# Training

**TELECOM PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT** TELECOM PRODUCT LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT





# TELECOM PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COURSE

#### **Course Benefits**

- ✓ Faster new products time-to-market
- ✓ Increased business units alignment
- ✓ Greater staff teams productivity
- ✓ Improved executive decision making
- ✓ Increased customer satisfaction
- ✓ Higher ROC invested in product development

#### **Course Overview**

Course is structured as an all-encompassing, step-by-step product development guide and is specifically adapted for telecommunications and ICT businesses. Our approach is based on widely adapted product development methodology and is structured around six development phases, summarised below:

PHASE 1

Market Research and Concept Development PHASE 2 Business Case PHASE 3 Product Requirements and Project Management **PHASE 4** Product Design and Definition PHASE 5 Product Launch and Lifecycle

#### Modules Breakdown (Example 3 Day Course)

Module	Short Description	Hours
DAY 1		
Strategy & planning Define your market	Define your strategic objectives, understand your own value position Market size, market demand and market share	1 1
Strategic market assessment	Market attractiveness and competitive advantage	1
Development options	Create or outsource, partner selection criteria, operational models	1
Value creation & product feature selection	Customer needs and key product features identification using Kano Method	1.5
Market segmentation	Needs based market segmentation	1
Competitor analysis	Industry analysis, competitor analysis, competitive advantage	1.5
DAY 2		
Concept development & ideas screening	Idea and concept development, project screening and prioritisation	1
Feasibility study	Feasibility study	0.5
High level project planning	Project resources, project management	1
Business case	Business case structure	1
Financial analysis	Detailed project financial analysis, cost factors, revenue factors	1
Product pricing	Value based product pricing	1
Cost modelling & forecasting	Cost model development and product forecasting	1
Product & business requirements documentation	Business and product requirements documents structure and sample PRD	1
Detailed project management plan	Project integration / scope / time management, cost, communications, risk, procurement, quality	0.5
DAY 3		
Product solution definition & design	Detailed product design including product description, marketing plan, product features, commercials, service levels	1
Business process design	Quoting and ordering process, implementation, support, billing	1
Technical solution architecture	Functional model, data model, vendor evaluation, bench testing, ensuring design quality	1
OSS/BSS	Architecture considerations	0.5
Design tools & tips	PoC, ITIL, solution architecture templates	0.5
Finalising product build	Product sales and marketing guides, price sheets, collateral, proposals, application forms	1
Technical solution build	Finals processes, technical guide, OSS/BSS	0.5
PRT / ORT	Product readiness testing (technical, commercial and operational)	0.5
Product launch	Launch activities, presentations	0.5
Product lifecycle	Performance management and reporting	0.5
Other tools & tips	Leadership and staff choice, portfolio planning, marketing planning and budget	0.5



# 2 TELECOM PRODUCT LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT COURSE

#### **Course Overview**

The purpose of this course is to provide education and guidance to telecom product managers and other business stakeholders, with the ongoing lifecycle management of services and products. Course is structured as an allencompassing, step-by-step instruction guide and is specifically adapted for telecommunications and ICT businesses.

It can be used by growing as well as mature businesses as a product lifecycle management framework reference or to practically improve the current product management methodologies.

#### **Course Length**

This is a detailed product lifecycle management training course suitable for both novice and experienced product managers.

Length of the course is customisable from 1 to 2 days of full-day learning with specific focus on practical examples and team exercises. Course can be broken up over several separate weeks to suit the customer's development project timeline. Total classroom contact hours can range from 8 to 16 hours depending on requirements.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Strong grasp of English language
- Some experience in product management, marketing or related disciplines

#### **Reference Material**

All the materials will be provided as part of the course notes.

#### **Equipment and Other Requirements**

Participants are to bring along a laptop computer. While not mandatory it is desirable that the following software is available and installed:

- · Microsoft Excel or equivalent
- Microsoft PowerPoint or equivalent
- Microsoft Word or equivalent
- Microsoft Project and Microsoft Visio

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#### Modules Breakdown (Example 2 Day Course)

Module	Short Description	Hours
DAY 1		
Product strategy, innovation, product maturity & exit Competitive & market reviews Portfolio management & planning Customer management	Development of product strategy, key factors in innovation, competition activity and customer preferences Ongoing market reviews in relation to existing product portfolios, trends analysis, impact of competitive activity Product portfolio positioning, market and segment analysis, competition position, portfolio planing Management of customer opportunities, customer satisfaction	2 2 2 1
DAY 2		
Product cost management	Product cost components, COGS, direct costs, indirect costs, cost model development, practical examples and review	2
Product price management	Market based pricing concept, components in pricing, competitive pricing review, internal costs inputs, value proposition and strength	2
Product performance management	Ongoing product performance metrics, EBIT, ROI, profitability, customer satisfaction measures, Service Levels (SLA) design methodology and impact on customer satisfaction	2
Other tools & tips	Leadership and staff choice, KPI development, portfolio planning, marketing planning and budget	1

#### **Key Learning Objectives**

Following are the key telecom product lifecycle management course learning objectives:

Module	Key Learning Objectives
Product innovation / product exit	Understand factors in innovation, competition activity and impact of customer preferences innovation
<ul> <li>Competitive and market reviews</li> </ul>	Learn how to conduct ongoing market reviews, trends analysis, impact of competitive activity
<ul> <li>Portfolio management &amp; planning</li> </ul>	Understand product portfolio positioning, segment analysis, competition position, portfolio planing
Customer management	Learn about management of customer opportunities and on-going customer satisfaction metrics
Product cost management	Understanding of product cost components, COGG, direct costs, indirect costs, cost model development
Product price management	Learn about market based pricing, how to conduct a competitive pricing review and determine market price
Product performance management	Learn about and ongoing product performance metrics and how to implement and monitor them
Customer management	Learn about management of customer opportunities and on-going customer satisfaction metrics
✓ Forecasting (revenue SIOs)	Learn about forecasting methodologies and how to avoid common forecasting mistakes

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