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# Lean Six Sigma Manufacturing Black Belt

Manufacturing Focused Content

Virtual Training Delivery

Open Enrolment Calendar

Fully Accredited

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# Introduction

Our comprehensive Black Belt programme is designed as a 'start from zero' training path for those working in technical / production / manufacturing functions. As the content covers the full suite of DMAIC tools, it is not necessary to enter the programme with Yellow or Green Belt experience (if you fall into this category then please see our 'Upgrade' training options).

Black Belt training provides a powerful improvement toolkit and develops expert Lean Sigma practitioners who are able to:

- assess improvement opportunities and have the skills to select the right approach problem solving methodology.
- Lead and deliver large-scale cross-company projects delivering significant and quantifiable operational benefits.
- Encourage the cascade of Lean Six Sigma by supporting Green & Yellow Belts, and liaising with key sponsors and stakeholders to provide input to the company improvement strategy.

## Programmes include:

- ▶ Open enrolment calendar with choice of live virtual training or classroom-based events at regional venues.
- ▶ In-company programmes for group training at your company site.
- ▶ Interactive delivery style with case study team exercises to bring alive the technical content and showcase applications to transactional projects.
- ▶ Extensive course materials hub including user-friendly Lean Six Sigma toolkit; consolidation learning via supplementary e-learning modules; dozens of templates and proformas ready to use for your project.
- ▶ Industry recognised accreditation standards via Smallpeice or our external partnership with the British Quality Foundation.
- ▶ Optional add-on coaching packages to guide and fast-track you through your project.

## Minitab Software:

During the Black Belt programme, you will learn how to use Minitab – which is the industry standard software for Lean Six Sigma. Whereas Green Belt level projects can be handled via Excel, the deeper level of data and graphical analysis at Black Belt needs the bespoke functionality of Minitab. If you do not have Minitab licenses in your company already – this is something you will need to explore before enrolling by visiting [www.minitab.com](http://www.minitab.com).



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# Virtual Programme

Live sessions via MS Teams

## DEFINE PHASE

### e-Learning (30 mins)

- Intro to Programme & Lean Six Sigma
- Overview of the Define Phase
- How to Select Your Project

### SESSION 1: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### THE DEFINE PHASE

- The project charter
- Writing an effective problem statement
- Setting the project objectives
- Scoping the project
- Mapping the high level process – SIPOC mapping
- Linking the problem to the voice of the customer
- Defining critical to quality characteristics

### SESSION 2: 8.30am – 12.30pm

#### UNDERSTANDING THE CURRENT STATE PROCESS

- Detail process mapping tools overview
- The role of process mapping in DMAIC projects
- Process flow & sequence charting techniques
- Identifying Value and Non Value Add activity and identifying quick wins

### e-Learning (45 mins)

- Overview of the Measure Phase
- Identifying Waste
- Value Stream & Process Mapping

### SESSION 3: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### MANAGING & DEFINING BLACK BELT PROJECTS

- DMAIC versus DMADV projects
- Scoping complex cross-functional projects
- Value stream mapping as a scoping tool
- Aligning the project to business strategy
- Managing project reviews (tollgates)
- Considering project risks

### SESSION 4: 8.30am – 12.30pm

#### VALUE STREAM MAPPING

- Introduction to Value Stream Mapping
- Creating a Current State Map
- Using VSM as a Scoping Tool
- Identifying the Opportunities

### SESSION 5: 8.30am – 12.30pm

#### MANAGING CHANGE & ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS

- Analysing enablers/barriers using force field analysis
- Building and communicating the business case
- Securing project sponsorship
- Identifying and engaging key stakeholders
- Influencing skills & dealing with initial resistance
- Building and managing the project team

## MEASURE PHASE

### e-Learning (1 hr)

- Using Fishbone Diagram (cause & effect)
- Basic Statistics: Describing Data
- Introduction to MSA

### SESSION 6: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### DATA COLLECTION PLANNING

- The role of data collection planning throughout a DMAIC project
- Use of Is/Is Not to find gaps in knowledge
- Understanding variation
- Selecting what to measure
- Calculating sample size
- Sampling considerations
- Developing a robust data collection plan
- Guidelines for survey sampling

### e-Learning modules (30 mins)

- Introduction to Minitab

### SESSION 7: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### MSA FOR MANUFACTURING PROJECTS [MINITAB VERSION]

- Introduction to MSA fundamentals
- Type I studies for repeatability
- Type II studies that also study reproducibility
- Nested gauge R&Rs for destructive tests
- Assessing linearity & bias aspects of calibration
- Assessing stability (of bias during calibration)
- Attribute agreement analysis for pass/fail judgements
- MSA case study exercise to practice the skills

### e-Learning modules (1 hr)

- Intro to Statistical Process Control
- Process Capability

### SESSION 8: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### PROCESS CAPABILITY & PROCESS CONTROL

- Assessing process control
- Anatomy & use of control charts
- Applications of SPC charts for variable and attribute data
- Understanding process capability
- Calculating process capability for continuous and attribute data
- Selecting appropriate capability metrics & indices

### SESSION 9: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### ADVANCED STATISTICAL APPROACHES

- Understanding probability distributions for variable and attribute data
- Dealing with non normal data
- Capability analysis for non normal data
- Statistical process control charts for non-normal data
- The central limit theorem
- Understanding and using data transformations



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## ANALYSE PHASE

### e-Learning (1 hr 45 mins)

- Overview of Analyse
- Root Cause Analysis
- Graphical Analysis / Hypothesis Testing

### SESSION 10: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### ANALYSE PHASE

- Verifying the root cause
- Taking a structured approach to data analysis
- Links to the cause and effect diagram
- 5 Why approach to problem solving
- Box plots & scatter diagrams
- Significance testing approach
- Tips for summarising and presenting the analysis

### SESSION 11: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### HYPOTHESIS TESTING

- Use of inferential statistics
- Writing a hypothesis statement
- Setting a confidence level
- Understanding the P-Value
- Tests for variable and attribute data
- Power & sample size
- Non-parametric techniques

### SESSION 12: 8.30am – 12.30pm

#### INTRODUCTION TO DOE

- Overview of DOE techniques
- Optimisation challenge
- Applications of DOE techniques

### SESSION 13: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### OPTIMISING THE PROCESS

- Regression analysis
- Understanding correlation
- Introduction to simple linear regression
- Introduction to multiple regression

### SESSION 14: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### SCREENING & TAGUCHI METHODS

- Introduction to fractional factorial
- Screening designs
- Advanced techniques e.g. EVOP, RSM
- Taguchi loss function
- Taguchi designs that deliver robust solutions in the presence of noise

### SESSION 15: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### ADVANCED DOE TECHNIQUES

- Mixed and multi-level designs
- Response surface designs
- Botched runs
- Randomisation and grey coding
- DOE with historical data

### SESSION 16: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### SITUATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Transformational leadership
- Influencing change
- Concepts and models for change
- Persuasion campaigning

### SESSION 17: 8.30am – 12.30pm

#### MANAGING RESISTANCE & EMBEDDING CHANGE

- Learning from experience
- Emotional responses to change
- Rationalising resistance to change
- Handling conflict
- Sustaining change through the Improve & Control phases – and beyond
- Facilitating handover

## IMPROVE PHASE

### e-Learning (45 mins)

- Overview of the Improve Phase
- Process Analysis
- Pull & Flow

### SESSION 18: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### DEVELOPING THE IMPROVEMENT

- Taking a structured approach for the improve phase
- Use of creativity tools to generate alternative solutions
- Developing & evaluating alternative solutions
- Developing the future state map
- Verifying & implementing the solution

## CONTROL PHASE

### e-Learning (45 mins)

- Overview of the Control Phase
- Control Planning
- Mistake Proofing

### SESSION 19: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### COACHING IMPROVEMENT TEAMS

- The key skills of coaching
- The coaching continuum expert to discovery
- Using the GROW model

### SESSION 20: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### IMPLEMENTING CONTROL

- Key steps of the Control phase
- Confirming the improvement
- Developing a control plan
- Different types of process control
- The principle of mistake proofing
- Monitoring effectiveness
- Closing the improvement project

## Calendar

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Session 7	Session 8	Session 9	Session 10	Session 11	Session 12	Session 13	Session 14	Session 15	Session 16	Session 17	Session 18	Session 19	Session 20
<b>June 2024 course</b> ➔	10 Jun	11 Jun	13 Jun	21 Jun (PM)	25 Jun	5 Jul	9 Jul	15 Jul	25 Jul	26 Jul	12 Aug	13 Aug	21 Aug	22 Aug	23 Aug	30 Aug	5 Sep	6 Sep	12 Sep	13 Sep
<b>September 2024 course</b> ➔	18 Sep	19 Sep	26 Sep	27 Sep (AM)	27 Sep (PM)	2 Oct	7 Oct	8 Oct	21 Oct	1 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov	18 Nov	19 Nov	22 Nov	29 Nov	5 Dec	6 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec

## Cost

The cost per participant for the Black Belt virtual programme is £3550+VAT. This fee is fully inclusive of:

- ▶ 17½ days of live training
- ▶ Access to materials hub
- ▶ The full accreditation process: exam plus project assessment and certification



# How to Book

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## Options

### Coaching Support

This can be provided via a series of 3 x 1-hour 1-to-1 sessions, delivered via MS Teams. These can be scheduled to suit the progress of your project. The cost of the coaching package is £495+VAT.

### Accreditation via British Quality Foundation (BQF)

The option for accreditation via the internationally recognised body of the British Quality Foundation is available for an additional fee of £250+VAT.

## Booking Process

Please email Smallpeice via [train@smallpeice.com](mailto:train@smallpeice.com) with your enquiry/ requirements.

Our experienced Lean Six Sigma booking team will then send you a booking form. Following enrolment, we will onboard participants to the programme platform which will provide a detailed menu of activities and preparation.

### Payment Terms

- An invoice will be issued following receipt of a confirmed booking.
- Payment is due 30 days from the invoice date.
- Payment can be made via credit card or bank transfer. Payment details can be found on the invoice.

### Cancellation Terms

If you should have to cancel a registration, the following options are available:

- Send a substitute delegate at no additional charge
- Incur a cancellation fee based on the following timescales:
  - If you cancel prior to 30 working days before the course you will be charged a cancellation fee of 20% of the course fee
  - If you cancel less than 30 working days, but prior to 10 working days before the course, you will be charged a cancellation fee of 50% of the course fee
- We regret that we cannot accept cancellations that are received less than 10 working days before the course start date.
- Please confirm your cancellation in writing.

Smallpeice Enterprises reserves the right to cancel courses if necessary. Delegates will be given advance notice of any such changes. Please do not send payment with this form – an invoice will be despatched.



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