

BODY OF KNOWLEDGE
DOMAIN 2
ESTABLISH THE CONTEXT

Purpose

To document the knowledge and practices, which an applicant for certification with RMIA is required to know to successfully pass the certification examination. The Body of Knowledge is to be read in conjunction with the appropriate Competency Statement.

Knowledge and Practice Statements are indicated in the tables below. The application of the Knowledge and Practices Statements may vary between the certification levels i.e. CPRA and CPRM, and this is indicated in the tables.

Domain 1: Establish the Context

Establishing the Context is essential to ensure an effective risk management process. Context setting for the risk management process needs to take into account the organisational context including legal and regulatory environment, objectives, values, culture, governance, roles, responsibilities, structure, operations, standards, guidelines, models, processes, systems, functions, information flow, decision making process, projects, services, assets and specific practices employed. In establishing the organisational context the organisation:

- a. Articulates its objectives.
- b. Defines the external & internal parameters to be taken into account when managing risk.
- c. Sets the scope and risk criteria within the defined risk policy and framework.

Establishing the Context for the risk process relates to establishing the specific scope boundaries for a particular risk assessment process and has the following components:

- a. Defining the goals & objectives of the risk management activities.
- b. Defining responsibilities for and within the risk management process.
- c. Defining the scope (including depth & breadth) of the risk management activities to be carried out (including specific inclusions and exclusions).
- d. Defining the activities, process, function, project, process or activity and other projects, processes or activities of the organisation.
- e. Defining the risk assessment methodologies.
- f. Defining the way performance and effectiveness is evaluated in the management of risk.
- g. Identifying & specifying the decisions that have to be made. and
- h. Identifying, scoping or framing studies needed, their extent and objectives, and the resources required for such studies.

Knowledge Statements

A certified risk professional is required to have knowledge of the following at the operational, project, process, and business/enterprise* activity levels:

Knowledge No.	Description	CPRA	CPRM
KS2.1	Standards (ISO31000 and ISO73), frameworks and practices related to facilitating the effective establishment of the context for each component of the risk management process.	✓	✓
KS2.2	Techniques for establishing the context within risk management framework and the risk process.		✓
KS2.3	Principles and Techniques for engaging with and gaining ownership and understanding by the key stakeholders in establishing the context for the risk management framework and process.		✓
KS2.4	Determining how to document the process of defining the context and actually recording the agreed context for the risk process within the risk management framework.	✓	✓
KS2.5	Techniques for verifying and validating that the context is complete and reflects the organisation's internal/external environment, it's business model and business processes.	✓	✓
KS2.6	Defining and understanding the risk evaluation criteria, how critical it is to the risk process and how it fits within the risk management framework.	✓	✓

Practice Statements

A certified risk professional is required to perform the following at the operational, project, process, and business/enterprise* activity level:

Practice No.	Description	CPRA	CPRM
PS2.1	Collate information and review documentation of organisational objectives, initiatives, processes and standards for delivering services (internal or external) in relation to carrying out the risk process.	✓	✓
PS2.2	Work within the legislative, regulatory, contractual and other critical/key obligations.	✓	*✓
PS2.3	Develop and document the risk evaluation criteria that are consistent with the organisation's risk management policy & framework.		✓
PS2.4	Assign ownership and responsibility for and within the risk management process.	✓	✓

Practice No.	Description	CPRA	CPRM
PS2.5	Develop and document a context statement in consultation with the key stakeholders	✓	*✓
PS2.6	Validate the key components of defining and establishing the context for the risk management process with the key stakeholders to ensure alignment with the risk management policy, risk management framework, risk criteria and organisational objectives.		✓
PS2.7	Conduct suitable education and awareness training for those who will be involved in establishing the "context" of the risk management process at an operational, project, process, and activity level.		✓

*** At the enterprise level it is performed by the CPRM.**