

# THE PL PROJECTS

## LEVEL 4 ASSOCIATE PROJECT MANAGER APPRENTICESHIP

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The 21st century has continued to witness a surge in the recognition of the role and importance of projects to the economy, society and environment. As organisations strive to get to grips with the digital age, as the need to innovate becomes critical for success and as the drive for projects to become more effective and efficient escalates, **the demand for projects to be designed, managed and directed by skilled project managers has become fundamental.**

- PwC report undertaken for the Association for Project Management (APM) in 2018-19

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## WHAT IS THE ASSOCIATE PROJECT MANAGER APPRENTICESHIP?

- An 18-month programme exposing you to the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed to be an effective project management (PM) professional.
- Learning and development undertaken within your working environment – your employer will provide you with the equivalent of 1 day per week to do it (20% off the job).
- A professional qualification – you will become student members of the APM (the chartered professional body for those operating in the world of projects) to give you access to the latest PM information and resources.
- Includes the APM's PMQ – the benchmark qualification for those involved in project delivery.

# WHAT WILL I LEARN?

There are 17 learning areas, of which you choose 15:

Business Case and Benefits	Leadership
Budgeting and Cost Control	Drive for Results
Consolidated Planning	Governance
Risk and Issue Management	Stakeholder and Communication Management
Contract Management and Procurement	Scope Management
Quality Management	Schedule Management
Collaboration and Teamwork	Resource Management
Communication	Context
	Integrity, Ethics, Compliance and Professionalism

*I always thought that apprenticeships were for college students who wanted to learn some form of skill or trade. I hadn't necessarily thought about the idea of undertaking an apprenticeship whilst working full time! It is never too late to continue your development, and you may be surprised at what you can learn.*

*– Rachel, A Recently Qualified Associate Manager*

# COURSE DELIVERY

*There is typically a weekly input to keep you engaged, with delivery being either classroom-based or via our live webinars. As the course progresses, homework and assessments will be a feature to assist with retaining knowledge and skills.*

## SPIRAL PMQ CURRICULUM

- 1.** Receiving the information firstly at a straightforward level allows you to build a 'framework' of how the different parts fit together over the course of the project life cycle.
- 2.** Knowledge is considered again at a more detailed level whilst observing projects in your workplace and starting to apply some of this knowledge where appropriate.
- 3.** Material is considered for a third time to really consolidate your understanding ready for the PMQ assessment and the finalising of the portfolio.





# ASSESSMENT

**1. The Project Management Qualification (PMQ)**  
Taken after 12 months to demonstrate that you have gained the required level of knowledge of the Project Management discipline. Homework will be given as part of the course, with regular feedback provided, to ensure that you are prepared for this.

**2. The End Point Assessment (EPA)**  
Taken at the end of the course with an independent assessor. Once you have completed your Portfolio of Evidence, you will undertake a presentation on five of the learning areas followed by a professional discussion on the other ten. PL Projects will ensure that you have plenty of time to practise this in advance of the EPA.



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