

Get ready to be a Scrum Master – deepen your Agile Scrum knowledge and skills

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EXIN launches a new certification: EXIN Agile Scrum Master. This certificate proves knowledge and skills that are necessary to take on the role of Scrum Master in a Scrum development environment. It goes further than the Foundation exam, by allowing for practicing and proving skills needed in real-life Scrum projects.

The new Agile Scrum Master certification is meant for all IT specialists that come into contact with the Agile way of thinking and the Scrum way of working. It is interesting for beginning Scrum Masters; Product Owners, that wish to learn more about the Scrum Master role; and other Scrum Team members, that want to understand their own role and that of the Scrum Master better. Project Managers, Software Developers, Business Managers and IT Service Managers also benefit from this certification: it teaches Agile planning and monitoring practices, it helps to understand how to coach a team into self-organization and shows you how to deal with complex projects in a different way.

Attainable and Affordable

Since the EXIN Agile Scrum Master certification does not require work experience or re-certification, the certification is very attainable and affordable, both for organizations that want to certify their employees and for independent professionals that want to prove their readiness for the Scrum Master role. Reducing the certification requirements also results in a reduced price. Because the mandatory training only takes two days, the costs of not-working is relatively low. Moreover, the EXIN Agile Scrum Master does not require a membership fee and has no recurring re-certification costs.

Everyone can enter the training and do the exam: there are no prerequisites. In contrast with other certification schemes, like those from Scrum.org and Scrum Alliance, the EXIN Agile Scrum certificate does not ask for pre-existing work experience. This is especially beneficial for starting Scrum Masters, because it allows them to practice their skills and subsequently prove their competence. On the downside, if employers do ask for work experience this must be proven with a résumé. However, allowing aspiring Scrum Masters to practice before starting their role, gives a higher chance of successful projects the first time around.

Highly Relevant

The EXIN Agile Scrum Master certification was created together with experts working within an Agile environment and trained in Scrum. Together with the exam developers from EXIN, these experts have chosen the most relevant competences from the e-Competence Framework – an international framework of the most common competences for IT professionals. In addition, practical assignments that allow for practicing crucial skills as a Scrum Master were developed.

This process ensures that the certification leads to knowledge and skills that will help aspiring, starting and even working Scrum Masters to grow into their role. Other IT professionals will gain a deeper understanding of the role and Agile methodologies.

Adapting a more Agile way of thinking, working and planning is useful in any project management situation. Within Agile change is expected, so it allows for more flexibility and an easier answer to quickly changing customer demands. Scrum teams are coached to be self-organizing. Certified professionals have a good understanding of how to facilitate self-organizing teams, which usually leads to higher employee satisfaction and higher productivity. A Scrum perspective on managing complex projects can be beneficial for any large project.

In Short

- Prepare for the role of Scrum Master – don't start unprepared and unpracticed; heighten the chance of success on the first try
- Attainable and affordable – no prerequisites and no recurring costs
- Highly relevant – developed with experts working in Agile and Scrum environments
- Practice and prove your knowledge and skills – even if you have no previous work experience

The EXIN Agile Scrum Master exam is available online through EXIN Anywhere. The accompanying training can be booked with any of our accredited global partners.