

# PRINCE2® Prerequisites

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# 1 PRINCE2® Prerequisites

To be eligible to sit the PRINCE2® Practitioner examination, a candidate must hold the prerequisite PRINCE2 Foundation certification (or higher) - this only applies to certificates obtained after 1 January 2009.

From 1 July 2014, AXELOS recognizes the prior learning and achievements of individuals within the Project Management Professional (PMP) community, who want to gain their PRINCE2 Practitioner qualification.

Candidates who wish to have their prior certification recognized must be able to provide documentary proof to the Examination Institute (EI) that their qualification remains current. Candidates may register for the exam directly through the approved channels (see [www.axelos.com](http://www.axelos.com) for details).

The following qualifications are also accepted prerequisites:

- **Project Management Institute (PMI)** details at [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org):
  - Project Management Professional® (PMP)\*
  - Certified Associate in Project Management® (CAPM)\*.
- **International Project Management Association (IPMA)** details at <http://www.ipma.world/>
  - IPMA Level A® (Certified Projects Director)
  - IPMA Level B® (Certified Senior Project Manager)
  - IPMA Level C® (Certified Project Manager)
  - IPMA Level D® (Certified Project Management Associate).

Individual IPMA member associations have local interpretations of these certificates, for example:

- The Association for Project Management (APM) is the United Kingdom's IPMA Member Association - visit <https://www.apm.org.uk/>. Their IPMA Level D certification is the APM Project Management Qualification (APMP)
- The International Project Management Association (IPMA) is the United States of America's Member Association - visit <http://www.ipma-usa.org/>. Their IPMA Level D certification is the Certified Project Management Associate.

Anyone wishing to be successful in a PRINCE2 Practitioner examination is encouraged to study the practices either through self-study or by undertaking a formalized training programme. If you are thinking of taking a training course, we strongly recommend that any training you receive is through an Accredited Training Organization (ATO). Only ATOs and their authorized affiliates have licences to offer training courses that incorporate official AXELOS trademarks, brands and copyright material.

To find an ATO who can provide PRINCE2 training services use our Certified Partner search - <https://www.axelos.com/find-a-training-provider>. The accreditation process involves a rigorous assessment of the organization's management systems, course materials and trainers, assuring the quality of training provided.

## 2 Related FAQs

### 2.1 WHY IS AXELOS RECOGNIZING OTHER CERTIFICATIONS?

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Answer: PRINCE2 is one of a number of certifications which individuals following a career in project management can pursue. At foundation level, PRINCE2 is validating that the candidate understands the principles of applying project management. The related certifications cover similar concepts, albeit using amended terminology. AXELOS therefore feels it is appropriate to recognize that prior learning when considering eligibility for a candidate to progress to PRINCE2 Practitioner.

### 2.2 WHY ARE THE CHOSEN CERTIFICATES SEEN AS EQUIVALENT TO PRINCE2 FOUNDATION?

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Answer: details of the referenced certifications have been considered by AXELOS to show that the content level of these certifications is equivalent to, or higher than, that required of PRINCE2 Foundation.

### 2.3 WHAT EVIDENCE IS REQUIRED OF PRIOR CERTIFICATION?

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Answer: a candidate must be able to provide the EI with their certificate for the related qualification when signing up for the exam in line with the standard rules relating to exam prerequisites.

When booking an exam where a prerequisite is required, candidates should ensure that they hold verified proof of completion of that prerequisite. This can be a certificate, a confirmation letter from AXELOS, or a letter from a former Examinations Institute confirming that they hold a current certification. The candidate's examination results will be withheld until the correct prerequisite is provided to PeopleCert. If the candidate is unable to provide proof of the required prerequisite, then they will need to successfully complete the prerequisite before the higher-level exam result is released.

### 2.4 IF MY PMI OR IPMA QUALIFICATION HAS EXPIRED, WILL IT STILL QUALIFY AS A PREREQUISITE?

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Answer: No, only current certifications will qualify as a prerequisite.

### 2.5 WILL AXELOS EXPAND THE LIST OF RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATIONS?

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Answer: AXELOS is willing to consider other certifications for pre-recognition. The emphasis is currently on generic project management approaches; sector specific project management approaches may be considered in the future.

### 2.6 PRINCE2 PRACTITIONER IS NOT AVAILABLE IN MY LOCAL LANGUAGE. WILL TRANSLATIONS BE PLANNED SO I CAN USE MY PMI OR IPMA QUALIFICATION TO STREAM IN AT THE PRACTITIONER LEVEL?

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Answer: AXELOS will look at expanding the availability of PRINCE2 qualifications into new languages on a case by case basis. To find out which languages are available, please follow the links below.

PRINCE2 2009 Practitioner <https://www.axelos.com/certifications/prince2-2009-certifications>  
PRINCE2 2017 Practitioner <https://www.axelos.com/certifications/prince2>

