



PRINCE2[®]

7th Edition:

The Changes!



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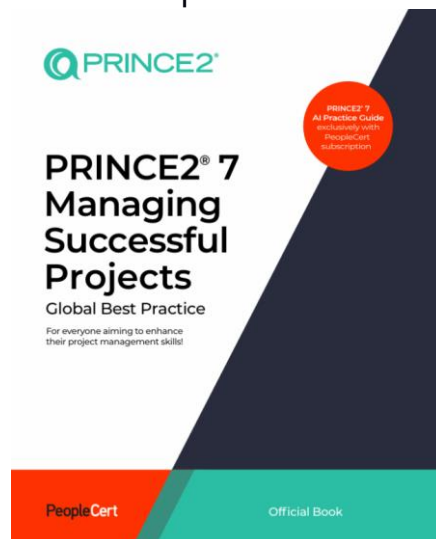
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All Aboard: The PRINCE2 7th Edition Transformation Train!

Hello, all you dedicated project managers out there! Have you heard the PRINCE2 7th Edition buzz?

With an increasing number of individuals involved in projects, methodologies must adjust. PRINCE2's 7th Edition reflects the ever-growing demand and shifts in the project management industry.

So PRINCE2 geared up for an upgrade. With the 7th edition slated to drop in September 2023, there's much to unpack.



A quick walkthrough the 7th Edition's Structure reveals the chapters organized methodically, maintaining a logical flow.

After an all-encompassing introduction, the subsequent chapters delve into principles, practices, and processes. An enhanced cross-referencing system makes it easier to draw connections between various components.

Let's dive deep into the changes and discover why this might be the transformative upgrade you've been waiting for!

The new Edition has improved cross-referencing between elements, for example you will be able to see how a particular Practice (Theme) aligns with each of the seven principles.

Getting PRINCE2 Certified: What's the Drill?

If you're already PRINCE2 certified or considering diving in, you might wonder how this shift impacts you. No worries – we've got the scoop. The 7th edition will have updated training materials and examination formats.

But fear not! The essence of PRINCE2 remains, making the transition smoother for those familiar with the 6th edition.

For students who wish to continue to prepare for the existing PRINCE2 6th Edition – You have until the end of 2024 to prepare and take that exam.

The exam format remains similar to the current versions. PRINCE2 Foundation 60 minutes 60 questions Multiple choice 60% pass mark PRINCE2 Practitioner: 150 minutes 68 questions Multiple choice 60% pass mark.

PRINCE2 Exam Scenarios

Example scenarios have been added – and revised.

You now have four example scenarios that are used. You will have four different organizations– fictional but realistic in their work, each with an accompanying project. Each exam will use one of the four example scenarios already in the book instead of having a new scenario for an exam.

Sample papers will be developed for each exam. The only scenario candidates will need for the exam is in chapter one, so it is not necessary to have read each example of the scenario throughout the whole book.

These examples illustrate the concepts and ideas throughout the People and Practice chapters.

Global Perspectives, Local Solutions

Diverse voices have constantly enriched PRINCE2's framework.

This time, the creators and their collaborative teams have gone the extra mile to incorporate international insights. With a global perspective, PRINCE2 now offers solutions that resonate stronger across borders, cultures, and industries.

The Rationale Behind the PRINCE2 7th Edition Changes

Let's face it; the project management scene is ever evolving. Adapting to new technologies, methodologies, and challenges is the name of the game.

So, PRINCE2 decided it was high time for a refresh. Listening closely to feedback from thousands of professionals worldwide, they're introducing changes to ensure the PRINCE2 Manual remains the gold standard.

Sustainability & Ethics: Front and Centre

In an era where businesses are held accountable for their ecological and ethical footprints, PRINCE2 is stepping up. The 7th edition integrates principles of sustainability and ethical conduct. It's not just about project completion anymore; it's about doing projects correctly!

The Evolution of PRINCE2 7 Principles

One of the biggest highlights of PRINCE2 has always been its core principles. These pillars, which guide global project managers, are getting a facelift. In

general, expect a sharper, more intuitive alignment with the current business landscape.

Tailoring and Adaptability: PRINCE2 7th Edition's New Mantra

Custom-tailored Solutions: The updated PRINCE2 provides increased room for custom-tailored solutions to cater to a project's unique needs. In today's world, a one-size-fits-all approach doesn't quite cut it. The new PRINCE2 edition recognizes this by placing a strong emphasis on tailoring which has been revamped.

Instead of merely discussing the importance of tailoring PRINCE2, this version exemplifies how this method can and should be applied practically.

The idea is to equip project managers with the ability to tweak, adjust, and reinvent as per the unique demands of their projects. It's all about that flexibility!

Streamlined PRINCE2 Processes and Themes (renamed as Practices)

The new edition also brings a sleeker look at processes and themes/Practices. I never did like the term "themes". When you apply, for example, Risk – you are applying Best Practice risk management!

While the essence remains the same, the content is more streamlined and easier to digest. It's like your favourite book, but now with fewer pages and more punchlines!

PRINCE2 Process names remain the same, and the relationships between the processes remain similar.

The look and feel of the process chapters have been updated to make the content more accessible by having the same elements in the same order.

Each activity in each process had a diagram, which been removed due to their limited use. The Process activities are now expressed in a table with accompanying text.

Harmonizing and Blending Project Issues

Remember the old Change Theme? Change is still front and center, without muddying the water with reference to issues. Really, project changes, whether requests for change or off-specifications, were always a form of issue management.

Huzzah! PRINCE2 7th Edition now talks about the Practice of Issues, allowing changes to nestle comfortably under that heading.

PRINCE2 7th Edition – Tools, Resources & More

Excitingly, the 7th edition is about more than just textual updates.

A slew of digital tools, resources, and interactive content are in the pipeline. You'll find compatibility with Agile, Lean, and ITIL, enhancing overall project performance.

Sustainability has been added to the existing six aspects of project performance (cost, time, benefits, scope, risk, and quality).

Visual elements such as diagrams & illustrations have been highlighted throughout this new update to focus on key areas.

Whether you're a visual learner, a hands-on practitioner, or someone who loves diving into detailed texts, PRINCE2 has got your back.

An Emphasis on Soft Skills

Technical prowess is excellent, but today's project managers must juggle more than processes and principles.

With a spotlight on human interaction, the latest version underscores the pivotal role of people in determining a project's outcome.

Interpersonal skills, leadership qualities, and the ability to foster collaboration are vital. Areas covered include people inside the project team, people outside the project team, and communication.

So, guess what? PRINCE2 is now shining a spotlight on these soft skills. Bravo!

Keeping Up with the Digital Age with PRINCE2

The updated methodology equips teams with tools for proficient digital and data oversight. Projects often interplay with technology, whether AI, cloud computing, or data analytics.

Synergy with Other Frameworks: PRINCE2 now works hand in hand with frameworks like Agile, Lean, and ITIL.

The 7th edition acknowledges this reality, ensuring project managers are well-equipped to navigate the tech waters.

PRINCE2 Community Building

One of the understated yet profound changes is PRINCE2's commitment to fostering a sense of community.

With opportunities for networking, mentorship, and collaboration, the PRINCE2 universe is all set to become a vibrant space of shared learning and growth.

You will get more emphasis on the human element with a dedicated chapter early emphasising the significance of people in the project management process.

It will address internal and external team members, communication, and insights into creating robust teams in varied settings, including remote setups.

A New PRINCE2 Learning Approach

Lastly, PRINCE2 has something special in store for all you learners out there. The new edition emphasizes experiential learning, ensuring you know the theory and how to apply it in real-world scenarios.

Final Musings

Change is the only constant, they say. PRINCE2's leap into its 7th edition embodies this ethos. It's more than just an update; it's a reimagination of what effective project management can be in this dynamic age.

With the 7th edition, PRINCE2 has showcased its commitment to staying relevant, dynamic, and user centric.

It's not just a methodology; it's an evolving philosophy. As the curtain rises this September, we're all in for a transformative journey that promises to redefine the landscape of project management.

Stay tuned folks – to all the project management enthusiasts out there – gear up, dive in, and let's embrace the future with PRINCE2's 7th Edition!