



# Agile certification

Making agile work

'It's not that we are aligned with a particular framework, brand or interpretation of agile: we are aligned with the outcomes that matter for the business.'

Özlem Yüce Agile Transformation Lead **Maersk Line**

## Become agile... and know why

Agile practices transform the way organisations carry out business and deliver value to the market. However to realise agile success, an agile mindset needs to be adopted throughout the business; not just within the IT team.

### Setting the benchmark

We understand the challenges facing today's organisations and the importance of aligning IT with the rest of the business. We've designed our agile certification programme to support a holistic approach to embedding agile practices across the organisation.

With so many choices in the market, our programme provides the widest curriculum in agile and lean – and the tools and capabilities for people to better manage change and deliver valuable products and services.

We've set the industry benchmark, offering the reassurance and confidence that those who meet the standard have the ability to make a real difference in an organisation.

### Your agile journey

Our programme provides a complete learning pathway for individuals and organisations. If you are new to agile practices or you work outside of the IT team, our foundation certificate is an ideal introduction, delivering a solid understanding of agile's core methodologies.

As you further adopt agile methods, our practitioner certificate supports anyone – from developer to executive – involved in the delivery of IT based business solutions. Focused as much on application as knowledge, the

practitioner level goes beyond foundation to give individuals the tools and the understanding to adapt their agile skills to their organisation's specific circumstances.

Our expert level certificate is currently being developed and will recognise those at the forefront of agile, with the skills and capabilities to be true leaders of change.

To support you in your agile journey, when you achieve a BCS agile certificate you'll receive BCS Associate Membership. AMBCS benefits include access to our Agile specialist group where you can network with like-minded professionals and leaders in agile.

### Why choose our certification?

Agile methodology is not new, and neither is agile certification. Yet it's clear from our discussions with employers and individuals that fundamental requirements are not always being met. Firstly, successful agile projects require collaboration across departments, so agile thinking has to be ingrained across the organisation. Our foundation level is methodology agnostic and gives individuals the understanding they need, whatever their discipline.

For organisations that have made their agile transformation, knowledge of agile may be well-established but it does not always result in effective application. Our practitioner certificate is the only agile certification that enables individuals to complete assignments in their workplace so they learn to apply and analyse agile solutions that work for their market.



# BCS agile certification

With the most comprehensive agile curriculum in the market and flexible methods of study, our agile certification programme supports the whole organisation in making an agile transformation that delivers value straight away.

## BCS Foundation Certificate in Agile

Our foundation certificate ensures a broad understanding of agile principles and methodologies. Designed for business professionals and people new to agile, it creates a common ground for those wanting to improve capability within their organisation. The certificate introduces candidates to the fundamental concepts and values of agile, then challenges conventional thinking and application to promote deeper understanding.

## BCS Practitioner Certificate in Agile

The practitioner level is based on application and designed for those participating in the launch or roll out of agile practices in their business. By incorporating work-based learning assignments, candidates understand the how and also the why behind implementing agile methods. This focus, on the outcomes of delivering valuable, quality solutions faster to the market, means holders of this certificate truly demonstrate their ability to achieve results in an agile environment.

Flexible study options are available.

## BENEFITS

### for business professionals

- More effective change management through solid understanding of agile principles and methodologies
- Share a common language with IT enabling closer collaboration and better management of projects

### for agile practitioners

- Work-based learning ensures the certificate demonstrates ability to implement agile successfully
- Ensures you understand the why as well as the how behind any agile methodology
- Methodology agnostic so you can select the right method for your organisation
- BCS membership for all successful candidates connecting you with like-minded practitioners

### for employers

- Agile understanding aligned between IT and business increasing capability across the organisation
- Delivers tools and capability for employees to better manage change and deliver products and services faster, and with increased value
- Provides a development pathway for employees, wherever they are in their agile journey
- Supports your organisation in recruiting, retaining and motivating the best people in agile

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### Become a BCS accredited training partner

Agile is gathering real pace as organisations realise the benefits of aligning business with IT to better manage change and deliver early and often to the market.

Our agile certification programme offers a development pathway to individuals and organisations, at all stages of their agile transformation. Don't miss out on this revenue opportunity – join our global training provider network and enjoy the benefits of Institute endorsement in your business.

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We're championing the global IT profession by giving practitioners the career development support they deserve. Through our certification and professional development portfolio, we set the professional standards in the industry, guiding practitioners through their careers and providing employers with expertly trained people that add value to the business.

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