## Process improvement

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When we engage in true process improvement, we seek to learn what causes things to happen in a process and to use this knowledge to remove activities that contribute no value to the service produced. A standardised process improvement methodology allows us to look at how we perform work. When all of the team members are involved in process improvement, they can collectively focus on eliminating waste of money, people, materials, time and opportunities. The ideal outcome is that jobs can be done cheaper, quicker, easier and safer.

## **Key learning outcomes**

Your Process Improvement program will give participants the skills to:

- Identify and correctly label the problem.
- Question how your organisation performs tasks.
- Understand what constitutes performance excellence.
- Learn to identify opportunities to reduce unnecessary steps.
- Create approaches to conducting work.
- Reduce time taken to perform tasks.
- Work with others to evaluate work practices.
- Share information on how to shorten work practices.
- Identify characteristics of profitable and successful organisations.
- Determine 'best practice' that can be incorporated into daily operations.
- Develop a culture that nurtures continuous improvement.



## Would you like to attend this program?

• For maximum effectiveness, this program is best conducted as an in-house program.

■ **Ideal group size:** 4 - 12 participants.

Venue: For your convenience you can choose to conduct this program

at your business premises. Alternatively, we can provide a training

venue at a small additional cost.

Duration: This program can be adapted to meet your requirements.

Cost: Price on request.

Target Audience Employees, Supervisors, Team Leaders, Senior Managers or CEO's.

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