

PRINCE2® 2005 and 2009 Comparison

Launched in June 2009, PRINCE2 (2009 version) is an evolution of earlier versions of the method and has not resulted in sweeping changes. The main difference between the 2009 version and earlier versions is that there will be two manuals: Managing Successful Projects with PRINCE2 and Directing Successful Projects with PRINCE2.

Summary of changes

PRINCE2 2009	PRINCE2 2005
Principles (guiding obligations and good practices) added	
7 Themes (replaces Components): Business Case, Organisation, Quality, Plans, Risk, Change, and Progress.	8 Components: Business Case, Organisation, Quality, Plans, Risk, Change, Controls and Configuration Management.
7 Processes: The Planning Process has now been incorporated into the Plans Theme.	8 Processes
No specific section on Techniques. All incorporated in the Themes.	3 Techniques
Tailoring PRINCE2. A new section has been added to address the need to 'scale' the method to the specific context of a project.	Tailoring PRINCE2 – this ran as a continuous 'theme' throughout the method.
Risk categories no longer prescribed	Appendix B – Risk Categories
Appendix B: New section added outlining the governance aspects of a project.	No specific governance guidance given.
Case studies and examples: Many more 'real life' situations given to illustrate the points being made.	Case studies and examples: A few examples given to illustrate points being made.
Product based Planning Technique: Still a key element of PRINCE2 but a much less prescriptive approach taken.	Product based Planning Technique: Very prescriptive and constraining to the user especially for exam purposes.

Examinations

The PRINCE2 Foundation and Practitioner examinations will remain very much the same as they are now. Both the Foundation and Practitioner Examinations will be based on the new Managing Successful Projects with PRINCE2 manual and will not include material from the Directing Successful Projects with PRINCE2 book. All candidates who have taken their examination on the earlier edition of the method will find their qualification remains valid until they need to re-register.

Our views

The 2009 revision of the PRINCE2 manual represents an improvement in the lay out and presentation of information, especially the way information is presented on themes. In addition, the examples given bring to life situations and will help the user apply the theory.

Further information

To discuss your questions regarding PRINCE2 2009 please call Provek on 01635 524610. Also you can access a set of Frequently Asked Questions regarding PRINCE2 2009 via the following web page on the website of APMG: <http://www.apmggroup.co.uk/PRINCE2/PRINCE2Home.asp>



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