



Introduction to Project Delivery: Project Scope and Change Control

While working on a new or existing project, it is highly likely that you will be required to change the original plan or scope of work – often to facilitate a new direction or overcome challenges related to a project's outcomes and benefits. To ensure a project runs smoothly, it is essential to understand the many factors that can drive changes to scope, such as evolving project requirements, budgets and stakeholder expectations to wider strategic, regulatory or societal influences.

Everyone involved in project delivery should be able to access the implications of change to maintain an essential balance and avoid issues such as scope creep. Informed by the time-cost-quality triangle, it's possible to confidently understand the different elements of a project and drive successful outcomes.

Description

This digital course introduces the time-cost-quality triangle and how these interconnected elements influence a project's scope. It highlights the importance of understanding stakeholder and customer priorities to strike the right balance between competing demands and ensure value for money.

This is a part of a suite of five courses, designed to provide non-specialists with an introduction to the fundamentals of successful project management. The courses include Project Scope and Change Control, Project Planning, Managing Project Risk, Outcomes and Benefits, and Stakeholder Engagement.

What does it involve?

The course begins with a short animation introducing the core idea of project scope and how changes to scope can influence time, cost, quality and overall project outcomes. It focuses on the four stages of change control process: Identify, Assess, Approve, Implement. It explains the role of structured change control processes, the importance of evaluating the consequences of proposed changes and the risks associated with scope creep.

You'll be encouraged to think realistically about feasibility, the trade-offs involved in different decisions and the importance of sound governance in keeping projects on track. A further tutorial provides an opportunity to apply these principles through a case study scenario, followed by a reflective activity that prompts you to consider how scope changes have influenced their own past project work.

What's the outcome?

Having completed this course, you'll be able to describe the relationship between time, cost and quality within a project and explain how these elements interact with scope. This will support your understanding of the factors that commonly drive scope change, help you to recognise the risks of uncontrolled change and be familiar with the principles of effective change control. You'll be better equipped to assess the implications of proposed changes, support informed decision making and help maintain a stable and well governed project environment.

Learning activities



An
animation



Two digital
tutorials



A reflective
activity

Delivery method:

DGTL

Estimated learning time:
40 minutes

How to book

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