

There are currently three qualifications available for MSP™; Foundation, Practitioner and Advanced Practitioner.

The exam formats are as follows:

Foundation

- Multiple-choice
- Forty minutes duration
- 50 questions
- 30 correct answers or more are required to pass
- Closed-book.

Practitioner

- Objective testing
- Two-and-a-half hours duration
- 9 questions
- 180 marks available
- 90 marks or more are required to pass
- Open-book (only the MSP™ Guide is allowed).

Advanced Practitioner

- Essay based
- Two-and-a-half hours duration
- 3 questions
- 75 marks available
- 38 marks or more are required to pass
- Open-book.

MSP™ Practitioner Exam Preparation Session

On completion of this preparation session you are expected to be able to:

- Understand the format of the MSP™ Practitioner Exam.
- Understand and have experience in answering the different styles of questions used in a MSP™ Practitioner Exam.

Route to Certification

Candidates have to pass the Foundation exam (with a pass at 60% or more if taken on or after 1st March 2008) before attempting the Practitioner exam. Once

candidates have passed the Foundation exam they may take their Practitioner examination after attending a preparation session. If a candidate wishes to sit the Advanced Practitioner examination before they have their results from the Practitioner exam, they may do so. However, MSP™ candidates who pass the Advanced Practitioner exam yet fail the Practitioner exam, must re-sit the Practitioner exam within 24 months to validate their Registered Advanced Practitioner Status. If the candidate does not complete within the 24 months, the candidate will be required to re-sit the Advanced Practitioner exam as well.

Re-Registration Exams

All MSP™ Practitioners and/or Advanced Practitioners should be re-registered within 3-5 years of their original certification.

By taking the Re-registration examinations, candidates are able to demonstrate to employers and prospective employers the recency of their knowledge and commitment to Continuing Professional Development.

The format of the Practitioner Re-registration exam is: 3 questions, with a scenario background and appendices.

- Each of the 3 questions is worth 20 marks
- An overall score of 30 out of a possible 60 is required to pass
- One hour duration
- Closed-book examination.

The format of the Advanced Practitioner Re-registration is:

A 1400-1600 word "dissertation" on a specific subject (selected from a range of topics) demonstrating application of MSP™. It would ideally be based on a "real life" programme that the candidate has worked within. If this is not possible (if a candidate has not recently worked within a programme or their programme contains classified information), it would be acceptable to base it on the Advanced Practitioner Case Study "MSP™ Care". There are no time restrictions imposed on this dissertation. The dissertation will be marked out of a possible 75 marks with the candidate needing 38 marks to achieve a pass.

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