Unit 412 Manage a project

UAN:	R/506/1999
Level:	4
Credit value:	7
GLH:	38
Relationship to NOS:	Management & Leadership (2012) National Occupational Standards:
	 CFAM&LFA5 Manage projects
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body:	Skills CFA Assessment Strategy Competence units (S/NVQ)
Aim:	This unit aims to develop the knowledge and skills required to manage a project. Upon completion of this unit, learners will have developed an understanding of the management of a project and will be able to plan, manage and evaluate a project.

Learning outcome

The learner will:

1. understand the management of a project

Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 1.1 explain how to carry out a cost-benefit analysis for a project
- 1.2 evaluate the use of risk analysis techniques
- 1.3 evaluate project planning and management tools and techniques
- 1.4 evaluate the impact of changes to project scope, schedule, finance, risk, quality and resources
- 1.5 analyse the requirements of project governance arrangements.

Assessment Guidance

Evidence may be provided by:

- report*
- professional discussion
- questioning

Learning outcome

The learner will:

2. be able to plan a project

Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 2.1 analyse how a project fits with an organisation's overall vision, objectives, plans and programmes of work
- 2.2 agree the objectives and scope of proposed projects with stakeholders
- 2.3 assess the interdependencies and potential risks within a project
- 2.4 develop a project plan with specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound (SMART) objectives, key performance indicators (KPIs) and evaluations mechanisms appropriate to the plan
- 2.5 develop proportionate and targeted plans to manage identified risks and contingencies
- 2.6 apply project lifecycle approaches to the progress of a project.

Assessment Guidance

Evidence may be provided by:

- report*
- professional discussion
- questioning
- product
- witness testimony

Learning outcome

The learner will:

3. be able to manage a project

Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 3.1 allocate resources in accordance with the project plan
- 3.2 brief project team members on their roles and responsibilities
- 3.3 implement plans within agreed budgets and timescales
- 3.4 communicate the requirements of the plans to those who will be affected
- 3.5 revise plans in the light of changing circumstances in accordance with project objectives and identified risks
- 3.6 keep stakeholders up to date with developments and problems
- 3.7 complete close-out actions in accordance with project plans
- 3.8 adhere to organisational policies and procedures, legal and ethical requirements when managing a project.

Assessment Guidance

Evidence may be provided by:

- report*
- professional discussion
- questioning
- product
- witness testimony

Learning outcome

The learner will:

4. be able to evaluate the effectiveness of a project

Assessment criteria

The learner can:

- 4.1 conduct periodic reviews of the progress and effectiveness of a project using information from a range of sources
- 4.2 evaluate the effectiveness of capturing and managing project-related knowledge
- 4.3 report on the effectiveness of plans.

Assessment Guidance

Evidence may be provided by:

- report*
- professional discussion
- questioning
- product
- witness testimony.

Additional Guidance *

Should candidates submit a report it is anticipated this would cover the full unit and therefore be a minimum of 3500 words to a maximum of 6000 words and based on their own organisation.

(The above guidance has been introduced for use from March 2016.)