

LCS Level 2 Certification

Via the Approved Prior Learning & Experience Route

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What is LCS Level 2 Certification?

LCS Level 2 Certification by the Approved Prior Learning & Experience (APLE) route is designed for lean practitioners with significant continuous improvement experience and knowledge for whom undertaking a taught Level 2 training programme would not be appropriate. It is obtained directly via the LCS.

Applicants for Level 2 APLE Certification will have developed their Level 2 capability through experience in lean related roles in employment and gained Level 2 related lean knowledge through practice and formal training. The candidate provides evidence of this as part of the application process.

There are two qualification levels within LCS level 2: 2a and 2b. The length and depth of practical experience is the main differentiator between the two levels.



Benefits

- ✓ Independent endorsement of your lean leadership capabilities.
- ✓ Strengthening of your credibility as a senior lean thinker practitioner.
- ✓ Improved confidence and self-assurance as a lean specialist.
- ✓ Being part of a global community of LCS-certified, with excellent networking and research opportunities.

Requirements & Candidate Profile

The information below provides an indication of the typical characteristics of an individual with LCS Level 2 capability.

Aspect	Notes	2a	2b
Approximate minimum time undertaking lean roles in employment	This can include consultancy roles.	5 years	7 years
Number of different lean/CI related roles	This can include redefined roles as well as new jobs in the same or different organisations	2+	4+
Number of different organisations in which roles undertaken	'Different organisation' encompasses different divisions/ groups, within large organisations, as well as separate organisations.	2+	3+
Functional areas worked in	Production, operations, service delivery, planning, CI, business/operational excellence, teaching/education.		
Involvement in transformation projects	A transformation project is one that has strategic impact and makes major changes in how business is conducted.	Contributing 2+	Contributing 4+
Scope of responsibility	Scope can be determined by the size of the organisation and will differ for consulting roles. Responsibility could be product delivery based or programme/ project based, encompassing departments, cross-functional teams and/or value streams.		
General qualifications, lean/ CI knowledge	Level 2 managers will often be educated to degree level, or have vocational, postgraduate or professional qualifications. Note that significant experience can compensate for a lack of formal qualifications.		

Application Process

You can apply online through the LCS website. Once received, your application is acknowledged and you will normally be contacted within two weeks with a decision. As well as a link to the application form, the Level 2 APLE web page contains guides and useful templates.

- An online application form is submitted, along with relevant training or academic certificates and two implementation case studies. A statement is included in the application, explaining how the **applicant's background** meets the LCS Level 2 profile. A reference is provided to support the application.
- The application is then assessed with the following outcomes:
 - a).** Application fully accepted; proceed to certification.
 - b).** Application accepted but requires additional evidence of formal knowledge testing; proceed to test.
 - c).** Revisions required to application; make amendments and resubmit.
 - d).** Application rejected due to insufficient experience or evidence of knowledge
- The applicant is informed on the outcome. If it is **a)** or **b)**, the applicant is invoiced.
- Following invoice payment, the LCS Certificate is sent.

Fees

- Level 2 LCS APLE certification without a knowledge test: **£500 (plus VAT) / €600**
- Level 2 LCS APLE certification including a knowledge test: **£560 (plus VAT) / €672**

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