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AI for Public Sector Finance

Use AI in public finance. **Protect public value.**

Designed by finance experts. Delivered by AI experts.

Apply AI to the work you already know

- Live, instructor-led training
- Applied to real finance work
- Foundational and Practitioner levels
- From single tasks to a workflow
- Guided practice and expert review

Make the evidence behind decisions easier to see

Connect financial and service information with AI to support clearer analysis, reporting and accountability for public money.

Why this matters now

A change in expenditure only tells part of the story. Public finance professionals must also understand what is happening to services, demand and outcomes, then explain that picture under scrutiny. These courses show you how AI can help bring different evidence together, investigate patterns and develop clearer reporting. You'll strengthen how decisions are supported without losing transparency, stewardship or responsibility for the public record.

Course 1

Foundational

Use AI more effectively in individual tasks

Work you'll recognise: bringing service updates into a budget-monitoring brief; checking AI narratives against dated financial and policy sources.

You'll leave able to

1. **Use AI to support budget monitoring, grant reporting and service analysis**
2. **Check AI-generated narratives and research against dated financial and policy sources**
3. **Challenge unsupported public claims and protect citizen, payroll and supplier information**

Course 2

Practitioner

Use AI to connect multiple tasks into a workflow

Work you'll recognise: preparing grant reports with traceable inputs and accountable review; testing exceptions and auditability.

You'll leave able to

1. **Pick a useful AI step in grant reporting and map its inputs and human decisions**
2. **Build and test a guided prototype on approved sources, including errors and exceptions**
3. **Explain the access, logging, review and escalation a workplace pilot would need**

At a glance

Learn

10 hours over two days
Live online and instructor-led

Apply

Within two weeks
In the workplace
One approved task based on real public finance work
Instructor feedback

Review in group

1 hour group clinic
Live online and instructor-led
Shared peer learnings

Ongoing support

Templates, checklists and case examples available from day one, plus 90 days of support.

Ways to join

Courses run in cohorts of 15 learners.

Have enough people for a full cohort? Train your team together, on your own public finance work and review standards. We can even explore tailoring.

Not quite enough people, or want to test it first? Talk to us about your team's needs.

£7,000
Full closed cohort

Cost is per course. Prices exclude VAT.

What you'll learn

Practical skills to bring AI into your role, whatever your starting point.

Course 1: Foundational

You'll learn to use AI on the task in front of you, and check the answer before you rely on it.

1. Gain confidence with AI in public finance

See where AI helps across budgets, reporting and service analysis, spot unusual spending patterns and prompt for evidence-based outputs.

2. Use AI for everyday public finance work

Cut effort in budget monitoring and grant reporting, check HMT and CIPFA guidance for currency, and write clear narratives for members and boards.

3. Use AI tools with public finance data

Tell ledger, grant, service and outcomes data apart, and frame public value questions as measurable data questions.

4. Use AI responsibly in public finance

Protect citizen, payroll and supplier data, verify outputs before public use, catch AI-enabled invoice fraud and apply public-interest scepticism.

Course 2: Practitioner

You'll learn to design, build and test AI-supported public finance workflows, assistants and agents, with human approval before anything is published or paid.

1. Design AI-enhanced public finance workflows

Judge which tasks suit AI, prioritise by value, feasibility, risk and transparency, and keep human checkpoints on budget and payment decisions.

2. Automate and scale public finance work

Match tasks to assistive, automated or agentic approaches, standardise committee and grant reports, and set acceptance criteria.

3. Deploy AI finance assistants and agents

Ground a Q&A assistant in internal codes and policies, judge when a multi-step agent adds value, and set permissions, limits and kill switches.

Who it's for

Roles

Finance professionals, such as budget analysts, working in public sector organisations, including local authorities and the NHS, regardless of seniority or time in role.

Starting knowledge

Complete an AI skills diagnostic before the course begins to benchmark your current capability.

Foundational requires no previous AI experience. Practitioner is for people who already use and check AI on individual tasks.

Not sure which course?

Course 1: Foundational
"I want to use AI better on the task in front of me."

Course 2: Practitioner
"I already use AI confidently on tasks, and now want it to create AI-driven processes and workflows."

Choose by your AI experience, not your seniority.

Time and support

Learn live for 10 hours

Training, guided labs and feedback take place over two days. Materials available from day one; no advance study is required.

Apply one task

Within two weeks, try a suitable task using an approved tool and permitted information, or use a supplied case. Keep your reviewed work and a question for the instructor.

Return with your questions

Join a one-hour group clinic around day 30. Use the templates, checklists, worked cases and feedback for 90 days.

See your progress

Ongoing capability diagnostics show where your skills and confidence are growing, and where to explore and practise next.

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Not sure where AI fits in your work?

Here's what you could learn to do.

Foundational

Bring service updates into a budget-monitoring brief

- Organise financial and service information with AI
- Keep timing and demand explanations separate
- Keep accountability for public money with you

Practitioner

Prototype AI support for grant-report preparation

- Connect AI evidence organisation to reporting rules and period checks
- Test completeness, exceptions and auditability
- Set the accountable review point

Why learn this with BPP?

Lecture
See an example explained

Lab
Try it in practice

Review
Review your result with an expert

Our accelerated learning framework moves learners between focused instruction, hands-on application and structured reviews. Built on practice, feedback and repetition, it turns knowledge into reliable, in-role performance.

We train professionals at all of the Big Four, so you're learning with a provider the profession already trusts.

We train professionals in 81% of FTSE 100 companies.

Two thirds of accountants in England and Wales have studied with us at some point in their career.

Is AI adoption a whole workforce priority?

From everyday work to building AI tools and leading AI decisions, our training covers every level. Connect pathways across apprenticeships, degrees, certifications and short courses, so your people strategy keeps pace with your AI strategy.

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