

Introduction

Committing to gaining a certification in your area of expertise demonstrates your dedication to expanding your knowledge base and honing your skills. While it can help to fast track your career, it can also be beneficial to your workplace, as you can transfer the knowledge you've picked up along the way.

We have some statistics from the UK Government's Advisory Service for you to think about. When companies implement lean principles, on average they achieve:

- 26% reduction in errors and mistakes
- 25% improvement in productivity
- 33% improvement in space
- 26% increase in delivery targets met

Those with a certification in Lean Six Sigma receive **10.5% higher salaries** than their peers. They become **indispensable** to their companies and are placed in **upper management roles**. So, let's deep dive into the pros of going for a certification in lean manufacturing.

Why does a Lean Six Sigma certification make you more employable?

What is Lean Six Sigma?

Lean Six Sigma is a powerful management tool that centers on continuous improvement. It consists of Lean (which focuses on gaining speed and efficiency and taking waste out of a process) and Six Sigma (which focuses on effectiveness and the removal of errors). There are several levels of Lean Six Sigma which are called belts. Just like in martial arts, they range from Yellow Belt all the way up to Black Belt.

Lean Six Sigma was developed at major companies like Motorola and Toyota and has since developed into a global method used widely in industrial, manufacturing and public service sectors. Huge improvements to business performance and processes have been attributed to Lean Six Sigma over the decades.

Whilst particularly popular in certain industries, Lean Six Sigma is universally applicable; it has the potential to benefit businesses across all industries and services.

Advantages to your workplace

Lean Six Sigma is in such high demand and every employer wants to hire staff that will make a positive difference to the business. Make yourself indispensable by offering skills that will help your workplace to reduce waste or errors, and significantly enhance efficiency.

So, exactly what skill sets are developed in lean six sigma training?

- The knowledge to transform an organisation by identifying areas that need improvement
- Ways to eliminate wasted time and money - to reduce spending, customer complaints, schedule delays and more
- The ability to measure, analyse and improve processes
- The ability to conduct a thorough review of workplace processes
- Understanding of quality improvement methods

Career benefits

Understanding Lean Six Sigma is something that you can translate across a multitude of industries. From lean manufacturing, electronics, IT, financial services and more, possessing a certification places you at a clear advantage during the job application process.

Lean Six Sigma exams are not always easy to pass, which gives certificate holders a certain respect for their comprehensive knowledge in the area. You'll be able to position yourself as a leader in your industry and will find it easier to climb the ranks within your business, or apply for jobs at a higher level in an external company.

A Lean Six Sigma Certification proves you are adaptable and prepared to develop professionally.

The financial rewards are also well worth the training course. Lean Six Sigma certified professionals are amongst the highest paid around the globe, usually receiving between \$110,000 - \$260,000 AUD per year, depending on experience and qualification belt level.

About Lean Six Sigma Academy

Lean Six Sigma Academy (LSSA) is the Scheme Owner for a Lean Six Sigma training and certification developed in partnership with global examination institute APMG International. LSSA designs the training and certification standards for Lean Six Sigma and have developed a series of training materials for each belt level of Lean Six Sigma, including body of knowledge, books, presentations, syllabi and exams.

LSSA is an open, professional and quality-driven community with a network of Accredited Training Organizations (ATOs) and exam institutions. LSSA believes Lean Six Sigma certification can provide candidates a much greater opportunity than their peers.

LSSA would love to tell you more about ways you can get certified as a Lean or Lean Six Sigma Belt, please feel free to reach out.

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