Training with Aravena Global Solutions
PRINCE2® Foundation Course Information

General

PRINCE2 (**PR**ojects **IN C**ontrolled **E**nvironments version **2**) is a process-based method for effective project management. PRINCE2 is widely recognised as a world-class international product and is the standard method for project management for many Government departments and private sector organisations around the world.

The method PRINCE2 is in the public domain, offering non-proprietary best practice guidance on project management as it embodies many years of good practice in project management and provides a flexible and adaptable approach to suit all projects.

The key features of PRINCE2 are:
- Its focus on business justification
- A defined organisation structure for the project management team
- Its product-based planning approach
- Its emphasis on dividing the project into manageable and controllable stages
- Its flexibility to be applied at a level appropriate to the project.

As a Project manager you can apply the principles of PRINCE2 and the associated training to any type of project as it is a generic, tailorable and simple to follow project management method. It will help you to organise, manage and control your projects enabling you to successfully deliver the right products, on time and within budget.

Course Offerings

Aravena Global Solutions offers a range of PRINCE2 courses that are focussed on different outcomes.

- PM 101   Fundamentals of Project Management (based on PRINCE2)
- PM 102   PRINCE2 Foundation
- PM 103   PRINCE2 for Boards/Senior Management
- PM 201   PRINCE2 Practitioner

The PRINCE2 Foundation course (PM102) enables project managers and members of project management teams to apply PRINCE2 within a project environment and to understand the method in enough detail to pass the Foundation level accreditation examination. The course is of 3.5 days duration.

Standard inclusions on the Foundation Course comprise:

- Comprehensive course notes, exercises and sample papers
- The text, *Managing Successful Projects with PRINCE2*
- Aravena Global Solutions PRINCE2 - process map
- APMG Foundation Examination (an internationally accredited qualification for each student who passes).

What to expect from your PRINCE2 Foundation Course

The Aravena Global Solutions course structure follows the PRINCE2 process model from start to end over the 3.5 days. It identifies each of the process and themes of a PRINCE2 project and how all of them together enable the business to manage the project. To this end you will gain knowledge and understanding of the principles and

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terminology of the method. At the end of the course you will take a one-hour 75 question multiple choice examination to qualify for the Foundation level of accreditation.

What's involved?

As a result of the course structure and the examination requirements there is a lot of information to absorb and any pre-reading you are able to do will assist you greatly in getting the most from the course. In addition, the course work is supplemented by some homework consisting of additional exercises, practice examinations and study review which will assist you to understand the method (and pass the examination). You should allow up to 2 hours each evening for reviewing the days work and practicing sample questions for the exam.

Accreditation

The Foundation examination is the first of the two independently set PRINCE2 examinations by AMPG on behalf of AXELOS that you are required to pass to become a PRINCE2 Practitioner. The examination aims to measure whether you will be able to act as an informed member of a project management team using the PRINCE2 method within a project environment supporting PRINCE2. To this end you need to show you understand the principles and terminology of the method, specifically:

- Describe the purpose and major content of all roles, the principles, themes, and processes.

- State which management products are input to, and output from the processes.

- State the main purpose, and key contents, of the major management products.

- State the relationships between processes, deliverables, roles and the management dimensions of a project.

The world wide the pass rate for delegates that sit the Foundation exam is extremely high (over 98% pass).

Aravena's commitment to you

Whilst Aravena has attempted to not make the course too exam focussed (aiming to *educate rather than certify*), a number of delegates do become exam focussed. This is understandable as the course is not cheap and delegates want to get value from their investment in terms of a recognised qualification. That said, we will make every effort to ensure that all you enjoy your attendance and come away better educated with regards to project management and the application of the PRINCE2 method.

Once you have gained your qualification at the Foundation Level there is an opportunity to proceed to the more rigorous Practitioner Level examination, for which Aravena Global Solutions also provides appropriate training preparation. Note however, that the Foundation course covers the same material as the first module of the PRINCE2 Practitioner course and therefore it is ideal as a starting point if you wish to take the Practitioner examination at a later date.

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