

# Certified SAFe Agilist – Leading SAFe

## What is this course?

Successful scaling of Agile beyond the single team is one of the most important challenges faced by many organisations. Core scrum provides no guidance on how to do this, and unofficial techniques such as Scrum-of-Scrums go only some way to providing an answer and are not widely understood. The SAFe Scaled Agile Framework™ is an increasingly popular complete approach for large-scale, multi-team Agile projects and programs. It builds upon the use of Scrum and XP by Agile teams with specific Program practices and roles for Agile Architecture, Release Train Planning and management of the Product Vision, Roadmap and Program Backlog. At the overall Portfolio level, SAFe utilises concepts of Lean Thinking and Kanban for the management of Architectural and Business Epics within agreed Investment themes.

This Certified SAFe Agilist – Leading SAFe 5.0 training class gives you the knowledge required to become a Certified SAFe Agilist and to lead an enterprise agile transformation using the Scaled Agile Framework and apply SAFe for teams.

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## What will you learn?

By the end of this course, attendees will be able to:

- Apply lean, agile and product development flow principles to:
- Improve productivity
- Employee engagement
- Time to market, and quality
- Apply the Scaled Agile Framework™ based on:
- Lecture
- Real-world examples
- Insights by Scaled Agile experts.
- Understand the skills necessary for an enterprise transformation based on:
- Information and examples presented
- Additional recommended readings and resources.
- Gain insights into the leadership skill most effective in unlocking the intrinsic motivation of software development knowledge workers, and begin applying them in your context.

## What topics are covered?

You can expect the following topics to be covered during the course:

- Intro to SAFe Introduction to the Scaled Agile Framework™.
- Lean Thinking: An overview of Lean Software Development and Product Development Flow.
- Agile Development Application of Agile development in the enterprise context. Business Benefits.
- SAFe ScrumXP An experiential walkthrough of “SAFe ScrumXP”, focusing on scalable technical, project management and economic prioritisation practices that enable scaling to the program and portfolio level
- Agile Release Train Identification, implementation and execution of Agile Release Trains — long-lived programs whereby teams-of-agile-teams optimise quality and velocity delivery for the enterprises larger value streams
- Agile Portfolio Management Agile transformational patterns for Strategy and Investment Funding, Program Management, and Governance.
- Agile Architecture Principles of Agile Architecture, role of System and Enterprise Architects, and Architecting with Flow.
- Scaling Leadership Scaling Enterprise Lean|Agile leadership.

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## Who is this course suitable for?

The Leading SAFe course is aimed at executives, managers, consultants, coaches and Agile change agents responsible for leading a Lean|Agile change initiative in a large software enterprise.

## What will you receive?

- High quality instruction from our SAFe program consultants
- For classroom based courses on our public schedule, refreshments before and during the course, including lunch
- All course materials
- All applicable Scaled Agile “Certified SAFe Agilist” exam fees
- Scaled Agile “SAFe Agilist 5.0” certification and 1 year’s membership (upon successful completion of the SAFe Agilist exam)
- For PMI Project Management Professionals (PMPs), this course provides 16 Category B Professional Development Units (PDUs)

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## Are there any prerequisites for this course?

No specific preparation is required for this course. However, delegates should have 5+ years of experience in Software Development, Testing, Business Analysis, Product or Project Management, as well as some experience in Scrum. A Certified ScrumMaster or Certified Scrum Product Owner or similar qualification would provide an ideal starting point. This course is NOT suitable for those without prior agile experience.

## What about exams and certifications?

Upon successful completion of the training, delegates will be eligible to take the on-line Scaled Agile Academy SAFe Agilist exam. The exam is a complex multiple choice exam and will require revision. The exam window is just 30 days, immediately post course, and therefore time should be set aside for this – 3-4 hours is recommended as a minimum.

On passing the exam, Certified SAFe Agilists will have the option to appear on the Certified SA directory and have access to the Scaled Agile Academy LinkedIn community. Exam retakes are \$50 and can be taken 30 days or more after the previous exam. Annual renewal requires 10 continuing education/outreach hours and currently costs \$100 payable to the Scaled Agile Academy.

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## How should I prepare for this course?

Delegates wishing to undertake background reading prior to the course should refer to [www.scaledagileframework.com](http://www.scaledagileframework.com)

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