

## SAFe Agilist: Leading SAFe 5.1

Duration : 2 days

### Course Overview

During this course attendees gain the knowledge necessary to lead a Lean-Agile enterprise by leveraging the Scaled Agile Framework® (SAFe®) and its underlying principles derived from Lean systems thinking Agile development product development flow and DevOps.

Participants in the class gain insights into mastering Business Agility in order to thrive in the competitive market. They discuss how to establish team and technical agility and organise and re-organise around the flow of value. They also learn and practice the skills for supporting and executing PI Planning events and coordinating multiple Agile Release Trains (ARTs). Participants in the class explore the importance of adopting a customer-centric mindset and design thinking approach to agile product delivery. Learners also develop an understanding for implementing a Lean Portfolio Management function in their enterprise. Attending the class prepares individuals to take the exam and become a certified SAFe® Agilist (SA).

### Objectives

By the end of this course, and to perform the role of a SAFe® Agilist, attendees should be able to:

- Lead the transformation to Business Agility with SAFe
- Become a Lean-Agile Leader
- Understand customer needs with Design Thinking
- Enable Agile Product Delivery
- Implement Lean Portfolio Management

### Key Topics

You can expect the following key areas of competencies to be covered during the course:

- Apply SAFe to scale Lean and Agile development in the enterprise
- Apply Lean-Agile Mindset and principles
- Plan and successfully execute Program Increments
- Execute and release value through Agile Release Trains
- Build an Agile portfolio with Lean-Agile budgeting

### Target Audience

The following individuals will benefit from this course:

- Executives and Leaders Managers Directors CEOs CIOs
- Portfolio Managers Program Managers and Project Managers
- Release Train Engineers Solution or Systems Architects
- Scrum Masters Team Leads
- Agile Coaches Change Agents
- Consultants Business Analysts

### Prerequisites

Delegates should ideally have 5+ years of experience in software development testing business analysis product or project management as well as some experience using 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.

### Pre-course work

Background reading prior to the course is essential including review of the [SAFe – Scaled Agile Framework™](#). A full reading list is provided to delegates upon registration. A reminder and additional recommendations will also be provided.



## What's Included

- High quality instruction from a Scaled Agile accredited SPC and Leading SAFe trainer with 15+ years agile experience
- All course materials provided as an online PDF including an attendee workbook exercises and case study
- Exam study guide to support SAFe® Agilist exam preparation including access to a practice test
- Preparation and eligibility to take the SAFe® Agilist exam
- Community membership including face-to-face and virtual networking and knowledge sharing opportunities access to industry experts special offers and invitations to special events
- For Scrum Alliance members this course provides 15 Category C Scrum Education Units (SEUs) which can be counted towards the renewal of Scrum Alliance Certifications such as CSM CSPO CSD. Read here how to renew your Scrum Alliance Certifications.
- For PMI members this course provides 15 Professional Development Units (PDUs) towards their continuing education requirements with the Project Management Institute (PMI) for PMP PgMP and PMI-ACP certifications
- Upon passing the SAFe® Agilist exam post course you will also receive as part of your certification:
  - Certified SAFe® Agilist PDF certificate
  - Certified SAFe® Agilist digital badge to promote your accomplishment online
  - One-year membership to the SAFe Community Platform which includes access to the Scaled Agile Community of Practice
  - Access to Meetup groups and events that connect you with other SAFe certified professionals
  - A variety of learning resources to support you during your SAFe journey
  - Professional Development Units (SEUs / PDUs)
- For Scrum Alliance members this course provides 15 Category C Scrum Education Units (SEUs) which can be counted towards the renewal of Scrum Alliance Certifications such as CSM CSPO CSD. See here for further information.
- For PMI members this course provides 15 Professional Development Units (PDUs) towards their continuing education requirements with the Project Management Institute (PMI) for PMP PgMP and PMI-ACP certifications

## Certification

### Exam Requirements

The first step toward becoming a SAFe certified professional is to attend the Leading SAFe course. This is a requirement because attending the course provides access to all the study materials and the exam. Note that attending the course does not guarantee passing the exam.

### Exam Details

- Exam name – SAFe Agilist Exam
- Exam format – Multiple choice
- Exam delivery – Web-based (single-browser) closed book no outside assistance timed
- Exam access – Candidates can access the exam within the SAFe Community Platform upon completion of the Leading SAFe course
- Exam duration – Once the exam begins candidates have 90 minutes (1.5 hours) to complete the exam
- Number of questions – 45
- Passing score – 35 out of 45 (77% passing score)
- Language – English
- Exam cost – First exam attempt is included as part of the course registration fee if the exam is taken within 30 days of course completion. Each retake attempt costs \$50.
- Retake policy – Second attempt on exam (first retake) can be done immediately after first attempt. Third attempt requires a 10-day wait. Fourth attempt requires a 30-day wait. Contact [support@scaledagile.com](mailto:support@scaledagile.com) for any retake questions.

## Exam Study Materials

The exam is designed to measure knowledge and skill related to the job role. We highly recommend candidates use a variety of resources to prepare for this exam including:

### ➤ Course materials

The course materials are an essential artifact from the course and can be downloaded from the SAFe Community Platform. These materials can be used to refer back to the content that was presented during the class.

### ➤ Study guide

This comprehensive guide details the job role and all resources related to the exam including a detailed reading list. Access is available through the Learning Plan in the SAFe Community Platform upon course completion.

### ➤ Practice test

The practice test is designed to be predictive of success on the certification exam\* and it has the same number of questions level of difficulty and time duration. It is part of the Learning Plan in the SAFe Community Platform and can be taken an unlimited number of times at no cost. \*This is not the actual exam and passing it does not guarantee success on the certification exam.

### ➤ Sample Questions

A web-enabled flashcard style version of the sample questions can be found online and in the study guide.

### ➤ Certification / Membership Renewal

Scaled Agile have recently updated their certification renewal and membership model. This is intended to simplify the annual renewal process and align the associated pricing with the value of the SAFe Community Platform and the re-certification of SAFe professionals.

As Scaled Agile have moved to a membership model for the SAFe Community Platform – individuals are now be able to renew their membership at one of [three tiers](#). If you don't need or want to include renewal of your certifications there is also the option to only renew your membership. This will not renew your certification but will allow you to continue to access the assets tools and resources to help you grow as a SAFe professional (for this option please see *Individual SAFe Membership* below).

The relevant Membership options for this course are included below. Please note that the first year of your certification and membership is included within the cost of this course – therefore the following renewal fees will only apply when renewing your membership:

**Certified SAFe Membership (\$295/year)** – For members who currently hold one or more certifications and who may benefit from a bundled pricing approach. Renews all certifications except SPC and/or SPCT provides access to basic and some advanced content as well as continued access to course learnings and assets.

**Individual SAFe Membership (\$195/year)** – For those who don't seek certification but would still like to benefit from the valuable content on the SAFe Community Platform. No certification renewals included.