
Overview

This standard is about identifying and defining the approach to the project. The approach to the project gives the adopted project methodology, product development and deployment of the solution.

You will need to be able to collect information, evaluate suitable approaches and define the approach to the project. You will also need to communicate the agreed approach to stakeholders.

Project Management National Occupational Standards (PMNOS) are based on the following project management lifecycle:

- A Establish and lead the project team, and work with stakeholders
- B Define and initiate the project
- C Develop the project management plan
- D Deliver the project
- E Close and review the project

This standard is part of area B 'Define and initiate the project'.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 collect sufficient information to support the identification of a suitable approach to the project
 - P2 identify and evaluate potential approaches to the project
 - P3 clearly define the approach to the project based on your evaluation
 - P4 discuss and agree the approach with **stakeholders**
 - P5 communicate the agreed approach to stakeholders

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the context of the project
- K2 relevant legislative, regulatory and organisational requirements
- K3 the potential approaches suitable for project types in your area of practice
- K4 the levels of involvement stakeholders may require
- K5 ways of working and communicating with stakeholders
- K6 procedures and formats for communicating the approach to stakeholders

Additional Information

Scope/Range

Stakeholders:

- 1 Sponsors
- 2 Clients or customers
- 3 Relevant groups/individuals interested in the project
- 4 Relevant groups/individuals affected by the project
- 5 Relevant groups/individuals who might affect the project

Glossary

Approach to the project

The approach to the project defines the adopted project methodology, product development and deployment of the solution. The detailed approach to the project will vary according to the sector and the complexity of the project.

Context of the project

This phrase appears in the knowledge and understanding of the National Occupational Standards (NOS) and relates to the wider context of the project that the individual will need to know about, such as the project environment, the relationship to a wider programme of work and how the project fits with organisational strategies.

The sector in which the project manager works (e.g. software development, construction, manufacturing or process industries) will have its own specific context and this phrase is intended to convey this meaning.

Life cycle

A life cycle defines the inter-related phases of a project and provides a structure for governing the progression of work.

Stakeholders

Project stakeholders may be internal or external to the organisation and include sponsors, clients, customers and all relevant groups/individuals with a relation to the project.

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