

The logo for APQP 4 Wind features the text "APQP 4 Wind" in a white, sans-serif font. The number "4" is highlighted with a green circular outline. From the center of this circle, several thin green lines radiate outwards, resembling a stylized sun or a network diagram. The logo is positioned on a dark blue, upward-sloping background that transitions into a sky with white clouds at the top of the image.

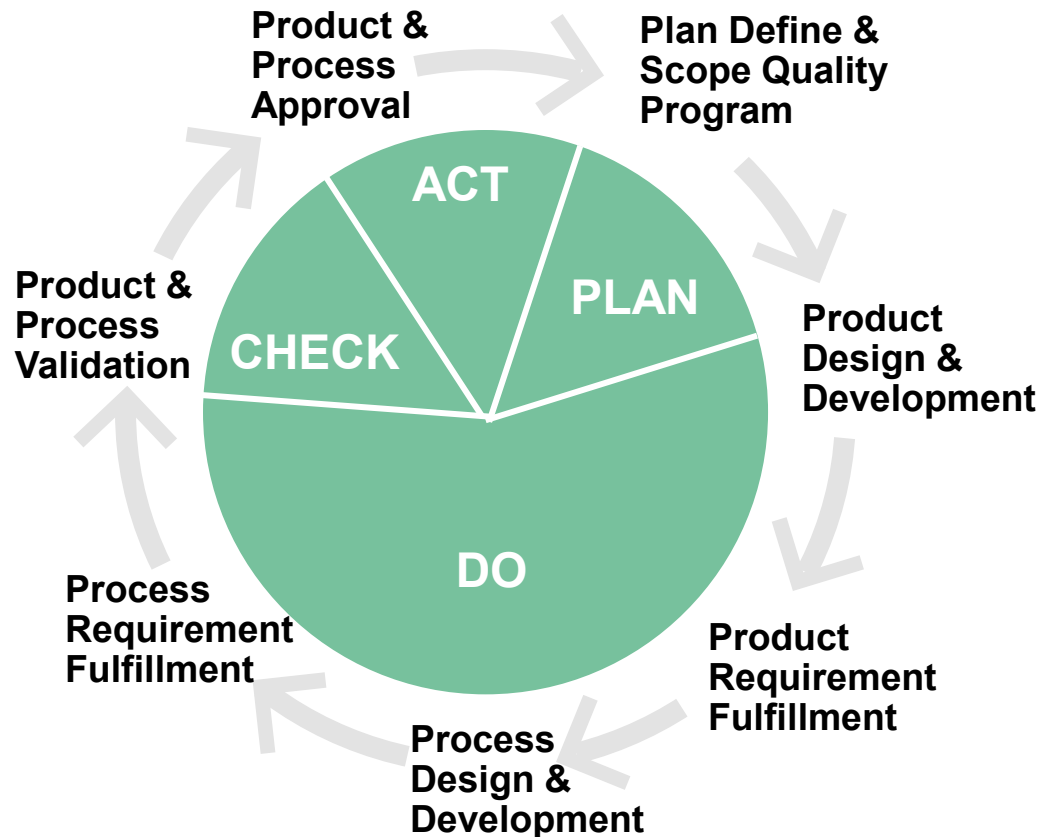
APQP 4 Wind®

**How to get started with APQP4Wind**

# What are the benefits and outcome

- You will know how APQP4Wind is structured
- You will understand the interfaces and workstream of APQP4Wind
- You will know how APQP4Wind supports you in your daily work to manage a project
- You will understand how to roll out APQP4Wind in your organization to ensure customer satisfaction
- You will know what steps are necessary to set up an APQP4Wind implementation

# Advanced Product Quality Planning



## APQP4Wind is...

- A **workstream** through all relevant departments for developing and manufacturing a product
- A **method** to organize interfaces between responsible stakeholders in the organization
- A **structure** to achieve effectiveness

# What do you need?

- A method to connect interfaces
- Methods/Tools to organize data
- Training/Experience to support efficient workflow
- Resources to run the methods and tools
- An IT landscape to exchange data
- An Organization to identify interfaces



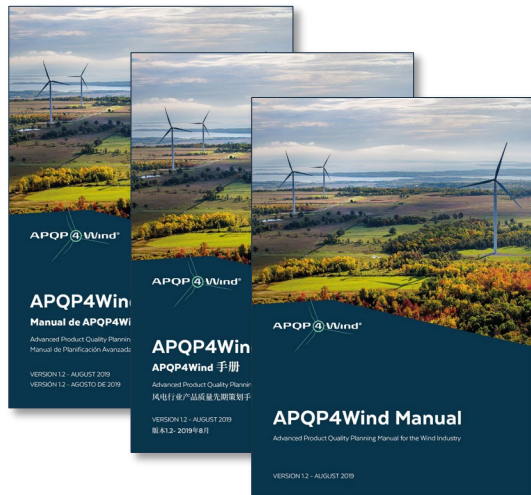
# Training/Experience



## The APQP4Wind Elements

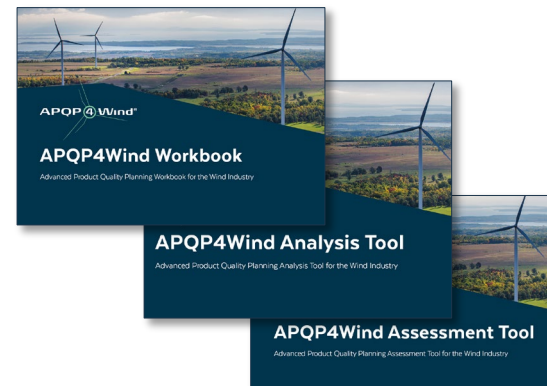
### Manual:

English, English/Chinese & English/Spanish



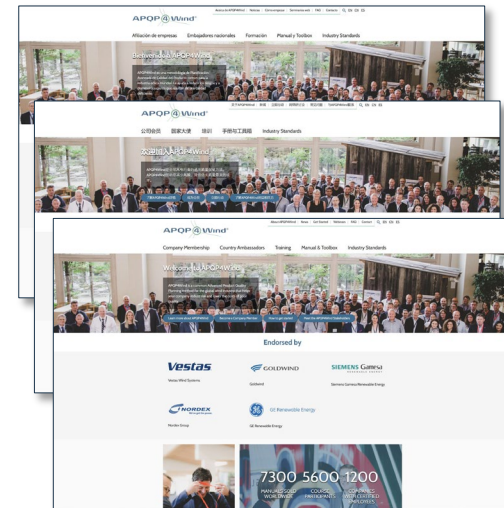
### Toolbox:

Workbook, Analysis Tool & Assessment Tool



### Website:

English, Chinese & Spanish



### Training Providers:

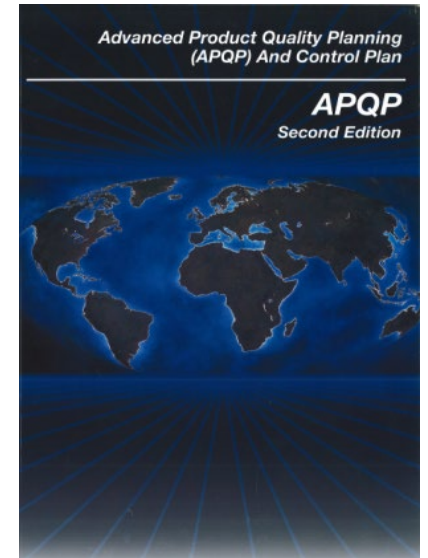


The APQP4Wind website [www.apqp4wind.org](http://www.apqp4wind.org) will support you with knowledge and information.

# Resources



- An additional source of information is the website of the Automotive Industry Action Group: [www.aiag.org](http://www.aiag.org)
- Here, it is recommended to order the 'Blue Books'.
- Special fields of APQP are addressed under headlines such as APQP, FMEA, MSA, SPC, PPAP.



# Resources



Skilled employees from different departments will be needed for a successful APQP4Wind workflow.

The departments for:

- Sales
- Engineering
- Production
- Procurement
- Quality

should have fundamental knowledge of APQP4Wind.

# IT Landscape



- APQP4Wind can easily be merged into an already installed Integrated Management System.
- If not available, a network structure will help a lot to ensure an efficient workflow. Together with several applications from different business units, the APQP4Wind process should be lean.
- Pull and push information systems should be considered and ‘stand alone solutions’ should be connected to the internet.
- Basic applications are MS Office or adequate, CAD -, CAQ - and CAM solutions and ERP (Enterprise Resources Planning) software.

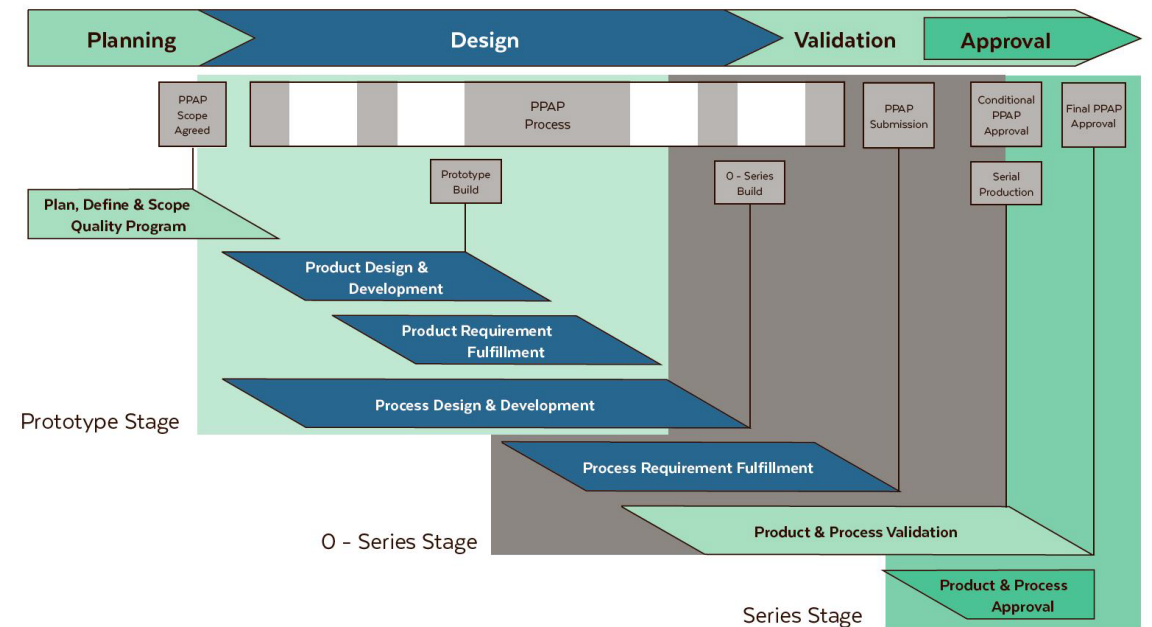


# Organization



- A certification according to DIN ISO 9001:2015 or IATF 16949 and an Integrated Management System (IMS) will be a perfect foundation for a successfully operating APQP4Wind environment.

## APQP4Wind Framework:



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## The plan



# Roll Out Plan

It is up to the maturity of a company regarding the already installed Quality Management System. A Roll Out Plan can look like the following overview:

## Plan:

## Action:

**Step 1:** Gap analysis

- Start a gap analysis to identify lack of knowledge and sources.

**Step 2:** Training of involved employees and stakeholders  
(Awareness and Specialist training)

- Selection of Training Providers and execution of training plan.

**Step 3:** Introduction to organization

- Along with promotion activities and awareness events, the new APQP process needs to be introduced to the organization.

**Step 4:** Improving, changing or implementing needed methods and tools, restructure organization

- According to the gap analysis, all weak resources need to be improved, changed or just created.

**Step 5:** Pilot phase: Training loop and 'real data pilot'

- Run with a Project Quality Plan. The new process shall be tested for efficiency (i.e., pilot run).

**Step 6:** Lessons learned and action plan

- A final 'improvement plan' can be created and followed.

**Step 7:** Kick off – APQP as a solid process

- Complete implementation into the Quality Management System.

**Step 8:** Review and PDCA, Internal Audit

- Follow continuous improvement process, perform internal Audit.

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