

# KAIZEN VS. LEAN VS. SIX SIGMA



**Kaizen, Lean as well as Six Sigma are focused on improving business processes. Below is the outline of the difference between them:**

KAIZEN	LEAN	SIX SIGMA
Any Small Improvement	Waste Elimination	Variation Reduction
Implemented when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cause(s): KNOWN</li><li>• Solution(s): SIMPLE</li></ul>	Implemented when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cause(s): KNOWN</li><li>• Solution(s): COMPLEX</li></ul>	Implemented when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cause(s): UNKNOWN</li><li>• Solution(s): COMPLEX</li></ul>
Do NOT Require a Team Effort	Requires a Team Effort	Requires a Team Effort
Estimated Time: 0 days to 5 days	Estimated Time: 45 to 90 days	Estimated Time: 90 to 180 days