Agile Professional Foundation

ICAGILE CERTIFIED COURSE

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Get an Agile headstart with Agile Professional Foundation

Do you need to deliver more value to your customers? Are you seeking certification in industry best practices? Get the skills you need to deliver better projects, faster.

Boost's two-day course Agile Professional Foundation gives you an in-depth introduction to the world of Agile in a dynamic workshop setting.

It explains Agile values, principles and practices to give you the skills to work on successful projects in a productive Agile environment. Bring your team to train together for maximum impact!

International certification

You'll gain certification as an ICAgile Certified Professional, the first step on ICAgile's curriculum roadmap. Agile Professional Foundation is also accredited with the Project Management Institute (16 professional development units towards the PMI Agile Certified Practitioner Certification).
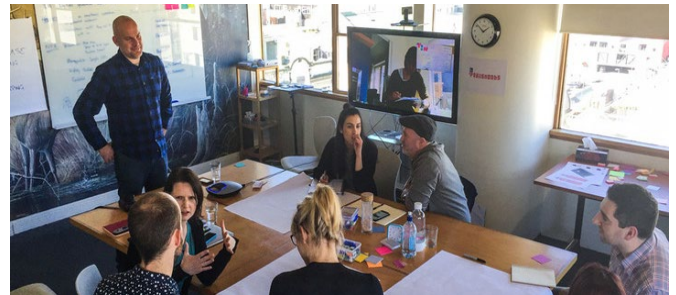
Training that makes a difference

Get to grips with Agile values and principles, roles and responsibilities, and tools and processes. You'll learn that Agile is a mindset, which requires us to collaborate, build shared understanding and change our thinking about how we work in teams.

The course is run as an interactive Agile environment, with experienced practitioners on hand to coach participants.

TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

- Agile mindset, values and principles
- features of Agile working environments
- collaboration
- roles and responsibilities
- incremental development
- work-in-progress
- continuous integration
- involving the customer
- planning and tracking projects
- continuous improvement.

> *Boost provided excellent support, helping our project team develop an Agile mindset and transforming their modus operandi. The team has greater focus and the business is seeing tangible results.*
>
> Jake Porterhouse, NZ Post

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World-class training from New Zealand's Agile experts

Gavin Coughlan, Agile Lead
Gavin's a respected Agile thought leader with a bunch of Agile qualifications. He's passionate about helping teams and organisations work to the best of their ability. With a coaching style that's collaborative and adaptive, he's recognised for his keen observation and highly informed, valued feedback.

Rebecca Jones, Agile Coach and Trainer
Rebecca's enthusiasm for Agile translates into engaging and confident facilitation. She's an insightful coach who aligns teams around their business goals. Her proactive approach means her teams are quick to seize opportunities as they arise, as well as address challenges before they become roadblocks.

Bonnie Slater, Scrum Master
Bonnie's a natural collaborator with a passion for motivating teams. She fosters a culture of learning, helping to build self-reliant teams focused on continuous improvement.

Our proven track record

Drawing on our years of experience as one of New Zealand's foremost Agile software development companies, our seasoned coaches have trained teams working in IT, policy, communications and strategy.

Get the same world-class training that our experienced Agile coaches and trainers have delivered to:

- ✓ Contact Energy
- ✓ Wellington City Council
- ✓ NZ Post
- ✓ Fairfax Media
- ✓ IRD
- ✓ BNZ Insurance
- ✓ EQC
- ✓ Housing NZ

Internationally, all the big companies have come to us: **Sony, Paypal, HP, Seagate, China Merchant Bank, Cisco and others.**

> " *The course was a great mixture of theory and activity with lots of room for questions. We've already started using some of the tools presented by Boost's coaches.*

Katherine Cavaney-Shepherd, Todd Family Office

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Parts Trader finds a new gear with Agile coaching

Business was humming - Parts Trader Markets Ltd had undergone considerable growth and secured major clients in the USA. They had adopted some Agile practices but recognised their expansion was putting their processes under strain, so they came to Boost for help.

Auditing practices

We observed Parts Trader's Agile activities and interviewed their team to gather baseline data on current practices.

Our audit report identified practical, constructive next steps and built an effective case for investment in training.

THE ISSUES WE FOUND WERE:

- ✔ poor communication across the teams
- ✔ the teams were feeling under significant pressure
- ✔ no shared understanding of Agile
- ✔ large regression testing was taking days
- ✔ little automated testing was being carried out

Training the team

Parts Trader trained their entire New Zealand team on our Agile immersion course to create a positive team culture and shared understanding of best practices.

We followed up with workshops on the Scrum Master's role and gathering Agile requirements to address patchy implementation and instill confidence in the team.

Coach on retainer

Next, coaching embedded the learning, supported the teams as challenges arose and resolved the two biggest issues.

First, we addressed poor communication, which had resulted in a breakdown of trust, by getting the team working well together.

Second, we explored ways that the team could extend Agile software engineering practices to alleviate the need for large manual regression tests. This increased quality, which effectively increased the capacity of the team to deliver new features.

Investing in Agile delivered a substantial return

We encouraged team members to share their expertise and co-facilitated workshops with Parts Trader's Scrum Masters, fostering specialists as the company's future teacher-leaders. Our focus was always on building Parts Trader's self-sufficiency and capability so that they have the knowledge and skills to step up to future challenges and opportunities.

Parts Trader substantially changed their work practices. They now work smarter, deliver higher quality code in a more productive way and are focused on delivering business value. They report increased productivity, predictable delivery, higher quality software and a greater sense of team.

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