

PRINCE2 Portfolio Management Foundation

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PRINCE2 Portfolio Management Foundation is the entry-level course in strategic portfolio management, providing participants with a comprehensive overview of the principles, cycles, and governance structures of the MoP framework. The course explains how organisations select, prioritise, and balance investments in projects and programmes to maximise strategic value and make effective use of available resources. It is designed for portfolio managers, SROs, business change managers, and all professionals involved in strategic investment decision-making. Successful completion is a prerequisite for the Practitioner course and paves the way to the PRINCE2 Portfolio Manager designation.

Target Audience

- Portfolio managers and senior leaders responsible for the strategic management of investments in projects and programmes within the organisation.
- Programme and project managers who want to understand the broader context of portfolio management and the principles of prioritisation and strategic alignment.
- Business change managers, benefits managers, and members of governing bodies involved in the selection and approval of investment initiatives.
- Senior Responsible Owners (SROs) and Directors of Change who need a structured approach to managing a portfolio of change initiatives.
- Anyone who wants to become familiar with the internationally recognised framework for strategic portfolio management before progressing to the Practitioner level.

What You Will Learn

- Portfolio Management Fundamentals: Understand the key concepts, principles, and structure of the PRINCE2 Portfolio Management framework and its role in ensuring the strategic alignment of the organisation's investments.
- Strategic Alignment and Prioritisation: Learn how to align a portfolio of projects and programmes with the organisation's strategic objectives and how to effectively prioritise initiatives based on value, available resources, and risk.
- Benefits Management: Understand how to define, measure, and track the benefits derived from projects and programmes within the portfolio to ensure value is delivered to the organisation.
- Portfolio Governance: Learn the core principles of portfolio governance, including the structure of decision-making bodies, transparency, and ensuring compliance with organisational standards.
- Portfolio Risk Management: Understand how to identify, assess, and manage risks at portfolio level and how to establish effective mitigation strategies.
- Resource and Financial Management: Learn the fundamental principles of allocating and optimising resources - human, financial, and technological - across the entire portfolio.

Course Content

- Introduction to Portfolio Management: What a portfolio is, how it differs from a project and a programme, and why a structured approach is critical for the strategic management of change within an organisation.
- MoP Principles: The core principles of the framework - senior management commitment, governance alignment, strategy alignment, portfolio office, and energised change culture.
- Portfolio Definition Cycle: Understanding, categorising, prioritising, balancing, and planning the portfolio in alignment with strategic objectives.
- Portfolio Delivery Cycle: Management control, benefits management, financial management, stakeholder engagement, risk management, and resource management.
- Portfolio Office: The role and function of the portfolio office as a support hub for reporting, coordination, and quality assurance across the portfolio.

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- Implementing Portfolio Management: Key success factors for adopting MoP within an organisation and how to overcome typical barriers to implementation.

Practical Information

- Course duration: 2 days.
- Prerequisites: No formal prerequisites are required for the Foundation level.
- Exam: Closed-book, online via PeopleCert, 40 minutes, 50 multiple-choice questions, passing score 50%.
- Language of instruction: English. Official study materials are in English.
- Certificate: PeopleCert PRINCE2 Portfolio Management Foundation (MoP Foundation), internationally recognised, renewal every 3 years (60 CPD points).
- Accreditation: Course covered by an Accredited Training Organisation (ATO) Agilist s.r.o. certified by PeopleCert.

Further Certifications

- The natural next step is PRINCE2 Portfolio Management Practitioner, which deepens knowledge and focuses on the practical application of the MoP framework in a real organisational context.
- Successfully passing both the Foundation and Practitioner exams leads to the PRINCE2 Portfolio Manager designation.
- The PRINCE2 Portfolio Manager designation is part of the broader PRINCE2 qualification scheme, which culminates in the PRINCE2 Master designation.

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