

# Advanced Business Continuity workshop

## BCP Testing & Compliance



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 and BCP Compliance issues.

### 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 provide you with checklists and real-life examples.

### 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
- Practice how to achieve **buy-in for your next BCP test/rehearsal**.

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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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