

PRINCE2 Programme Management Foundation

Course code: PRINCE2PGMF

PRINCE2 Programme Management Foundation is the entry-level course in programme management, providing participants with a comprehensive overview of the principles, governance structures, and programme lifecycle as defined by the internationally recognised framework. The course explains how organisations manage groups of interrelated projects to achieve strategic objectives and deliver measurable business benefits. It is designed for project and programme managers, business change managers, and all professionals involved in the delivery of strategic transformation initiatives. Successful completion is a prerequisite for the Practitioner course and paves the way to the PRINCE2 Programme Manager designation.

Target Audience

- Project and programme managers who want to understand the principles and framework of programme management and gain an internationally recognised certification in this field.
- Senior project managers and business change managers preparing to take responsibility for managing groups of interrelated projects.
- Managers and senior leaders responsible for delivering strategic change and transformation initiatives within their organisation.
- Professionals pursuing a career in programme management who need a solid theoretical foundation before sitting the Practitioner-level exam.
- Graduates of project management courses (PRINCE2, PMP, etc.) who want to extend their competencies to the programme management level.

What You Will Learn

- Programme Management Principles: Understand the core principles of PRINCE2 Programme Management and their role in leading complex transformation initiatives aligned with organisational strategy.
- Governance and Programme Structures: Learn how to establish the right governance structures for a programme, including the roles of Senior Responsible Owner, Programme Manager, and Business Change Manager.
- Transformational Flow: Understand the key phases of the programme lifecycle from Identifying and Defining through Establishing and Delivering to Closing and their key activities and decision points.
- Benefits Management: Learn how to identify, plan, track, and realise programme benefits to ensure the organisation's strategic objectives are achieved.
- Stakeholder Engagement: Understand how to identify key stakeholders, analyse their interests and needs, and establish effective communication strategies throughout the programme lifecycle.
- Risk and Issue Management: Learn the fundamental approaches to identifying, assessing, and managing risks and issues in the context of a complex programme.

Course Content

- Introduction to Programme Management: What a programme is, how it differs from a project and a portfolio, and why a structured approach is critical for the successful delivery of strategic change.
- PRINCE2 Programme Management Principles: The seven core principles that define sound programme management — from focusing on benefits to integrated governance.
- Governance Themes: Organisation, vision, leadership and engagement, benefits, planning and control, business justification, risks and issues, quality, and assurance.
- Transformational Flow: The Identifying, Defining, Establishing, Delivering Incremental Benefits, and Closing phases, including key deliverables and decision gates.
- Roles and Responsibilities: Description of the key roles - Programme Board, Senior Responsible Owner, Programme Manager, Business Change Manager, and Programme Office.
- Programme Planning and Control: Fundamentals of the programme plan, resource management, dependency management, and coordination of the project portfolio within the programme.

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Practical Information

- Course duration: 3 days.
- Prerequisites: No formal prerequisites are required for the Foundation level.
- Exam: Closed-book, online via PeopleCert, 60 minutes, 60 multiple-choice questions, passing score 60%.
- Language of instruction: English. Official study materials are in English.
- Certificate: PeopleCert – PRINCE2 Programme Management Foundation, internationally recognised, renewal every 3 years.
- Accreditation: Course delivered by an Accredited Training Organisation (ATO) certified by PeopleCert.

Further Certifications

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

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