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How projects run

You sometimes hear of projects being described as temporary organisations. That's because, in many ways, a project can resemble a micro-business, complete with leadership structures, defined roles, activities, governance and assurance. Appreciating how these business characteristics feature within a project – and why they matter – is an important part of understanding what makes a project successful.

Description

This topic introduces you to the DNA of a typical public sector project. You'll learn about the importance of organisational structures and how they allow for timely and effective decision-making and communication. The critical leadership roles and responsibilities will also be explored.

You'll understand how governance processes exert control over that decision-making and make clear who's accountable for what. You'll also explore the role that assurance plays in assessing whether a project's activities are organised, executed and controlled appropriately.

The topic is applicable for civil servants of all grades, whether you are working on a project for the first time, involved in developing policy or are new to the Civil Service.

What does it involve?

A variety of learning activities feature within this topic, including online tutorials, a video and a self-assessment task. Lasting just over an hour, these activities cover structures, governance and assurance – and you'll also hear from a Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) regarding their project management experiences.

What's the outcome?

Completing this topic will leave you with a better appreciation of how Civil Service projects are structured and delivered. This will help you participate in, or lead, projects which are run effectively and in the public interest. This means delivering the outcome that was expected in the most effective way and achieving the best possible value for the taxpayers' money.

Learning activities

Online resources

Online tutorial

Self assessment

Estimated learning time:
1 hour

How to book

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