

## Disciplined Agile Evolution Authorized Training Partner FAQs

### 1. What changes is PMI making to the Disciplined Agile portfolio?

PMI is repositioning DA from a set of agile training and certifications based on specific roles, to a set of learning courses and tools tailored to individual and enterprise needs. The product changes are:

- The DASM certification will transition to **Disciplined Agile Foundations**. It will be available as an eLearning and as an instructor-led course. Course completers will receive a Credly badge and a certificate of completion only.
- The DAVSC and DAC certifications will merge into a single instructor-led learning course named **Disciplined Agile Leadership**. Course completers will receive a Credly badge and a certificate of completion only.
- Elements of the DASSM certification are incorporated into the new PMI-ACP exam as of 8 November 2024.
- The Basics of Disciplined Agile™ online course will be renamed to **Disciplined Agile Essentials**. This will be free for PMI members.
- DA concepts will be notably present in upcoming editions of the PMBOK® Guide & Agile Practice Guide.
- The Disciplined Agile Delivery publication will be evolved to the Digital Disciplined Agile Browser [DA Browser \(pmi.org\)](https://www.pmi.org/da-browser).
- The Choose Your Wow Publication was republished in 2022 and will remain as-is.
- The **Disciplined Agile Leadership** course, launching in Q4 of 2025, is designed for agile and organizational leaders, project managers, and PMOs.

### 2. Why is PMI making this change?

Based on community and customer feedback, we are evolving the DA portfolio to best meet the needs of learners, organizations, and our partners.

These changes will better align and differentiate DA within the broader PMI agile portfolio, clearly positioning it as a learning solution for teams, enterprises, and individuals that need to understand how to combine agile and traditional ways of working for complex environments.

Companies increasingly seek learning solutions that meet immediate upskilling needs and guide practical and effective implementation. The DA evolution shifts the portfolio's primary focus from individual certification to group training, clearly defining its target audience.

Additionally, this distinguishes PMI-ACP as the approach-agnostic, agile-focused gold standard certification program for practitioners.

**3. When will the new Disciplined Agile offerings be available?**

The new DA offerings will be available starting 29 April 2025. DA Leadership will be available in Q4 2025.

**4. When is PMI announcing the changes?**

In late December 2024, we announced the changes to the DA certification pipeline and DA certification holders.

**5. What is the impact to ATPs currently offering DASM courses?**

ATP instructors may take the Train-the-Trainer and eLearning for the new Disciplined Agile Foundations course starting on 2 April 2025, and can purchase instructional materials and teach the courses starting 29 April. Professionals preparing to take the DASM exams can do so until November 30 2025. ATPs are required to stop delivering DASM courses by 31 May 2025 to give their students adequate time to study. After this date, ATPs will no longer be able to order DASM course materials or list DASM courses in the course directory. The eLearning version of the DASM will no longer be available to purchase as of May 2025.

**6. What is the impact to ATPs currently offering DAC and DAVSC courses?**

ATP instructors may take the Train-the-Trainer and eLearning for the Disciplined Agile Leadership course when it becomes available in Q3/Q4 and can begin purchasing instructional materials and teaching the courses in Q4 2025. Professionals preparing to take the DAVSC or DAC exams can do so until 30 November 2025. ATPs are required to stop delivering DAC and DAVSC courses by 31 May 2025 to give their students adequate time to study. After this date, ATPs will no longer be able to order DAC and DAVSC course materials or list DAC and DAVSC courses in the course directory.

**7. What is the impact to ATPs currently offering DASSM courses?**

Elements of the DASSM certification are incorporated into the new PMI-ACP exam as of 8 November 2024. PMI-ACP instructor-led training is now available for Authorized Training Partners to teach. Professionals preparing to take the DASSM exam can do so until 30 November 2025. Partners are required to stop delivering DASSM courses by 31 May 2025 to give their students adequate time to study. After this date, ATPs will no longer be able to order DASSM course materials or list DASSM courses in the course directory. On 30 November 2025, the DASSM certification will transition to renewals only.

**8. What is the pricing for instructor-led training materials for the new DA Foundations and DA Leadership courses?**

Please reach out to your account manager or [ATPSupport@pmi.org](mailto:ATPSupport@pmi.org) for details on pricing.

**9. Can I resell the DA Foundations eLearning?**

Yes! The DA Foundations eLearning course will be available through the ATP reseller program. DA Leadership is not available for resale as it is only available as an instructor-led course.

**10. What is the process to qualify to teach the instructor-led Disciplined Agile Courses?**

In order to teach:

- DA Foundations: You must be a PMI-ACP, DAVSC or DAC cert holder.
- DA Leadership: You must be a PMI-ACP, DAVSC or DAC cert holder.
- For both courses, instructors must complete the appropriate Train the Trainer.
- For both courses, instructors must complete the appropriate eLearning course.

Current and eligible DA instructors may pre-register to take the DA Foundations or DA Leadership Train the Trainer course for free until 2 April 2025. Please reach out to [ATPTrainer@pmi.org](mailto:ATPTrainer@pmi.org) and include instructor name and PMI ID to pre-register.

Missed the pre-registration deadline for DA Foundations? Here are the steps required for instructors to qualify for the Train the Trainer on and after 2 April:

- o Instructor must hold either a PMI-ACP, DAC, and/or DAVSC.
- o Instructor must take the DA Foundations course as a learner. The eLearning is available for purchase on [pmi.org](http://pmi.org).
- o Once the instructor meets qualifications above, the ATP can email [atptrainer@pmi.org](mailto:atptrainer@pmi.org) to submit instructor name and PMI ID for our qualification review.

**11. How do instructors who do not hold these certifications or who currently teach DA qualify?**

Any ATP instructor who wants to join the program who does not have a current DA certification can join the program if they have at least 2 years of agile experience and hold the new PMI-ACP certification, released on 8 November 2024. Please reach out to [ATPTrainer@pmi.org](mailto:ATPTrainer@pmi.org) and include instructor name and PMI ID to confirm eligibility and register for the appropriate Train the Trainer.

**12. How can Authorized Training Partners access the instructor-led course?**

You can order, access, and administrate student and instructor materials through the PMI Partner Platform. This is the same process for all ATP instructor-led courses.

**13. How should Authorized Training Partners differentiate the Disciplined Agile, PMI-ACP, and PMP courses to learners?**

The DA, PMI-ACP, and PMP are differentiated in the following ways:

- **PMP:** Broad, high-level certification for project management that spans agile, predictive, and hybrid methodologies. Ideal for professionals managing projects in large enterprises and PMOs, where a broad understanding of different methodologies is crucial.
- **PMI-ACP:** Framework-agnostic certification that dives into agile practices and methodologies to provide a strong foundation for managing agile projects. Ideal for agile practitioners such as Scrum Masters, Product Owners, and DevOps professionals.
- **DA:** Online learning courses and tools and team-based trainings portfolio which offers guidance for blending agile and predictive models to create hybrid practices best tailored to specific project contexts. Ideal for complex environments where agile practices integrate with traditional project management or for organizations focused on scaling agile and hybrid practices from team-level to enterprise solutions.

#### 14. Why should I teach the new DA Courses? What's the opportunity for me as an ATP?

- **Expansion of Consulting Capabilities:** ATPs currently offering consulting services can leverage the DA training courses to extend impact through team and enterprise agility training. This can make ATP consulting more holistic, aligning with industry trends that emphasize adaptable, agile organizations.
- **Adoption Enablement and Actionable Learning:** For ATPs who aren't in consulting, delivering DA (Disciplined Agile) workshops opens the opportunity for a new market by providing actionable learning paths that drive adoption within organizations. Companies increasingly seek learning solutions that not only upskill their teams but also guide practical implementation, making this a valuable offering.
- **Increased Demand for Core Certification Training:** Workshops can also foster a pipeline for certification training (e.g., CAPM, ACP, PMP). As organizations adopt agile and scaled frameworks, they often need certified team members to ensure effective project execution. ATPs offering DA courses are positioned as a trusted partner, making clients more likely to engage for ongoing, certification-aligned training needs.

This combination of Disciplined Agile training courses can both expand consulting capabilities and strengthen market position as a comprehensive provider of learning solutions, bridging immediate skill needs with long-term certification goals.

## Disciplined Agile Foundations-Specific Questions

#### 15. Who is the target audience for the Disciplined Agile Foundations course?

This course is for project managers, team leaders, and consultants and equips them with proven strategies to optimize team workflows across diverse operational environments. DA Foundations

focuses on teams or groups of teams, emphasizing agility within the smaller, functional units of the organization. It improves the ability of individual teams to respond to immediate challenges, collaborate effectively, and implement changes rapidly to meet project objectives.

**16. How can practitioners purchase the Disciplined Agile Foundations course?**

The Disciplined Agile Foundations course will be available either as an online learning on PMI.org or as an instructor-led course through a qualified Authorized Training Partner (ATP).

**17. What is the impact on existing DASM certification holders?**

Current DASM certification holders will be able to maintain their certification by earning 7 PDUs and paying annual renewal fees if they choose to maintain their certification.

**18. What is the impact to DASM certification candidates?**

The eLearning and instructor-led versions of the DASM course will be available until May 2025. Professionals preparing to take the DASM exam can do so until 30 November 2025. PMI will no longer offer DASM exams after 30 November 2025.

## Disciplined Agile Leadership-Specific Questions

**19. Who is the target audience for the Disciplined Agile Leadership course?**

This course is for agile and organizational leaders, project managers, and PMOs and prepares them to streamline value streams and advance enterprise agility for sustainable value delivery. The DA Leadership course focuses on the agility within *Departments, Products, or Organizational Units* tasked with delivering value to customers. It highlights the ability to swiftly adapt product development and operational processes in response to evolving customer demands and market trends, ensuring value delivery is both efficient and effective.

**20. How can practitioners purchase the Disciplined Agile Leadership course?**

The Disciplined Agile Leadership course will only be available as an instructor-led course through a qualified Authorized Training Partner (ATP).

**21. What is the impact to existing DAC and DAVSC certification holders?**

Current DAC and DAVSC certification holders will be able to maintain their certification indefinitely by meeting the eligibility requirements.

**22. What is the impact to DAC and DAVSC certification candidates?**

The DAVSC and DAC courses will be available until May 2025. Professionals preparing to take the DAVSC or DAC exams can do so until November 2025. PMI will no longer offer DAVSC or DAC exams after November 2025.

**23. What will happen to the DAC and DAVSC Community of Practice?**

We will archive this Community of Practice on 31 December 2024.

**DASSM-Specific Questions****24. What is the impact on existing DASSM certification holders?**

To maintain their DASSM certification, professionals can earn 7 PDUs a year and pay the annual renewal fees.

**25. What is the impact to DASSM candidates?**

The eLearning and instructor-led versions of the DASSM course will be available until May 2025. Professionals preparing to take the DASSM exam can do so until November 2025.