

PROJECT MANAGEMENT | COURSE BROCHURE

Portfolio Management for Government Programmes

5 days | Classroom training | English

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Why attend

Government departments run many programmes competing for limited budgets and capacity. This course shows how to manage public sector portfolios: aligning programmes with policy priorities, assessing and selecting investments, balancing risk and capacity, monitoring delivery and benefits, and reporting transparently to ministers and oversight bodies.

Without portfolio management, public funds are spread too thinly and priorities blur. You will learn to direct resources to what matters most.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

- Difficulty translating subject knowledge into practical workplace decisions.
- Inconsistent approaches to the activities covered in the course outline.
- Lack of a structured plan for applying and reviewing new skills.

Course methodology

Public sector case studies, prioritisation exercises, portfolio dashboard design and governance simulations.

Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Explain portfolio management in a public sector context
- Align programmes with policy priorities
- Assess and prioritise investment proposals
- Balance portfolio risk, capacity and funding
- Monitor delivery and benefits across programmes
- Report portfolio performance to senior decision makers

Target audience

This course is suitable for:

- Portfolio and PMO managers in government
- Programme directors
- Budget and planning officers
- Senior public officials
- Oversight and audit staff



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Target competencies

Participants will develop competencies in:

- Portfolio prioritisation
- Investment appraisal
- Capacity planning
- Benefits tracking
- Governance reporting

Course outline

Day 1: Portfolio Fundamentals

09:00–10:08	Portfolio, programme and project
10:08–11:00	Public value and policy alignment
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Public value and policy alignment (continued)
11:45–12:53	Portfolio governance
12:53–14:00	Exercise: current portfolio map

Day 2: Selecting Investments

09:00–10:08	Business case standards
10:08–11:00	Scoring and prioritisation
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Scoring and prioritisation (continued)
11:45–12:53	Affordability
12:53–14:00	Workshop: prioritisation round

Day 3: Balancing the Portfolio

09:00–10:08	Risk and capacity
10:08–11:00	Dependencies
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**



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11:30–11:45	Dependencies (continued)
11:45–12:53	Rebalancing decisions
12:53–14:00	Simulation

Day 4: Monitoring and Benefits

09:00–10:08	Portfolio dashboards
10:08–11:00	Delivery confidence assessments
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Delivery confidence assessments (continued)
11:45–12:53	Benefits realisation
12:53–14:00	Case study

Day 5: Reporting and Oversight

09:00–10:08	Reporting to ministers
10:08–11:00	Transparency and audit
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Transparency and audit (continued)
11:45–12:53	Continuous improvement
12:53–14:00	Action plan

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the sessions. They are indicative only and do not constitute a binding commitment.



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Dates, venues and fees

Current published course plans. Fees are per participant in GBP, excluding unconfirmed taxes.

Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (GBP)
Dubai Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**
Rome Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£1,250.–**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	1 Feb 2027	5 Feb 2027	**£1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Feb 2027	5 Feb 2027	**£1,250.–**
London Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£2,450.–**



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Online Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	15 Mar 2027	19 Mar 2027	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	15 Mar 2027	19 Mar 2027	**£1,250.–**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	5 Apr 2027	9 Apr 2027	**£1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	5 Apr 2027	9 Apr 2027	**£1,250.–**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**£1,250.–**
Vienna Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**£2,940.–**
Online Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**£1,250.–**



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Amsterdam Confirmed dates	31 May 2027	4 Jun 2027	**£2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	31 May 2027	4 Jun 2027	**£1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**£1,250.-**
Vienna Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**£2,940.-**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**£1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	16 Aug 2027	20 Aug 2027	**£2,860.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	16 Aug 2027	20 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	6 Sept 2027	10 Sept 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	6 Sept 2027	10 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	27 Sept 2027	1 Oct 2027	**£2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	27 Sept 2027	1 Oct 2027	**£1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	18 Oct 2027	22 Oct 2027	**£3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	18 Oct 2027	22 Oct 2027	**£1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	1 Nov 2027	5 Nov 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Nov 2027	5 Nov 2027	**£1,250.-**



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Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**£1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**£1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**£1,250.-**

Plan your next step

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