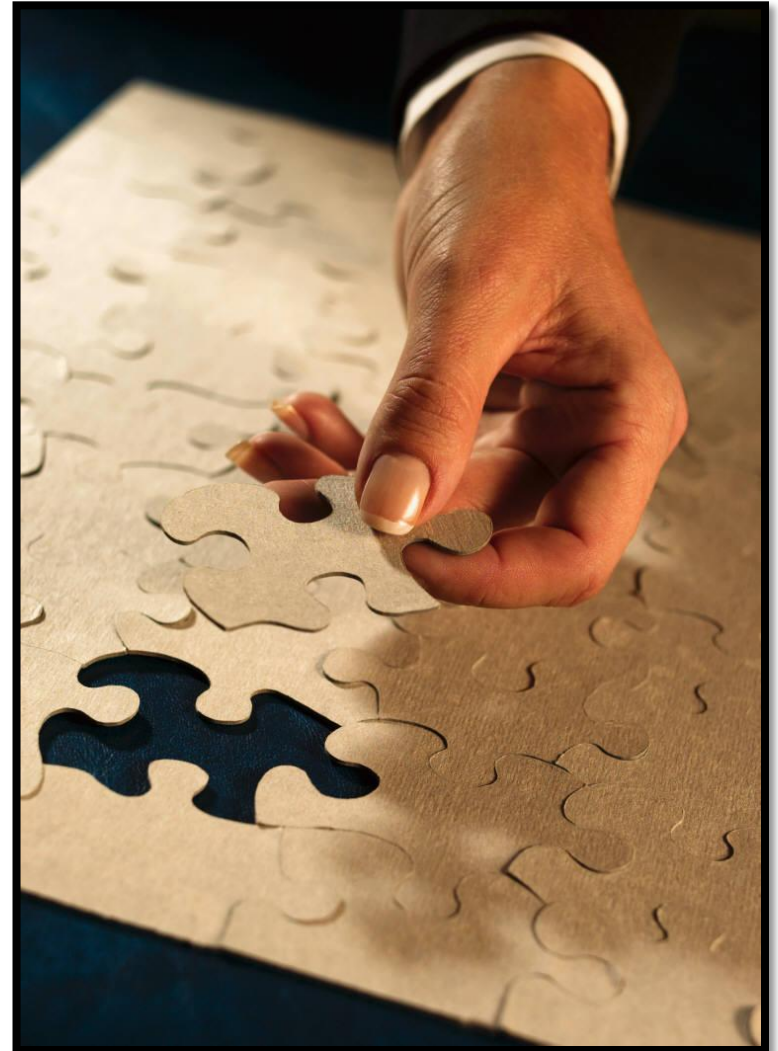


Introduction to PMP® Certification

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What is PMP®?



- ▶ PMP stands for Project Management Professional
- ▶ Professional certification for Project Management
- ▶ Offered by Project Management Institute (PMI®), USA
- ▶ Globally recognized and demanded
- ▶ Proof of Project Management knowledge, experience, and skills
- ▶ Certification is valid for 3 years
- ▶ Renewed by fulfilling continuous education requirements

Eligibility Criteria

4-Year Degree

- PM Experience
 - 3 years /
 - 36 months /
 - 4500 hours
 - Unique / non-overlapping
- PM Education
 - 35 Contact Hours

OR

Diploma

- PM Experience
 - 5 years /
 - 60 months /
 - 7500 hours
 - Unique / non-overlapping
- PM Education
 - 35 Contact Hours

Experience in all 5 Process Groups (but not necessarily in every project)
(Initiating, Planning, Executing, Monitoring and Controlling, Closing)

Contact Hours

What Qualifies

- Trainings offered by:
 - PMI REPs
 - PMI Chapters
 - Employer/company-sponsored programs
 - Training companies or consultants (e.g. BrainBOK 😊)
 - Distance Learning Programs
 - University/college academic programs

What Doesn't Quality

- PMI Chapter Meetings
- Self-directed learning (e.g. reading books, watching videos)

Application Process

Submit Application

- 90 days to complete the application

Application Review (by PMI)

- 5 business days

Pay Exam Fee

- Before scheduling the exam

Audit

- About 10% applications selected at random

Schedule and take Exam

- Within 1-year of application approval

Application Audit

- ▶ About 10% applications are selected randomly for audit
- ▶ PMI sends audit notification via email after the exam fee is paid
- ▶ 1-year application eligibility clock stops when audit begins and resumes when audit completes
- ▶ Must be completed within 60 days
- ▶ Audit Package
 - ▶ Download from PMI's Online Certification System
 - ▶ Print and fill up the documents
 - ▶ Experience Verification Forms (original)
 - ▶ One for each project
 - ▶ Duly signed (in writing) by the respective supervisor/manager
 - ▶ Enclosed in an envelope cross-signed by the respective supervisor/manager
 - ▶ Attachments:
 - ▶ Diploma/degree certificate (copy)
 - ▶ 35 Contact Hours certificate (copy)
 - ▶ Send package back to PMI through postal mail or courier
- ▶ If you fail the audit:
 - ▶ Application fee is refunded minus \$100
 - ▶ Suspension for 1-year

Exam Fee

PMI Members

- Exam Fee
 - \$405
 - \$129 (annual membership)
 - \$534 (total \$21 saving)
- Re-exam Fee
 - \$275

Non-PMI Members

- Exam Fee
 - \$555
- Re-exam Fee
 - \$375

PMI Membership

- ▶ Membership price \$119 annually (plus \$10 application fee)
- ▶ Benefits
 - ▶ Savings in Exam Fee (\$21)
 - ▶ Free electronic copy of the *PMBOK® Guide*, 4th Edition
 - ▶ Access to Books 24x7
 - ▶ Access to PM Network magazine, newsletters and other PMI publications
 - ▶ Discounts on books
 - ▶ Additional benefits
- ▶ Recommended – Yes
- ▶ Best time to apply
 - ▶ At the start of the preparation



Exam Overview

- ▶ Multiple Choice Questions
 - ▶ 4 answer choices
 - ▶ Exactly one correct answer
 - ▶ No negative marking
- ▶ 200 Questions
 - ▶ 175 Questions Scored
 - ▶ 25 Pretest Questions (not scored)
- ▶ 4 hours duration
 - ▶ No official break
- ▶ Format
 - ▶ Computer-based OR
 - ▶ Paper-based
- ▶ Based on *PMBOK® Guide*, 4th Edition
- ▶ Tests competency and knowledge
- ▶ Some formula-questions require use of calculator
- ▶ Difficulty – Medium to High
- ▶ Administered by Prometric

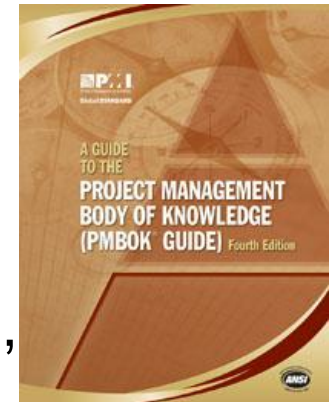


What it takes to pass the PMP Exam?

- ▶ 35 Contact Hours of Project Management education
- ▶ About 150 hours of self-study
- ▶ Average preparation time is 3 months
- ▶ Course material
 - ▶ PMBOK® Guide, 4th Edition
 - ▶ One good PMP Exam Prep Guide
 - ▶ About 2,000 sample questions
 - ▶ Study aids
- ▶ Join a good PMP exam prep forum
- ▶ PMI-way of thinking
- ▶ Large project mindset
- ▶ Hard work, dedication and motivation

PMBOK® Guide

- ▶ A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge
- ▶ The Bible for the PMP Exam
- ▶ Recognized standard for project management
- ▶ Describes established norms, methods, processes, and practices
- ▶ Evolved from the recognized good practices of project management practitioners
- ▶ Revised every 4 years
- ▶ Current edition – 4th (Dec 2008)
- ▶ 42 Project Management Processes
- ▶ 5 Process Groups (logical grouping)
 - ▶ Initiating, Planning, Executing, Monitoring and Controlling, Closing
- ▶ 9 Knowledge Areas (areas of specialization)
 - ▶ Integration, Scope, Time, Cost, Quality, HR, Communications, Risk, Procurements



Recommended Schedule

- ▶ Prepare the application – Nov-Dec 2011
- ▶ Contact hours training – Jan 2012
- ▶ Sign-up for PMI Membership – 1st week of Feb 2012
- ▶ Apply for PMP Certification – 1st week Feb 2012
- ▶ Comply with the Audit (if selected) – by Feb 2012
- ▶ Schedule the exam – by Feb 2012
- ▶ Prepare and take the exam - by Apr 2012

More Information

- ▶ PMI: <http://www.pmi.org>
- ▶ PMP Handbook: http://www.pmi.org/Certification/~media/PDF/Certifications/pdc_pmphandbook.ashx
- ▶ PMP Certification Home: <http://www.pmi.org/Certification/Project-Management-Professional-PMP.aspx>
- ▶ PMP Content Outline: http://www.pmi.org/Certification/Project-Management-Professional-PMP/~media/PDF/Certifications/PMP_Examination_Content_Outline_Aug.ashx
- ▶ PMP FAQs: <http://www.squidoo.com/workshop/pmp-faq>
- ▶ BrainBOK: <http://www.brainbok.com>

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