The transition into top management and leadership roles is a big step to take. There are many new learnings, skills to master and techniques to grasp – as well as understanding the dynamics of the boardroom.

This course informs and equips the engineering manager who is taking the next steps in their career to becoming a director. Equally, it will be useful for existing directors’ Continuing Professional Development (CPD) as a means of staying up to date with the latest compliance issues, risk and opportunities that the post-Brexit marketplace will offer.

The course will help you to:

- Develop director and knowledge skills that are expected of a boardroom director including business planning, financial acumen, performance measurement, how to be innovative, export markets, expert witness skills and how to update and maintain skills as a director.

- Develop boardroom skills to enable working effectively with other directors on issues such as good governance, value creation and strategic plans, organisational capability, risk management, stakeholder management, ethics, culture and corporate responsibility.

Course topics

**Director Skills**
- Role and responsibility of directors
- Business planning
- Finance and accounting
- Performance measurement
- Innovation and entrepreneurial skills
- Export markets
- Expert witness
- Board evaluation and director development

**Boardroom Skills**
- Governance
- Value creation and strategy
- Organisational capability
- Risk management and crisis management
- Managing stakeholders
- Corporate responsibility and ethics
- Culture

Learning outcomes

- Understands the valuable skills and knowledge required to be an effective director.
- Can prepare for the challenges of a post-Brexit marketplace.
- Can recognise the necessary roles and responsibilities of the director and specific director’s skill sets.
- Can identify the roles and responsibilities of the board, and, specific board of director’s skill sets.
- Can describe other sources of formal training and qualifications for directors to pursue.

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Benefits for Organisations

This course is ideal for the development of existing and future directors to achieve consistency in excellence. The course provides:

- A consistent learning framework for a talent pool to be educated and positioned for director positions.
- Guidelines on how directors should operate and behave within an organisation.
- An outline for how the board of directors should operate and behave.
- A balanced approach between risk and reward in a post-Brexit marketplace.
- A route towards formal training and qualifications for directors to continue with.

Who Should Take this Course?

This course is aimed at engineering managers looking to transition from being a manager to a director, and newly appointed directors looking to further their personal development.

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