

KEYS to consultancy success



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We give some background to the consulting process and provide a reader's guide to the terms we use in the book

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We explore the consulting sequence including:

- Preparing the Portfolio & Service Offering
- Finding and Meeting Clients – the Marketing Process
- Presenting Yourself and Identifying Client Needs
- Designing Solutions and Preparing Proposals
- Presenting Proposals and Negotiating
- Agreeing the Specification
- Delivering the Service and Reporting
- Exiting and Sending the Invoice
- Evaluating, Maintaining Contact and Building Networks

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Keys to Consultancy Success is a guide and source of reference for people with professional background who are working as consultants or who wish to engage in consultancy work. It provides a practical approach to the processes and procedures for consultancy work following a linear sequence starting from how to prepare for a consulting role to securing business and engagement with a client. This is a practical book that contains templates, check lists and basic advice on how to develop a consulting practice.

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