

Do You Want To Be A Certified Black Belt Under ISO18404:2015?

**Six Sigma Green to Black Belt Conversion Course, designed to Meet the
Competency Requirements for Black Belts under ISO18404:2015**

Are you already a Six Sigma Green Belt but want to become a Black Belt?

There are some places available on our unique upgrade course led by **Professor Tony Bendell**.



Professor Bendell has a wealth of international knowledge in the field of Six Sigma, as former Rolls-Royce funded Professor of Quality & Reliability Management at the University of Leicester. This has been added to by Professor Bendell's experience as chair of the BSI Technical Committee MS6, the group that developed the ISO18404:2015 International Standard.

Tony is also the project manager for the sector scheme for ISO18404 accredited certification set up by the Royal Statistical Society in cooperation with the major UKAS accredited certification bodies to allow accredited certification against ISO18404:2015.

So, ***there's nobody better to learn from.***

To find out more information and to book your place on the course, please contact the Services Limited office on +44 01636 815572 or email enquiries@servicesltd.co.uk



Why You Should Want to Be Certified as a Black Belt under ISO18404

The new International ISO Standard for Lean & Six Sigma, ISO18404 was published on 1st December. This is an auditable standard that will potentially have a major impact on all organisations applying the Lean and/or Six Sigma approaches plus all Black Belts, Green Belts, Master Black Belts & Lean practitioners.

All of Services Limited's Six Sigma & Lean programmes have been developed to be **compatible with the requirements for certification of Green Belts, Black Belts and Master Black Belts** in the new auditable Six Sigma and Lean international standard **ISO18404:2015. This is the first truly international recognition standard for Six Sigma and Lean personnel & organisations.** The International Organisation for Standardisation, ISO, based in Geneva is the best known of all standards bodies, due to the widespread use of its standards such as ISO9001 and ISO14001. Now this level of international recognition is available to you also, as a ISO18404 Certified Six Sigma Black Belt.

The new ISO standard presents the opportunity for **internationally recognised certification of both organisations and individuals as competent practitioners of both Six Sigma and/or Lean.** Accredited certification will cover all types of organisations and departments; and certification will also be available for Six Sigma Green, Black and Master Black Belts; as well as equivalent levels of Lean practitioners.

The standard was created on an international basis to stamp out bad practices and misuse of the approaches.

It has been agreed with the participating UKAS accredited certification bodies that individuals applying for certification under the ISO18404 standard as Six Sigma Green, Black or Master Black Belts - or the Lean equivalents - will be assessed by the Royal Statistical Society (RSS).

RSS will run Assessment Centres and will ask the applicant to also provide documentary evidence that they meet the required competencies.

The documentary requirements will not just be to provide copies of certificates, but may involve submission of a portfolio of evidence, project accounts etc, as well as attendance at the assessment centre with interviews and tests.

It is expected that the first Assessment Centres will be run in late 2016 to early 2017. **This Programme has been designed to prepare you for certification as one of the first qualified Black Belts to be certified under ISO18404.**

Course Content

Our course has been purpose built to enable delegates to build the competency requirements for certification as Six Sigma Black Belts under ISO18404. This 10-day course can either be taken together following our 10-day Green Belt programme, to enable delegates to be directly prepared for Black Belt status under ISO18404, or can be taken as a top up course to enable those currently qualified to Green Belt standard to progress to Black Belt under ISO18404.

The course focuses on the additional requirements for Black Belts compared to Green Belts within ISO18404:2015. These are primarily of two types. The first main type of additional requirements is the **additional management of improvement competences** that Black Belts need to have over and above those of Green Belts, for whom the emphasis is mainly on personal application.

Secondly, since Black Belts are required to organize multi-disciplinary teams, train, coach and mentor Green Belts on DMAIC methodology and associated process improvement techniques, and participate in all 'gate' reviews, **their depth of understanding of the statistical and other improvement approaches needs enhancement.**

Accordingly, since this Black Belt Development Programme has been designed to enable delegates to meet the certification requirements as Black Belts under ISO18404, it consists of an initial workshop and assessment centre; candidate's application, skill and portfolio development within their own organisation; tutor assessment and coaching visits and observation; and an end of programme workshop, assessment and development seminar.

Delegates are assessed throughout the programme and candidates who complete satisfactory portfolios and pass the in-programme assessments will be certificated as Black Belts by Professor Bendell and be prepared for independent assessment by the Royal Statistical Society, and if successful certification, as Black Belts under ISO18404:2015.