

An Introduction to PRINCE2® 2009 Training

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What is PRINCE2®?

PRojects

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Controlled

Environments2

Why PRINCE2?

- Non-proprietary **global** standard
- Generic – can be applied to **any** project
- Focuses on the management aspects of project work
- Based on **proven** principles
- Assists in **improving organizational capability** and maturity across multiple areas of business activity

In the 2009 edition - Less is More!



Structure of PRINCE2

PRINCE2 Integrates 4 Elements

- 7 Principles – guiding obligations and good practices
- 7 Themes – aspects of project management that must be addressed continually throughout the project
- 7 Processes – describe steps through the project lifecycle
- Project Environment – tailoring advice

The Principles

- Continued business justification
- Learn from experience
- Defined roles and responsibilities
- Manage by stages
- Manage by exception
- Focus on products
- Tailor to suit the project environment

The Principles are:

Universal

Self-validating

Empowering

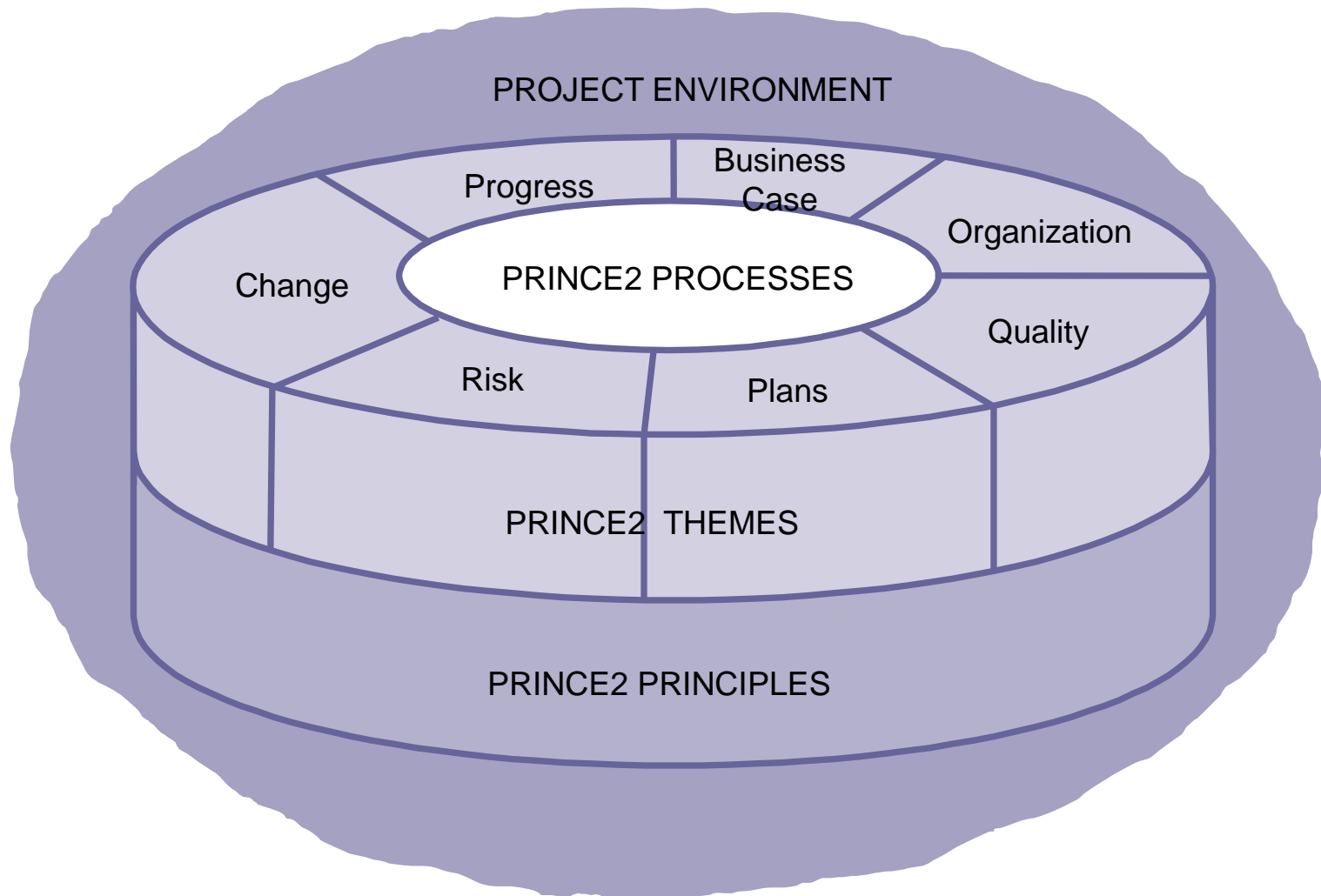
**Applying the
Principles
Means using PRINCE2**

The Themes

- *Business Case – Why?*
 - *Organization – Who?*
 - *Quality – What?*
 - *Plans – How? How much? When?*
 - *Risk – What if?*
 - *Change – What's the impact?*
 - *Progress – Where are we now? Where are we going?*
- Should we carry on?*

The Themes must be tailored, integrated and applied continually throughout the project

PRINCE2 Structure



Tailoring PRINCE2

- PRINCE2 can be used whatever the project scale, complexity, geography or culture, or whether its is part of a programme or is being managed as a 'stand alone' project
- ***Adopt*** the Principles
- ***Adapt*** the Themes, Language, Products, Roles and Processes

PRINCE2 - relationship with APM

- **PRINCE2** is an integrated project management method providing a set of processes and themes that can be applied to manage a project from start to finish
- **APM** is based on a 'Body of Knowledge' (BoK) that covers the broad spectrum of project management competencies and techniques that project managers may need to apply
- **Complementary approaches**

PRINCE2 – APM Comparison

PRINCE2 – What to Do

- A Method
- Integrated set of processes and themes
- Covers all project management roles
- Does not cover interpersonal skills
- Makes reference to techniques

APM – How to do it

- A broad collection of ‘good practices’
- Each topic area can be referred to in isolation
- Targeted at project managers only
- Covers interpersonal skills
- Describes techniques

PRINCE2 Foundation and Practitioner Course Objectives

- To provide delegates with a detailed knowledge of the PRINCE2® project management method and an ability to tailor and apply it to different project environments
- To prepare them to sit the PRINCE2® Foundation (3day event) and Practitioner (2day event) examinations
- 5-Day event that can be attended as two modules
- Accredited by APMG; Exams taken within the course
- In-House and Tailored Events, including Overviews, can be arranged

The PRINCE2 Foundation Examination

- Tests understanding of the PRINCE2 principles, processes and themes
- 75 Classic Multiple Choice Questions including 5 'trial' questions that do not score
- Score of 35 out of 70 required to pass – 50%
- 1 hour duration
- No reference material allowed
- **Approximately 500,000 Foundation exams have been taken worldwide**

The PRINCE2 Practitioner Examination

- Tests the *application* of PRINCE2 to a specific project scenario
- 9 'objective testing' type questions
- Each question worth 12 marks – 108 marks available
- Score of 59 out of 108 required to pass – 55%
- 2.5 hour duration
- Use of PRINCE2 Manual allowed
- **Approximately 280,000 Practitioner exams have been taken worldwide**

PRINCE2 examinations are available in the following languages:

- Arabic (Foundation only)
- Brazilian Portuguese (Foundation only)
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Czech (Foundation only)
- Danish
- Dutch
- English
- French
- German
- Italian
- Norwegian
- Polish
- Slovak (Foundation only)
- Spanish

**With more in prospect
and underway**

The PRINCE2 manual is currently available in the following languages:

- English
- Danish
- Dutch
- German
- Polish
- French
- Spanish
- Mandarin Chinese
- Norwegian

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PWC Global Survey on Project Management - Key Findings*

- Project Management is closely linked to project performance
 - Investing in staff development can pay off
 - Project Management Certification has links to high-performing projects
 - ***Using a project management methodology increases the likelihood of high-performing projects***
- *Insights and Trends: Current Programme and Project Management Practices - PricewaterhouseCoopers

Our Learning Approach

**“I forget what I was taught,
I only
remember what I learned”**

Patrick White

1912-1990

Australian Author

1973 Nobel Prize Winner for Literature