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Course Profile Document

Project Management

Advanced Project Finance and Management Programme (APF)

Prepared as a professional course profile for delegate review, sponsorship approval and organisational training planning.

COURSE CODE	DELIVERY	DURATION	PREPARED FOR
MSD2552	**Online / Face-to-Face**	**Flexible**	**Organisation Approval**

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Course Overview

Project Finance involves the raising of funds to finance an economically separable capital investment project in which the providers of the funds look primarily to the cash flow from the project as the source of funds to service their loans and provide the return of and a return on their equity invested in the project. This is a practical course that provides students an opportunity to understand the risk-return character of limited recourse projects from multiple perspectives. Case studies on risk structuring span a variety of sectors and geographical regions.

Course Outcomes

- Understand the principles of project financing (PF)
- Be able to evaluate the key components of the risk and the profitability of projects
- Know how to use simple financial software to model the net present value of a project
- Know how to structure the financing for a project deemed worthwhile
- Know how to calculate Project’s Cost of Capital
- Understand how to compare Project’s Cost of Capital and Project’s IRR
- Know if Project creates Shareholder Value?
- Understand how to evaluate maximum Borrowing Capacity for a Project
- Know how to draft a financing recommendation for a board
- Handle Warm-Up cases to apply Key Concepts
- Preparing and submitting outcomes of a presentation to an Ad-Hoc Credit Committee supervised by Prof based on 4 to 5 real-world cases (OIL & GAS, AIRPORT, Infrastructure, Energy).

Course Outline / Curriculum

What do accountants do?

- The finance function, types of accountant, financial v management accounting and the treasury function
- Understanding the role of the finance function and how the information you provide may be used

The basic financial statements

- Balance sheets and income statements (P&L accounts)
- What they are, what they contain and above all what they can reveal – how to read them
- The accounting process – from transactions to financial statements
- What underpins the statements – accounting systems and internal controls

Why be in business? – from a financial perspective

- The driving forces behind financial information
- Performance measures – profitability, asset utilisation, sales and throughput, managing capital expenditure

Accounting rules – accounting standards

- Accounting concepts and the accounting rules: accruals, ‘going concern’, substance over form and other ‘desirable qualities’
- Accruals – why the timing of a transaction is so important to the finance function
- Depreciation and amortisation – the concepts and practice
- Accounting standards – the role of International Financial Reporting Standards

Cash

- The importance of cash flow – working capital management
- Cash flow statements – monitoring overall cash flows
- Raising cash – levels of borrowing, gearing
- Spending cash – an outline of capital expenditure appraisal

Budgeting

- Why budget? – good and bad practice
- Determining why budgets play a key role and should not be simply an annual ritual
- Justifying your budgets – the link between the strategic plan and day-to-day budgeting – alignment of company culture
- Budgets as motivators – the importance of the right culture
- Techniques to improve budgeting – whether day-to-day or capital budgeting

Costing

- The type and detail of costing very much depends on the nature of your business
- Issues with overhead allocation
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Accounting for R&D

Reading financial statements

- Annual financial statements – why they are produced, what's in them and what you should look for
- Learning what a set of accounts reveals about a company's current situation, profitability and future prospects

Performance measurement – analytical reviews and ratio analysis

- ROI/ROCE
- Profitability, margins and cost control
- Sales – asset turnover
- Efficiency (asset / stock turnover, debtor / creditor days)
- 'City' measures
- Investment (interest / dividend cover, earnings per share, dividend yield)

Target Audience

- All non-accountants who need an understanding of finance and accounts in order to perform their roles effectively, including:
- Engineers, technical managers, production managers, project managers and all those from non-financial disciplines.
- Newly appointed managers, supervisors and team leaders.

Key Course Benefits

Work-Ready Skills

Delegates leave with practical tools, templates and methods they can apply immediately at work.

Better Institutional Results

The programme supports stronger planning, reporting, compliance, accountability and service delivery.

Sponsor-Friendly

This document is designed to help supervisors, HR units and sponsors approve delegate participation quickly.

Professional Recognition

Delegates receive training documentation and a certificate of completion after successful participation.

Our Training Centres & Delivery Options

Magna Skills offers flexible delivery through face-to-face training centres across Africa and beyond, plus Online / E-Learning for delegates who prefer remote participation.

Southern Africa

Practical training destinations with strong travel access and delegate support.

- Pretoria, South Africa
- Vic Falls, Zimbabwe
- Livingstone, Zambia

East Africa

Popular regional centres for government, NGO and donor-funded project teams.

- Kigali, Rwanda
- Kampala, Uganda
- Nairobi,
- Zanzibar, Tanzania

West Africa & Islands

Strategic locations for regional networking and executive capacity building.

- Accra, Ghana
- Port Louis, Mauritius

International Executive Venue

Premium destination training for senior teams and international delegates.

- Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Online / E-Learning

Attend from anywhere through live online, blended or self-paced learning options.

- Online, E-Learning
- Remote Teams
- Flexib

Organisation-Based Training

Magna Skills can also arrange dedicated in-house training for ministries, NGOs and companies.

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Approval & Authorisation Form

This section may be completed by the organisation, department, HR office, finance office or sponsor approving delegate participation. It can be attached to an internal memo, procurement request or training approval submission.

Organisation / Department	
Delegate Name(s)	
Approved Course	Advanced Project Finance and Management Programme (APF)
Preferred Delivery Mode	☐ Online ☐ Face-to-Face ☐ Organisation-Based Training
Preferred Training Venue / Date	
Estimated Number of Delegates	
Budget / Vote Number	
Contact Person	
Email / Mobile	

Authorised Name _____ Signature / Stamp _____ Date _____