



# **System and Software Change Management Procedure**



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## **1. Objectives**

The objective of this process is to ensure that changes are recorded in a controlled manner and the changes are evaluated, authorized, prioritized, planned, tested, implemented, and documented.

- Provide standardized methods, procedures for efficient and prompt handling of all changes
- Record all changes to service assets and configuration items in the CMDB
- Respond to customer's changing business requirements while maximizing value and reducing incidents, disruption and rework
- Respond to the business and IT requests for change that will align the services with the business needs

## **2. Scope**

This process applies to all Trianz users as well as to the third parties, and Trianz Information System resources.

A change within the environment is any modification that has the potential to impact shared network, computing or business applications by altering its existing state.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- *System Hardware*
- *System Software*
- *Business and Management Application or Service*
- *Databases*

## **3. Introduction**

Service and infrastructure changes can have a negative impact through service disruption unless managed efficiently and effectively. Having an effective change management process adds value to the business by:

- Prioritizing and responding to business change proposals
- Contributing to meet governance, legal, contractual, and regulatory requirements
- Reducing failed changes and therefore service disruption, defects and rework
- Delivering changes promptly to meet business timescales
- Contributing to better estimations of quality, time and cost of change
- Assessing risks associated with the transition of services (introduction, modification or disposal)

## **4. Entry Criteria**

*RFC raised by authorized person*

## **5. Inputs**

A Request for Change (RFC) is raised because of the identification of a ‘need for change’. Requests for change can come from any part of the organization and from any party contracted to provide services to that organization. All requests for change need appropriate sponsorship and authorization.

A need for change will arise for a variety of reasons:

- *Proactively, e.g. seeking business benefits such as reducing costs or improving services or increasing the ease and effectiveness of support.*
- *Reactively as a means of resolving errors and adapting to changing circumstances, e.g. legislative or regulatory requirements.*

## **6. Process Description**

This section describes the activities involved in the Change Management Process. These components are presented using the conventional Change Management framework – classification [initiation (justification), review (entitlement, evaluation), planning (Risk & Impact Analysis, Change design and development, plan preparation, scheduling)], approval,

implementation (implementation and testing) and closure].

Changes are classified based on the following types:

1. Normal Change
2. Standard Change
3. Emergency Change

## 6.1 Normal Change Process

The objective of Normal Change:

- Standardized procedures are used for efficient and prompt handling of normal changes
- To respond to the customer's changing business requirements while maximizing value and reducing incidents, disruption and re-work
- To respond to the business and IT requests for change that will align the services with the business needs
- To improve future changes by learning from previous mistakes and successes

Normal change is a change that meets established enterprise change management lead-time requirements. Normal changes will follow the complete change management process. By definition, a normal change will proceed through all steps of the change management process and will eventually be reviewed by the Change Advisory Board (CAB) (changes with risk levels 4 and 5 only).

Examples of normal changes:

- Software upgrades
- Hardware upgrades
- Application enhancements

## 6.2 Standard Change Process

The objective of Standard Change are:

- Standardized procedures are used for efficient and prompt handling of standard changes
- To respond to the customer's changing business requirements while maximizing value and reducing incidents, disruption and re-work
- To respond to the business and IT requests for change that will align the services with the business needs
- To improve future changes by learning from previous mistakes and successes
- Any change that has an established and approved procedure for implementation; is repeatable and can be implemented with minimum risk. The characteristics of a standard change are
  - *Low risk and pre-approved AAA*
  - *Routine*
  - *Proven track record of success*
  - *Minimal complexity*
  - *Accepted change window*
  - *Approved standard operating procedure (SOP) for implementation*

The standard change needs to be approved only once. Each subsequent occurrence requires a record but does not need approval.

#### **Examples:**

- *Install and rack new equipment*
- *Internet site maintenance*
- *Weekly reboots*
- *Building new servers*
- *Download and installation of Virus DAT files*

### **6.3 Emergency Change Process**

Any change that has a high impact on business operations of the organization, is not optional, and needs to be implemented immediately.

Most emergency change requests will be linked to a corresponding incident record.

An emergency change should not be used in order to bypass the appropriate lead-time. Documentation requirements for

emergency changes are the same as any change.

The change coordinator is responsible for meeting all requirements for the changedocumentation within one working day of the change implementation.

Criteria for emergency change:

- To resolve or prevent a major incident
- To implement a critical security patch, ex: a virus outbreak
- Any changes which are at risk level 1, 2 or 3 and requested lead time is lessthan one business day
- Any changes which are at risk level 4 or 5 and requested lead time is lessthan eight business days

## 6.4 Post Implementation Review

Post implementation reviews are performed at two levels

- *By change coordinator (for all risk levels)*
- *By Change Advisory Board (CAB) (for risk level 4,5 and all failed changes)*

Once all the implementation activities are completed, the coordinator performs the postimplementation review of all changes irrespective of risk levels

Post implementation review includes aspects of the change such as:

- *Performance*
  - *Security*
  - *Functionality*
- If the change is successful the change coordinator updates the change status as 'installed successfully'
  - If the implementation of the change is not done as advertised, follow-up actions(including implementation of back out plan) will be implemented by the coordinator
  - If the change fails the change coordinator updates the change status as 'backed out' or 'installed with issues' or 'partially installed' and documents the reasons forthe failure
  - CAB performs the post implementation review on successful changes (risk levels4,5 only) and all failed changes as well

**Note:** For successful changes, which are at risk level 1, 2, and 3, the CAB will notperform the Post Implementation Review (PIR)

**Optional:** CAB may use Post Implementation Review (PIR) Report for conducting postimplementation review of major application and infrastructure changes

## 7. Exit Criteria and Output

- *Approved and scheduled Change Requests*
- *Forward Schedule of Change*
- *Configuration Items updated and maintained through Change process*
- *Change reports*
- *CAB minutes and actions*
- *Rejected Changes with proper justification*

## 8. Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Responsibility	Internal/External
Change Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifies the business, service or technical needs of the change</li><li>• Creates and updates change records with relevant information</li><li>• Refers to Configuration Management Database (CMDB) and assesses the change for risk, impact, urgency and priority</li><li>• Continually evaluates the risk of the change</li><li>• Updates the change record timely with the appropriate status and results</li><li>• Works with change approver and change manager to ensure all change issues are communicated and records reflect all changes</li><li>• Builds and tests changes (or) Coordinates with relevant people for building and testing of changes</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implements the approved changes</li> <li>• Manages the installation of the changes</li> </ul>	
Change Approver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assesses the change for risk, impact, urgency and priority</li> <li>• Reviews implementation plans, backout plans, test plans, test results for implementation readiness and approve/reject the change</li> <li>• Works with the change coordinator to ensure all issues surrounding a change have been resolved and communicated to all essential areas</li> <li>• Conducts root cause analysis in case of failed changes and also if incidents are caused by changes</li> </ul>	
Change Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviews change records for procedural compliance,</li> <li>• information quality and completeness</li> <li>• Ensures that all changes are appropriately planned and communicated</li> <li>• Rejects or schedules changes via change management tool</li> <li>• Integrates new changes into the existing change schedule</li> <li>• Identifies conflicts in the schedule and negotiates adjustments with the relevant</li> </ul>	

	<p>parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides inputs to and participates in CAB meetings</li> <li>• Schedules and attends all meetings concerning the change management process</li> <li>• Highlights pertinent/required change activities to appear on Manager's review report by end of day Tuesday. Ensures representation is in place for these activities at the Managers' review meeting</li> <li>• Challenges the activities of the other areas for readiness at any of the change review meetings</li> <li>• Facilitates expedited and emergency changes as per process</li> </ul>	
10.1 Change Advisory Board (CAB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A group of people that advises the enterprise change manager in the assessment, prioritization, scheduling and post implementation of changes</li> <li>• Participates in all Change Advisory Board (CAB) meetings</li> <li>• Reviews 'Requests for standard changes (Pre- approved changes)' and advises the enterprise change manager to approve / reject the requests</li> <li>• Reviews and verifies whether right risk level, impact, urgency and priority is assigned for the changes</li> <li>• Participates in the prioritization and scheduling of changes</li> <li>• Ensures proper implementation and back out plans are in place</li> <li>• Conducts post-implementation review of the changes as per workflows</li> <li>• Reviews all partially installed, installed with issues and backed out changes</li> <li>• Review unauthorized changes detected</li> </ul>	

	during configuration audits	
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## 9. Measurement

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Definition
<b>Number of Major Changes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Number of major changes assessed by the CAB (Change Advisory Board)</li></ul>
<b>Number of CAB Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Number of CAB (Change Advisory Board) meetings</li></ul>
<b>Time for Change Approval/ Rejection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Average time from registering an RFC with Change Management until a decision on the RFC is reached (i.e. until it is either approved or rejected)</li></ul>
<b>Change Acceptance Rate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Number of accepted vs. rejected RFCs</li></ul>
<b>Number of Emergency Changes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Number of Emergency Changes assessed by the ECAB (Emergency Change Advisory Board)</li></ul>

## 10. Standards Addressed

ISO 20001		
Clause	Description	
8.5.1 Change management	A change management policy shall be established and documented	
8.5.1.1 Change management policy		
8.5.1.2 Change management activities	The organization and interested parties shall make decisions on the approval and priority of requests for change.	
CMMI-DEV		
Process Area	Practice	Description

## 11. Appendix A:

### 11.1 Guidelines for Risk and Priority Assessment

#### 11.1.1 Risk Assessment

Risk level is computed in the following two ways:

- Risk assessment questionnaire
  - By Environment – Production/QA/Testing/Dev
  - Production – by business value of the CI
  - QA/Testing/Dev – Each environment will have an associated risk value

The overall risk level for a particular change is equal to the greater of the above two values.

#### 11.1.2 Risk Assessment Questionnaire

There are 5 risk levels and they are:

- Level 1 (Minimal Risk)
- Level 2 (Low Risk)
- Level 3 (Medium Risk)
- Level 4 (High Risk)
- Level 5 (Extreme Risk)

Risk involved in implementing a change will be based on the overall risk assessment score for a change. When a change coordinator completes the risk assessment questionnaire, the risk level is computed corresponding to the following guidelines:

$$\text{Overall Risk Level} = ((\text{Risk 1} * \text{Weight 1}) + (\text{Risk 2} * \text{Weight 2}) + (\text{Risk 3} * \text{Weight 3}) + \dots + (\text{Risk n} * \text{Weight n})) / (\text{Weight 1} + \text{Weight 2} + \text{Weight 3} + \dots + \text{Weight n})$$

The calculated risk does not result in a whole number. The results must be rounded off to the next highest number.

The logic here is that no risk should be downplayed. Any risk greater than the whole number should be shown as the next risk up.

For example, 3.00001 becomes 4

4.91 becomes 5

The risk assessment questionnaire covers the following factors:

<b>Assessment Factor</b>	<b>Weightage for Each Question (%)</b>	<b>Scoring(1-5)</b>
1. What is the degree of visibility of the change within <Client> Organization?	100	
Visible and communicated to all Heads of the departments of IIS and/or <Client>		5
Visible and communicated to one Head of the department of IIS and/or <Client>		4
Visible and communicated to multiple IIS and/or <Client> departments		3

<b>Assessment Factor</b>	<b>Weightage for Each Question (%)</b>	<b>Scoring(1-5)</b>
Visible and communicated within a single IISdepartment or <Client>		2
Routine IT activity		1
<b>2. What is the degree of visibility of the change to ITCustomers?</b>	<b>100</b>	
Very High		5
High		4
Medium		3
Low		2
Minimal		1
<b>3. How difficult/easy is the Back out?</b>	<b>100</b>	
Back out is impossible or undesirable		5
Back out is difficult		4
Back out is possible, though not easily executed		3
Back out is in place and easily executed		2
Minimal		1
<b>4. What is the degree of experience with this type ofchange?</b>	<b>100</b>	
New technology, no experience		5
New technology, limited experience		4
Existing technology, some experience		3
Existing technology, considerable experience		2
Existing technology, lot of experience		1
<b>5. How much time does it take to complete the change(including change building, testing and implementation)?</b>	<b>100</b>	

More than six months		5
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<b>Assessment Factor</b>	<b>Weightage for Each Question (%)</b>	<b>Scoring(1-5)</b>
Six months or less		4
One quarter or less		3
One month or less		2
One week or less		1
<b>6. What is the impact on other systems or applications?</b>	<b>100</b>	
More than one critical business application		5
One critical business application		4
More than four non-critical business applications		3
Less than or equal to four non-critical business applications		2
None		1
<b>7. What is the change to Business Process?</b>	<b>100</b>	
Considerable and complex change required by IT and/or the customers		5
Moderate change required by IT and/or the customers		4
Little change required		3
Minimal change		2
No change		1

## 1 Appendix B:

<b>Priority</b>	<b>IMPACT</b>			
<b>URGENCY</b>	Extensive/ Wide Spread	Significan t/Large	Moderat e/ Limited	Minor/ Localized

Critical	Critical	Critical	Critical	Critical
High	High	High	High	High
Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Low	Low	Low	Low	Low

## 12. ISO Control Mapping(s)

Category of Control	ISO 27001:2022 Control	Document Name as per ISO 27001:2022
Technological	<p>8.32 Change management Control Changes to information processing facilities and information systems shall be subject to change management procedures.</p> <p>8.19 Installation of software on operational systems Control Procedures and measures shall be implemented to securely manage software installation on operational systems,</p>	System and Software Change Management Procedure

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