



PRINCE2™ FOUNDATION AND PRACTITIONER EXAM FAQ's

Q. Why are the exams moving to an objective testing format?

A. The main reason that the examinations have moved to an objective testing format is to make them more acceptable to the growing international market. Other advantages that the change of format will bring include a significant time reductions in delivering results to candidates, and increased consistency of marking.

Q. When will the new exams take effect?

A. The new style Prince2 Practitioner exam will go 'live' from the 1st September 2007.

Q. What is the format of the exam?

A. The examination will comprise of 9 Syllabus areas (questions) selected from 11 topics:

- Organisation
- Business Case
- Controls
- Change Control
- The Management of Risk
- Quality in a Project Environment
- Plans
- Configuration Management
- Processes
- Product-based Planning
- Quality Review



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Q. What type of objective questions can I expect?

A. The questions can be made up of the following question types:

- Classical multiple choice
- Yes/No
- Multiple Response
- Matching
- Sequencing
- Assertion/reason

Q. Is the new exam still open book?

A. The exam is to be taken with the support of the Prince2 Manual only i.e. no other material other than the Question booklet, the Scenario Booklet, the Answer booklet and the Prince2 Manual can be used.

Q. Will the objective testing make the exam easier?

A. The new style exam has been developed to be at the same level as the current practitioner examination. The new exam tests on 9 out of the 11 Syllabus areas and therefore requires a broad range of knowledge to be successful. The design of the examination, confirmed by the feedback from pilots, is that the examination will not be an easier test for those aspiring to Prince2 Practitioner status.



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Q. What are the benefits of the new style exam?

A. We believe that candidates will be able to enjoy the following benefits from the change to the examination format:

- A significant time reduction in delivering results to candidates
- Increased consistency of marking
- There will be very little writing involved so therefore the exam will be easier for those unused to writing for extended periods of time
- Candidates who suffer from dyslexia may find objective testing style more acceptable for their condition
- Candidates with English as their second language could benefit from the change in style as less writing is involved and therefore more emphasis based on comprehension of the question
- The format is more acceptable to international candidates who are not used to essay based examinations
- The format allows candidates to show their comprehension of Prince2 without having to worry about their handwriting, grammar and spelling whilst taking the examination.
- The examination is able to test a wider area of the syllabus, thus ensuring comprehension throughout Prince2.

Q. If I have taken the exam against the old style of paper and fail, which style will I be able to re-sit using?

A. From the 1st September 2007 you will be required to re-sit the new style exam, however special requests can be made to re-sit the old style via an ATO up until the 31st December 2008 and will be reviewed on an individual basis.



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Q. What is the difference between Foundation exam Multiple Choice questions and Practitioner Objective Testing questions?

A. Foundation questions address knowledge of the terminology of the method and a high-to-medium understanding, application, analysis and evaluation of the method. It has 5 styles of question, but the main difference is the Practitioner exam will test the ability to apply and analyse the method.



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