Cost Estimation Techniques Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Project Management	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand fundamental cost estimation principles and techniques.
2. Apply bottom-up and top-down estimating methods effectively.
3. Utilize parametric and analogous estimation approaches in projects.
4. Conduct risk analysis and incorporate contingency planning.
5. Develop accurate project budgets and cost baselines.
6. Implement cost estimation software and digital tools.
7. Analyze historical data to improve estimation accuracy.
8. Understand labor, material, and overhead cost calculations.
9. Integrate cost estimation into overall project management processes.
10. Evaluate cost variances and implement corrective measures.
11. Enhance stakeholder communication through accurate cost reporting.
12. Apply trending estimation practices for complex projects.
13. Learn from real-world case studies to strengthen practical knowledge.

Organizational Benefits

- Minimized project overruns and financial losses.
- Enhanced project planning and budgeting accuracy.
- Improved resource allocation and efficiency.
- Strengthened decision-making for project managers.
- Increased stakeholder confidence and satisfaction.
- Reduced financial risks through predictive estimation.
- Optimized use of cost estimation software tools.
- Improved alignment of project costs with organizational strategy.

- Enhanced competitiveness and market positioning.
- Empowered teams with standardized estimation practices.

Target Audiences

1. Project Managers
2. Cost Engineers
3. Financial Analysts
4. Quantity Surveyors
5. Construction Managers
6. Procurement Professionals
7. Business Analysts
8. Operations Managers

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Cost Estimation

- Principles of cost estimation
- Importance of accurate forecasting
- Estimation types: preliminary vs. detailed
- Role of estimation in project management
- Tools for effective estimation
- Case Study: Cost estimation for a small-scale construction project

Module 2: Bottom-Up Estimation Techniques

- Step-by-step breakdown of costs
- Resource allocation and labor cost analysis
- Material cost estimation methods
- Incorporating overhead and indirect costs
- Estimation accuracy improvement strategies
- Case Study: Bottom-up estimation for IT infrastructure project

Module 3: Top-Down Estimation Approaches

- Overview of top-down estimation

- Applying historical data in estimates
- Risk factors in top-down techniques
- High-level budget planning
- Advantages and limitations
- Case Study: Top-down estimation for corporate expansion

Module 4: Parametric Estimation Methods

- Using statistical models for cost prediction
- Estimation based on project metrics
- Cost per unit analysis
- Application in large-scale projects
- Trend analysis and forecasting
- Case Study: Parametric estimation for software development

Module 5: Analogous Estimation Techniques

- Comparison with similar past projects
- Adjustments for project complexity
- Estimation accuracy assessment
- Time and resource efficiency
- Decision-making support
- Case Study: Analogous estimation in manufacturing setup

Module 6: Three-Point Estimating

- Optimistic, pessimistic, and most likely scenarios
- Calculating expected costs
- Risk-adjusted estimates
- Monte Carlo simulations
- Improving reliability of projections
- Case Study: Three-point estimating for infrastructure project

Module 7: Cost Risk Analysis and Contingency Planning

- Identifying cost risks
- Quantitative and qualitative risk assessment

- Developing contingency plans
- Budget buffers and allowances
- Integrating risk in overall cost planning
- Case Study: Risk management in pharmaceutical project

Module 8: Software Tools for Cost Estimation

- Overview of industry-standard tools
- Automating calculations
- Integration with project management software
- Reporting and visualization
- Enhancing accuracy with digital tools
- Case Study: Software-based cost estimation for construction project

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and discussions
- Hands-on practical exercises and workshops
- Real-world case studies for contextual learning
- Group activities and collaborative problem-solving
- Role-playing simulations for project scenarios
- Continuous assessment and feedback sessions

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
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