prior to the course. Failure to complete pre-course work may mean that you are not ready to fully participate in the course and may limit your ability to gain the outcomes you are hoping to achieve.

Agile Business Consortium Professional Assessment

Candidates who successfully pass the AgileBA Foundation or Practitioner exam will be entitled to a free Professional Assessment at Business Agility Professional Level 1 – Explorer.

This offers candidates the opportunity to claim an additional digital badge and a way to further advance their journey within business agility.

This Professional status will be valid for 2 years with the option to reassess or upgrade to additional levels. Additional levels of Professional status are available through Agile Business Consortium at an additional cost.

For more details, please refer to the Agile Business Consortium website.

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