



# WHICH LEAN SIX SIGMA BELT IS BEST FOR ME?



Lean Six Sigma is fast becoming a highly sought-after skill set in most industries due to its proven track record of improving business process capability, helping to develop future leaders and increasing the bottom line.

If you are not familiar with Lean Six Sigma or not sure where to start, this **QUICK GUIDE** will assist you to start your Lean Six Sigma Continuous Improvement (CI) journey.

## Firstly, what is Lean Six Sigma?

**Lean** is a methodology and tool kit to eliminate waste by reducing process time and increasing flow. **Six Sigma** is a methodology and tool kit to improve process capability by reducing process variation. Together **Lean Six Sigma** reduces process waste and variation to create a chain reaction of improvements to staff morale, product and service performance, customer satisfaction and ultimately increasing profits and shareholder returns. This dynamic duo provides a powerful methodology and skill set to be more effective as well as efficient.

## QUICK GUIDE on which Lean Six Sigma Belt is best for me.

Lean Six Sigma professionals exist from top to bottom of an organisation with each playing an important role in the overall implementation of improvements. Lean Six Sigma belts comprise of Yellow, Green, Black and Master Black Belt depending on the responsibility, expertise and experience of the individual. The table below breaks down the Lean Six Sigma Belts into some key roles and responsibilities to provide a simple and **QUICK GUIDE** as to which Belt is most suitable for you. Tick the coloured columns under each Belt that best describes your role and aspirations to give you an indication on the best Belt for you.

### Lean Six Sigma Levels

	Yellow Belt	Green Belt	Black Belt	Master Black Belt
<b>Depth of Knowledge</b>	Introductory level	Practitioner level	Expert Practitioner level	Master Coach level
<b>Involvement in Improvement Projects</b>	Part of an improvement team (<10%)	Leading improvement teams (10-25%)	Leading & supporting improvements (50%-100%)	Coaching & developing CI strategy (100%)
<b>Types of Improvements</b>	Small process improvements	Safety, Quality, Cost, Delivery improvements	High level complex problem-solving using statistics	Long term strategic improvements
<b>Scope of Improvements</b>	Mainly own process and team	Department & functional level	Cross-functional & end to end view	Business growth, performance & CI culture
<b>Improvement Savings</b>	\$1K - \$10K+	\$10K - \$50K+	\$50K - \$500K+	\$500K - \$1 Million+
<b>Your Position</b>	Staff, Team Leader, Supervisor	Functional Manager, Subject Matter Expert	CI & Transformational Managers	CI & Transformational strategists
<b>Your Knowledge</b>	Own process	Process, functional & project management	Leadership & compulsory Green Belt Certified or equivalent	Strategic leadership with a compulsory Black Belt Certified
<b>Your Time Commitment</b>	*1 Day of training	*3 Days of training + pre-learning + project implementation	*11 Days of training + pre-learning + project implementation	*Black Belt Certified + pre-learning + 2yrs as Black Belt + min 3 projects
	<b>Total ticks</b>	<b>Total ticks</b>	<b>Total ticks</b>	<b>Total ticks</b>

\* Above Programs offered by Vative blends both Lean and Six Sigma methodologies in the training. A suite of specific Lean tools are also available in our Lean Champions, Practitioner, Expert and Master Programs.

**If you need further assistance to make a decision on which Lean Six Sigma Belt is right for you, please call 1300 Vative (82 84 83) or find more information at [www.vative.com.au](http://www.vative.com.au)**