

PRINCE2: 2009®

The Benchmark Guide to the new PRINCE2 Manuals

What is PRINCE2:2009? The 2009 manuals are the latest in a series of updates designed to keep PRINCE2 in line with best practice. The essential structure of the method remains unchanged. You can download a free, colour process map showing the main elements of PRINCE2:2009 from our resource centre at <http://www.benchmark-training.co.uk/resources.asp>

When was it released? The launch of the PRINCE2: 2009 manual was on 16th June, and exams based on the new manual started in the week beginning 6th July. All Benchmark public PRINCE2 Foundation and 5-Day Practitioner courses after that date have been based on the 2009 edition so our trainers are all fully experienced in training, and using, the latest version of the method.

Have the exams changed as well? The Practitioner exam has been reduced to 2 1/2 hours from 3 hours. The objective testing format remains but the questions have been changed to reflect the new content in the manual.

What if I've already passed the Foundation Certificate in PRINCE2 2009? You can choose between taking the 2005 or 2009 version of the PRINCE2 Practitioner exam until the end of 2009. Benchmark will be running 2-day Practitioner Exam Workshops based on PRINCE2: 2005 throughout this period. Please check our website for dates and locations.

What if I need to Re-register using PRINCE2 2005? The 2-day Practitioner Exam Workshops will also be suitable for those who need to re-register their Practitioner qualification using the 2005 manual.

What if I have just taken the PRINCE2 exams – will my certificate become invalid? No – once you have a PRINCE2 qualification, it cannot be taken away from you. As is the case now, there is no expiry date for your Foundation qualification but all Practitioner qualifications have to be re-registered after five years to keep them current.

Why will there be two manuals? As well as *Managing Successful Projects with PRINCE2* which is aimed at everyone in the project team, there will be a completely new manual, *Directing Successful Projects with PRINCE2*. This is aimed at Project Board members and will be provided to delegates on our Project Board workshops and seminars. The 'Managing' publication will still form the basis for the Foundation and Practitioner examinations.



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What are the main changes in PRINCE2:2009?

Summary of Changes		
	PRINCE2: 2005	PRINCE2: 2009
Principles	-	7 Principles
Themes	8 Components	7 Themes
Processes	8 Processes	7 Processes
Sub-processes	45 sub-processes	39 Activities
Techniques	3 Techniques	References only
Management Products	36 Products	27 Products
Tailoring PRINCE2	-	New Chapter

PRINCE2 has always been based around a set of key **Principles** and these are now stated clearly and overtly. There is still a framework of **Processes** but these have been reduced from 8 to 7. The over-emphasis on sub-processes has been removed and they have now been reduced to a checklist of 39 activities.

The Components have been renamed **Themes** and have been reduced to 7 (Configuration Management is now covered by Change Control). The number of **management products** has also been reduced and the outlines reworked so that scaling is easier. All delegates on Benchmark PRINCE2 courses will continue to receive a CD with worked examples of each management product.

One of the strengths of PRINCE2 has always been its flexibility. The method allows practitioners to decide on any specialist **techniques** and tools which they need to use in their projects. This approach has been maintained in the new manual which simply refers to a number of techniques including those covered in the Project Management Body of Knowledge.

Perhaps the most important change is the addition of a new chapter on **tailoring** PRINCE2 so that it can be used effectively in any environment. This includes simple, one-off projects where a light touch is often essential to the management of the project. It also includes projects which are being run under the Managing Successful Programmes (MSP) framework. At Benchmark we now offer MSP Foundation and Practitioner Courses which incorporate the project case studies used in our PRINCE2 courses.

