

# Government launches new Projects Academy

Today, 24 March, Lord Agnew, Minister for Transformation and Efficiency, set out plans to transform the way the government trains and accredits project delivery professionals.

The [Government Projects Academy](#) will sit as a faculty on the Government Learning Campus, promoting a culture of learning and targeted training to nurture and hone the skills of civil servants.

The Academy will provide a single, virtual hub for professional standards, accreditation and training for Project Delivery Professionals working across government. Along with a clear set of roles, competencies and skills, the Academy will provide professionals with a 'licence to practice' and access to a redesigned learning curriculum to support them in their roles and accreditation.

Alongside the Academy, Lord Agnew also announced the new [Government Project Delivery Framework \(GPDF\)](#). The GPDF sets out the core requirements to be met at key stages by major projects, programmes and portfolios in government, incorporating best practice guidance, such as the newly published [Cost Estimating Guidance](#).

Speaking at the Government Project Delivery Conference 2021, Lord Agnew of Oulton said:

To initiate a step change in delivery of major government projects we must ensure that projects are set up for success with the right people and systems in place.

The Government Project Delivery Framework clearly sets out what is required from projects and the new Academy will ensure our project delivery professionals have the skills to realise our ambition to achieve world class project delivery standards.

Fiona Spencer, Director of Function, Profession & Standards at the Infrastructure and Projects Authority, said:

Projects and successful outcomes are delivered by people: so we need to ensure we have the right people, with the right skills and capability, working on government projects.

The IPA is committed to investing in people right across Government in moving closer to our ambition for world-class delivery.

## **Further information**

- The Government Projects Academy will be open to all civil servants and public servants working in government projects.