

Project Management

Acronyms used in this module:
APD – Advance Planning Document
APDU – Advance Planning Document Update
FNS – Food and Nutrition Service
IS – Information System
IT – Information Technology
PM – Project Management/Project Manager
SDLC – Systems Development Life Cycle
SME – Subject Matter Expert
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
WIC – Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children

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- Identify PM's 10 Knowledge Areas

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What is a Project?

- It's a **temporary** group activity designed to produce a **unique** product, service or result.
- A project is **temporary** in that it has a defined beginning and end in time, and therefore defined scope and resources.
- A project is **unique** in that it is not a routine operation, but a specific set of operations designed to accomplish a singular goal.

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Project Management Life Cycle

- Project Origination
- Project Initiation
- Project Planning
- Project Execution and Control
- Project Closure

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Project Management Life Cycle

- Project Origination
 - Project proposal
 - Proposal evaluation and selection
 - Management or budget commitment

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Project Management Life Cycle

- Project Initiation
 - Project Charter and Kick-off
 - Define Cost/Scope/Schedule/Quality
 - Perform Risk Identification
 - Initial Project Plan
 - Confirm Approval to Proceed

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Project Management Life Cycle

- Project Planning
 - Project Planning Kick-Off
 - Refine the Cost/Scope/Schedule/Quality
 - Perform Risk Assessment
 - Refine Project Plan
 - Confirm Approval to Proceed

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Project Management Life Cycle

- Project Execution and Control
 - Conduct Kick Off Meeting
 - Manage Cost/Scope/Schedule/Quality
 - Monitor and Control Risks
 - Manage Project Execution
 - Gain Project Acceptance

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Project Management Life Cycle

- Project Closeout
 - Conduct Post-Implementation Review
 - Perform Administrative Closeout

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Systems Development Life Cycle

The systems development life cycle (SDLC) is a process for planning, creating, testing, and deploying an information system.

Phases of the SDLC:

- Initiation
- Requirements Analysis
- Design
- Construct
- Acceptance
- Implementation

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Common SDLC Methods

- Waterfall
- Spiral
- Agile

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Common SDLC Methods

- Waterfall
- Linear
- Sequential
- Defined start through finish

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graph TD; R[Requirements] --> D[Design]; D --> I[Implementation]; I --> V[Verification]; V --> M[Maintenance];
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Common SDLC Methods

- Spiral
- Up front design
- Iterative
- Risk driven
- 4 phases

The diagram illustrates the Spiral model of software development. It features a vertical axis for 'Cumulative cost' and a horizontal axis for 'Progress'. The model is represented by a series of concentric, overlapping circles that spiral outwards. The spiral is divided into four quadrants, each representing a phase: 1. Determine objectives (top-left), 2. Identify and resolve risks (top-right), 3. Development and Test (bottom-right), and 4. Plan the next iteration (bottom-left). Within each phase, specific activities are listed: 'Requirements' and 'Control of requirements' in phase 1; 'Prototyping' and 'Requirements' in phase 2; 'Code' and 'Integration' in phase 3; and 'Test plan' and 'Verification & Validation' in phase 4. The spiral starts at a central point labeled 'Program plan' and 'Control of program plan', moving through 'Prototype 1', 'Prototype 2', and 'Operational prototype'.

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Common SDLC Methods

- Agile
- Incremental
- Short iterations
- Collaborative
- Adaptive

The diagram shows an iterative cycle for Agile development. It consists of a central circle labeled 'Iteration (Repeated for each cycle)'. Surrounding this circle are seven steps, each with a corresponding arrow pointing clockwise: 'Plan & Evaluate priorities' (top), 'Analysis' (top-right), 'Design' (right), 'Coding' (bottom-right), 'Testing' (bottom), 'Deliver increment' (bottom-left), and 'Feedback' (left). A 'Review' step is also indicated with an arrow pointing back to the start of the cycle.

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Progress Check

What is a project?

It's a _____ group activity designed to produce a _____ product, service or result.


A cartoon illustration of a man with a large head, wide eyes, and a questioning expression. He has several question marks floating around him, suggesting confusion or a lack of understanding about the concept of a project.

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- A. Planning
- B. Closure
- C. Development
- D. Initiation

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- C. Development**
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Progress Check

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True

False

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What is Project Management?

It is the application of knowledge, skills, and techniques to execute projects effectively and efficiently.

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Project Management 101


One of the first things you learn in project management is..

that the focus of a Project Manager is always...

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The PM Triple Constraints

- Time
- Cost
- Scope



Manage these or they will manage you!

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Professional and conscientious project management is critical to a successful outcome!



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What makes this all work?



A good, solid, professional project manager

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Project Manager Skills

- Program area knowledge, standards, and regulations
- Understand the project environment
- Be organized and detail oriented

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Project Manager Skills

- Be a leader and manager
- Be an effective communicator
- Be a problem solver



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Project Manager Skills

- Be a good negotiator
- Strive to improve other interpersonal skills
 - Listening
 - Diplomacy
 - Respect

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Project Management Knowledge Areas

1. Project Integration Management
2. Project Scope Management


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Beware of Scope Creep



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Ask these questions!



- Is it a must?
- Can the customer/user do the job without it?
- Does it contribute to the viability of the system?
- Does it add value as a feature/function to the system?
- Is it worth the additional cost?

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Project Management Knowledge Areas


3. Project Time Management



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Project Management Knowledge Areas

4. Project Cost Management



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Budget/Cost Management

- Monitor project spending
- When a variance occurs, determine the cause
- Change the execution of the project, reduce scope, or submit an APDU
- Prevent unapproved changes to the project

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Project Management Knowledge Areas

- 5. Project Quality Management
- 6. Project Human Resource Management

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Project Management Knowledge Areas

- 7. Project Communications Management



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Communication

- Communicate objectives frequently
- Recognize different perspectives
- Manage expectations
- Share success and broadcast achievements
- Invite feedback

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Project Management Knowledge Areas

- 8. Project Risk Management
- 9. Project Procurement Management
- 10. Project Stakeholder Management

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FNS Project Monitoring

- Schedules
- APDUs
- Reports
- Calls
- On-site monitoring



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Keys to Successful Project Management

- Strong Management Support
- Goals to IT
- Communicate Objectives
- Defined Principles
- Review Projects

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Keys to Successful Project Management

- Recognize Perspectives
- Be Proactive
- Give IT department and SMEs a seat
- Everyone Shares Success

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Progress Check

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It is the application of _____, _____, and _____ to execute projects effectively and efficiently.

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Progress Check

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It is the application of **knowledge**, **skills**, and **techniques** to execute projects effectively and efficiently.

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Progress Check

What are the Project Management Triple Constraints?




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Progress Check

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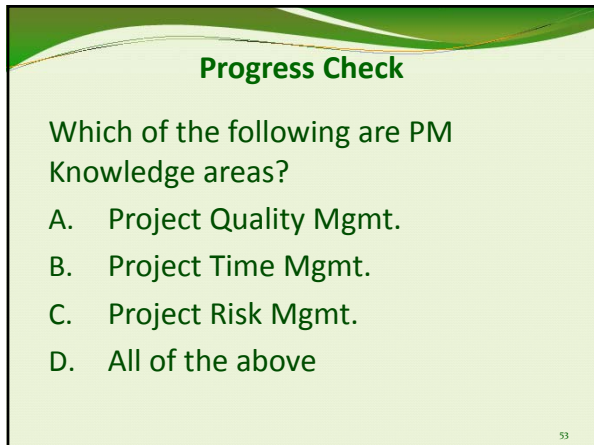
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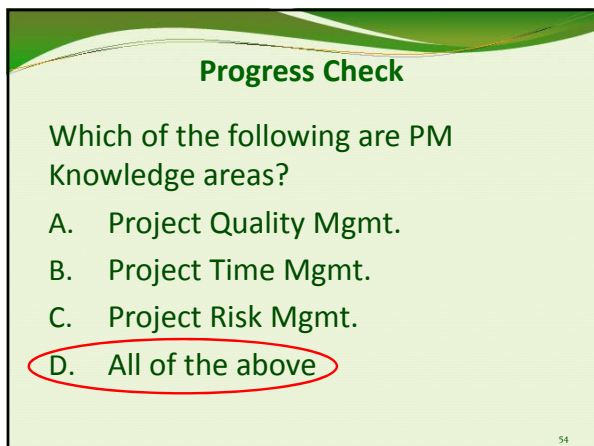
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Name some of the general PM skills?

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Progress Check

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Tip

Successful project management is delivering a quality product that meets the customer's requirements within time, scope, and budget.

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Tip

A good project team can be the key to a successful project!




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Reminder

Submit APDUs Timely!


- An Annual APDU is due 60 days prior to the anniversary of the initial PAPP/IAPD approval date
- An As Needed Update is due as soon as the trigger condition (time, budget, scope) becomes known to the State, but no later than 90 days from the time when significant changes are anticipated to occur.



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Reminder

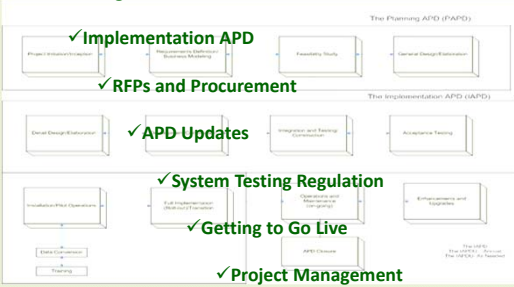
Not obtaining Federal prior approval may cost the State funding that may have been approved if submitted in advance.



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