



Frequently Asked Questions



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What is PRINCE2®?

PRINCE2®, **Projects In Controlled Environments**, is a widely used project management method, which navigates you through all the essentials for running a successful project. Since its introduction in 1989 as a government standard for IT project management, PRINCE2® has been taken on by both the public and private sectors and is now recognised as a de facto standard for project management.

PRINCE2® is a flexible method and although originally designed for the management of IT projects, is now aimed at all other types of project. PRINCE2® takes all the simple and obvious lessons learned by thousands of professionals in the past 20-odd years and presents them in a checklist for present clients, managers and their teams. OGC (Office of Government Commerce) own the methodology.

The APM Group (APMG) is the Certification Body and is responsible for the running of examinations and accreditation of training organisations (ATOs), trainers, consulting organisations (ACOs) and consultants. APMG have received UKAS accreditation in accordance with EN45011 and ISO17024 for our certification activities of Practitioners, ATOs, Trainers, ACOs and Consultants.

As PRINCE2® is a very successful project management qualification, a large number of people and organisations have used and implemented PRINCE2®. A number of case studies have been commissioned as examples of how successful PRINCE2® has become within their organisations.

Why use PRINCE2®?

PRINCE2® takes all the lessons learned by many professionals in the past 20 years and presents them in a checklist for present clients, managers and their teams.



Who has implemented PRINCE2®?

As PRINCE2® is a very successful project management qualification, a large number of people and organisations have used and implemented PRINCE2®. Since its introduction in 1989, PRINCE2® has become the de facto standard for project management in both the public and private sectors.

Thousands of UK professionals have successfully used PRINCE2® to create a standard and structured approach to their project management, running projects which are well-organised, well-planned and results-driven.

It is estimated that there are more than 300,000 certified practitioners and exams are undertaken in 57 countries.

Is PRINCE2® easy to tailor?

PRINCE2® is an easily-tailored solution, which can be used in any environment and divides projects into manageable stages. It ensures the efficient control and use of resources and regular process monitoring.

What are the key elements of a PRINCE2® project?

When used effectively, PRINCE2® training ensures that successful projects have:

- A planned, organised and controlled start, middle and end
- Regular reviews of progress against the plan and the business case
- Flexible decision points
- Automatic management control of deviations from the plan
- Stakeholder and management involvement at the right time and place
- Excellent communication channels between the project, project management and the rest of the organisation

What is the structure of the PRINCE2® Examinations?

The PRINCE2® Foundation examination is a one hour long, multiple choice paper of 75 questions. An overall score of 35 out of a possible 75 i.e. 50% is required to pass.

Once the Foundation examination has been taken and passed, a candidate may then take the PRINCE2® Practitioner examination to become a Registered PRINCE2® Practitioner.

The PRINCE2® Practitioner exam is a two and a half hour, objective testing examination. There are 9 questions, with a scenario background and appendices, each of the 9 questions is worth 12 marks an overall score of 59 out of a possible 108 i.e. 55% is required to pass. This examination is open-book allowing only for the PRINCE2® Manual to be taken into the examination.

PRINCE2® Registered Practitioners must take the Re-registration examination every 3-5 years to maintain their registered status as a PRINCE2® Practitioner.



Results turnaround time for the PRINCE2® Examinations?

Result turn-around time for the exams is roughly + or – 10 working days from the date of receipt by APMG-Australasia, with the Objective Testing Format, i.e. the Practitioner Exam. Results for the Foundation Exam are provided directly after course, on the day, by the trainer. APMG reserves the right to amend the result provided to the delegate by the trainer.

Your ATO or ATO Affiliate will notify you of your results, so please contact them for further details regarding this. Certificate turn-around is usually two weeks after you have been notified of your result.

When will I receive my PRINCE2® Certificate?

A Foundation Certificate will be dispatched to you approximately 2 weeks after APMG-Australasia have received your exam paper back from your ATO, into our offices. The Practitioner Certificate will be dispatched 2 weeks after the Practitioner results have been released by APMG to the ATO.

Please note that if you have taken your examinations via an ATO; the certificates will be dispatched to the ATO. Therefore if you have not received your certificate in the above time frames, please contact the ATO or ATO Affiliate directly who can contact the APM Group on your behalf for a replacement.

Please note there may be a cost levied for replacement certificates.

Pass marks for the PRINCE2® 2009 examinations?

- *Foundation Examination:* You will need to score 35 /70 (50%) to pass the Foundation exam.
- *Practitioner Examination:* You will need to score 59 / 108 (55%) to pass the Practitioner exam.