

Advanced Business Continuity workshop



BCP Testing, Compliance and Pandemic Planning

How do you know if your Business Continuity Plan (BCP) will really enable you to continue critical parts of your business, if you have never *tested* it? Will your BCP prove *compliant* with APRA, Australian Standards, British Standards or other guidelines during the next Audit? This workshop will provide you with the necessary skills and templates to *confidently tackle complex aspects* of Business Continuity Management and Disaster Recovery: BCP Testing, Compliance and Pandemic Planning.

Who should attend?

Those either directly or indirectly involved in Business Continuity or Disaster Recovery processes or projects - in *any* industry, and in *any* size organisation:

- IT and business managers/staff
- Disaster Recovery managers/practitioners
- Business Continuity managers/specialists
- Risk managers/analysts
- Security managers
- Auditors and Compliance managers
- IT, Risk and/or BCM consultants
- Human Resource and OH&S managers/specialists
- Crisis managers
- Emergency response planners
- Business analysts
- Disaster Recovery testers
- IT/business strategy managers
- Senior managers/executives

This course has no prerequisites.

Add-on course option

This course can be done independently, or you could combine it with:

- 3-day Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery Plan implementation course

2 DAY WORKSHOP - OVERVIEW

The Advanced Business Continuity workshop (2 Days) provides you with **practical, tested and tried scripts and templates for conducting realistic and feasible BCP Tests**. You will start **preparing your next BCP Rehearsal** during the workshop, so you will take home practical information that you can immediately apply.

Participants will also perform mini **assessments of their BCP against specific Business Continuity Management (BCM) related standards and guidelines** that are relevant to their industry. In addition, this workshop will incorporate checklists and real-life examples related to **Pandemic Flu Planning**.

WORKSHOP COMPETENCIES

- Gain practical experience during role-plays, **interactive exercises**, discussions and assessments
- Learn from a BC/DR consultant with >15 years experience *how to best perform realistic BCP tests without jeopardising the live environment*
- Understand (and perform **gap analysis** for your process) in relation to a range of standards relevant to BCM, including AU/NZ HB221/292, APRA, BS25999, ISO 22399, NFPA1600, COBIT DS4, ITIL SCM, Sarbanes-Oxley, Basel-II and others that affect you
- Understand **what motivates auditors** and learn how to align your information to their requirements
- Develop strategies to deal with *Pandemic Flu* threat
- Practice how to achieve **buy-in for BCP exercising**.

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Trainer profile

Ms Rinske Geerlings is a leading specialist in Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery and Business Process Improvement. She draws on **more than 15 years experience in BCP/DR and process improvement**, having worked for many years as a BCP/DR Manager in the Finance sector as well as management consulting and training roles in Europe and Australia.



Rinske has a reputation for in-depth knowledge and understanding of process improvement gained from many years experience as a practitioner. She has personally set-up processes from scratch and dealt with all the associated issues, including organisational politics. She is able to readily draw on an extensive set of real-life examples on how to conduct DR exercises, how to **create buy-in across the organisation**, and how to **integrate IT with overall BC plans**. Rinske is well known for her enthusiasm and for being able to make the sometimes dry and intimidating BCP/DR subject material engaging and a forum for the generation of ideas. Her courses provide real **“take-home” value** through the use of tools and templates and the focus on case study examples.

“I thoroughly enjoyed the course and am looking forward to applying the framework and methodology. My expectations were met 100%”
N. Niemand - Datacom

“Thanks Rinske, I thought the course was brilliant and I also learnt a lot from the discussions with the other participants... This is a very useful secondary benefit of the course”
R. Evans - Snowy Hydro Ltd

“I gained a lot of information, which I have been able to put to good use. I would recommend the course to other colleagues who need to have a good understanding on Business Continuity”
P. Scholefield - Bendigo & Adelaide Bank

Rinske has presented subjects related to BCP, DR, and IT Management processes at a wide range of seminars and conferences. She is often sourced as a panel expert or speaker on topics such as *“How to perform successful DR exercises”*, *“Creating buy-in for BC across your organisation”* and *“Pandemic Planning”*. Her company, **Business As Usual**, also regularly assists with Business Continuity health-checks, Disaster Recovery rehearsals, Board preparation, desktop walk-throughs of Business Continuity plans, training and integration between BC/DR and IT. She has played an active role in the development of the current **Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) standard for BCP** through her involvement in the AllFinance Forum, which includes Australian banks and insurance companies. She is also a regular speaker with Continuity Forum, itSMF and CPA Australia.

Rinske is a certified **CBCP** (Certified Business Continuity Professional) - an accreditation from the Disaster Recovery Institute International (DRII) achieved by relatively few professionals - and also holds the formidable **ITIL Masters Certificate** and is **CobIT** certified. She is also a Member of the Business Continuity Institute (**MBCI**).

Apart from having all the necessary formal certification and expertise in management consulting and training, Rinske is an experienced practitioner who constantly implements and manages BCP/DR on a day-to-day basis.

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