

There are **5 project management process groups** that the PMBOK® documents:

- **Initiation Process group** is performed to define a new project or a new phase of an existing project by obtaining authorization to start the project or phase.
- **Planning Process Group** is to establish the scope of the project, refine the objectives, and define the course of action required to attain the objectives.
- **Execution Process Group** is performed to complete work defined in the project management plan to satisfy the project specifications.
- **Monitoring and Controlling Process Group** is to track, review, and regulate the progress and performance of the project; identify any changes required and initiate corresponding changes.
- **Closing Process Group** is performed to finalize all activities across all process groups to formally close the project or phase.