

PRINCE® pre-recognition of qualifications

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To be eligible to sit the PRINCE2® Practitioner examination a candidate must hold the pre-requisite PRINCE2 Foundation certification.

AXELOS is happy to confirm that from 1 July 2014, we will recognize 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 for details).

Recognition is given for the following qualifications:

- **Project Management Institute (PMI)** details at 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?

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?

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?

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

2.4 IF MY PMI OR IPMA QUALIFICATION HAS EXPIRED, WILL IT STILL QUALIFY AS A PRE-REQUISITE?

Answer: Only current certifications will qualify as a pre-requisite.

2.5 WILL AXELOS EXPAND THE LIST OF RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATIONS?

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 IS PROJECT MANAGEMENT THE ONLY TOPIC THAT AXELOS WILL RECOGNIZE PRIOR EXPERIENCE?

Answer: In due course, AXELOS will be considering other areas of its portfolio and mapping related qualifications. Topics we anticipate looking at include programme and portfolio management.

2.7 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?

Answer: AXELOS will look at expanding the availability of PRINCE2 qualifications into new languages on a case by case basis.

2.8 HOW WILL AXELOS PUBLICIZE THIS INITIATIVE?

Answer: AXELOS will engage with the community through a variety of mechanisms to publicize this approach. In particular we are happy to support members of the AXELOS Partner Programme who wishes to be part of a joint marketing campaign to support this, and other, initiatives. More details of the partner programme can be found at <https://partners.axelos.com/home>.

