

PMI® Certifications

PMP®
CAPM®
PgMP®
PfMP®
PMI-ACP®
PMI-PBA®
PMI-RMP®
PMI-SP®

“Sure, professional experience and on-the-job-training are important — but I was only recognized for that at my company. Attaining the PMP meant that the world’s largest association for the profession would validate my professional experience.”

-PMP® Credential Holder

You. Certified.

Demonstrate your expertise.

We know how important it is to set yourself apart. We know how much your career means to you. Your professional standing. Your credibility.

PMI certification. It can be the difference between getting the job, or not. It can raise your visibility, and highlight your competency. It can be the start of a whole new chapter in your professional story.

That's why we have spent decades perfecting our suite of eight certifications. And they remain the global standard. There are more than 660,000 professionals with PMI certification worldwide. You could be one of them.

Take a minute to look at the descriptions and requirements for each of our certifications. Take the time to consider the one that is best suited to your business role, skills, experience and education. Then connect with us to get started.

It's within reach.

It's your future.

It's you. Certified.

PMI certification works hard for you: anywhere and all the time.

PMI certification shows that you have the essential knowledge, experience and education to effectively contribute to project, strategic and organizational success. A PMI certification is a valuable investment in your career, and yourself. You deserve it.

Top five reasons to earn a PMI certification:

1. **Credibility.** Provide an unbiased and reliable means to validate your domain knowledge and professional experience. For over 30 years, PMI has offered certification and is a globally recognized leader in the industry.
2. **Transferability.** PMI certification is not tied to any one specific methodology, industry, or region. A PMI certification can move and adapt with your career.
3. **Competitive advantage.** Be more marketable. Many certification holders achieve salary increases, career advancement opportunities and employer recognition.
4. **Commitment.** Emphasize your commitment to professional growth. By earning and maintaining a PMI certification, you continue to develop your knowledge, skills and abilities.
5. **Relevance.** Demonstrate your relevance with certifications that are developed by practitioners, upheld by rigorous standards, based on ongoing research and always reflect current industry practices.

“PMI is an independent source to validate my knowledge in various areas of project management. The credential sets me apart from those who do not take the time—and helps employers understand my commitment to the profession.”

-PMP, PgMP, PMI-RMP and PfMP Credential Holder

	PMP®	CAPM®	PgMP®	PfMP®
Certification definition	The PMP certification recognizes competence of an individual to perform in the role of a project manager, specifically experience in leading and directing projects.	The CAPM certification recognizes a demonstrated understanding of the fundamental knowledge, processes and terminology as defined in the PMBOK Guide that are needed for effective project management performance.	The PgMP certification recognizes demonstrated experience, skill and performance in the oversight of multiple, related projects that are aligned with organizational objectives.	The PfMP certification recognizes the advanced skill needed for the coordinated management of one or more portfolios of projects, programs, or operations to achieve organizational objectives.
Who should apply?	IF YOU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are responsible for all aspects of a project for the life of a project • Lead and direct cross-functional teams to deliver projects within the constraints of time, budget and scope 	IF YOU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide subject matter expertise (e.g. finance, marketing, customer care) • Serve as project sponsors, facilitators, liaisons, or coordinators 	IF YOU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage programs that contain complex activities that span functions, organizations, geographic regions or cultures 	IF YOU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Execute the portfolio management process for their organization; • Focus on ensuring an organization is investing their resources in the right work – work that enhances organizational strategy and objectives
Professional education (contact hours)	35 hours in project management	Minimum of a high school diploma, associate degree or global equivalent: At least 23 hours of project management education without professional work experience —————OR—————	Not applicable	Not applicable
Professional work experience	<p>With bachelor's degree or global equivalent: minimum three years (4,500 hrs) spent leading and directing projects within the last eight years</p> <p>—————OR—————</p> <p>With high school diploma or global equivalent: minimum five years (7,500 hrs) spent leading and directing projects within the last eight years</p>	At least 1,500 hours of professional experience on a project team without project management education	<p>With bachelor's degree or global equivalent: minimum four years (6,000 hrs) of project management AND four years (6,000 hrs) program management experience within the last 15 years*</p> <p>—————OR—————</p> <p>With high school diploma or global equivalent: minimum four years (6,000 hrs) of project management AND seven years (10,500 hrs) program management experience within the last 15 years*</p>	<p>With bachelor's degree or global equivalent: minimum four years (6,000 hrs) of portfolio management experience AND eight years (96 months) of professional business experience within the last 15 years</p> <p>—————OR—————</p> <p>With high school diploma or global equivalent: minimum seven years (10,500 hrs) of portfolio management experience AND eight years (96 months) of professional business experience within the last 15 years</p>
Exam information	4-hour, 200-question, multiple-choice exam	3-hour, 150-question, multiple-choice exam	Evaluation 1: Panel review Evaluation 2: 4-hour, 170-question, multiple-choice exam	Evaluation 1: Panel review Evaluation 2: 4-hour, 170-question, multiple-choice exam
Exam fee	PMI member: US \$405 (€340) Non-member: US \$555 (€465)	PMI member: US \$225 (€185) Non-member: US \$300 (€250)	PMI member: US \$800 (€655) Non-member: US \$1,000 (€815)	PMI member: US \$800 (€655) Non-member: US \$1,000 (€815)

* Program Management Experience: for each program listed, there must be at least two corresponding projects that share the common strategic goal and budget of

	PMI-ACP®	PMI-PBA®	PMI-RMP®	PMI-SP®
Certification definition	The PMI-ACP certification recognizes knowledge of agile principles, practices, and tools and techniques across agile methodologies, not simply limiting a practitioner to one agile approach.	The PMI-PBA certification highlights expertise in business analysis. It spotlights ability to work effectively with stakeholders to define their business requirements, shape the output of projects and drive successful business outcomes.	The PMI-RMP certification recognizes demonstrated knowledge and competency in the specialized area of assessing and identifying project risks along with plans to mitigate threats and capitalize on opportunities.	The PMI-SP certification recognizes demonstrated knowledge and competency in the specialized area of developing and maintaining the project schedule.
Who should apply?	IF YOU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have experience leading or working on agile project teams or with agile methodologies • Have training in agile practices 	IF YOU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct business analysis activities for projects and programs • Have responsibility for managing requirements for projects and programs 	IF YOU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have expertise in risk management 	IF YOU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have expertise in project scheduling
Professional education (contact hours)	Minimum 21 hours in agile practices	35 hours in business analysis topics	Bachelor's degree or global equivalent, minimum 30 hours in project risk management ———OR——— High school diploma or global equivalent, minimum 40 hours in project risk management	Bachelor's degree or global equivalent, minimum 30 hours in project scheduling ———OR——— High school diploma or global equivalent, minimum 40 hours in project scheduling
Professional work experience	2,000 hours working on project teams within the last five years** AND 1,500 hours working on agile project teams or with agile methodologies within the last three years.	With bachelor's degree or global equivalent: minimum three years (4,500 hrs) of business analysis experience AND 2,000 hours working on project teams within the last eight years** ———OR——— With high school diploma or global equivalent: minimum five years (7,500 hrs) of business analysis experience AND 2,000 hours working on project teams within the last eight years**	With bachelor's degree or global equivalent: minimum 3,000 hours of work experience in project risk management within the last five years ———OR——— With high school diploma or global equivalent: minimum 4,500 hours of work experience in project risk management within the last five years	With bachelor's degree or global equivalent: minimum 3,500 hours of work experience in project scheduling within the last five years ———OR——— With high school diploma or global equivalent: minimum 5,000 hours of work experience in project scheduling within the last five years
Exam information	3-hour, 120-question, multiple-choice exam	4-hour, 200-question, multiple-choice exam	3.5-hour, 170-question, multiple-choice exam	3.5-hour, 170-question, multiple-choice exam
Exam fee	PMI member: US \$435 (€365) Non-member: US \$495 (€415)	PMI member: US \$405 (€340) Non-member: US \$555 (€465)	PMI member: US \$520 (€430) Non-member: US \$670 (€555)	PMI member: US \$520 (€430) Non-member: US \$670 (€555)

** Working on Project Team Experience: for those holding a PMP or PgMP certification, PMI has already verified that the candidate has exceeded the 2,000 hour requirement. A PMP or PgMP certification holder will not need to enter these hours on the application.

Prepare for success

Quick Tips:

1. Read the applicable certification handbook. (Visit the Certification tab on PMI.org to download certification handbooks.)
2. Review the certification's Exam Content Outline.
3. Read the associated PMI body of knowledge or standard, along with other applicable reference sources.
4. Seek additional educational opportunities through PMI, a PMI component, a PMI Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.), or other provider.
5. Form a study group with colleagues or friends.

Stay in demand: maintain your certification

Use the Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) program to keep your knowledge current and develop new skills that industry leaders seek.

The CCR program helps you keep your certification current and your knowledge relevant as the profession evolves.

Maintenance requirements for your certification

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Certification cycle	5 years	3 years	3 years	3 years	3 years	3 years	3 years	3 years
Number of PDUs needed in three-year cycle	No PDUs. Re-exam at end of 5 year cycle	60 PDUs	60 PDUs	60 PDUs in portfolio management topics	30 PDUs* in agile principles and practices	60 PDUs in business analysis topics	30 PDUs* in specialized area of project risk management	30 PDUs* in specialized area of project scheduling

*Note: These hours can also count toward maintenance of the PMP® or PgMP® certification.

Good things happen when you get involved with PMI

PMI is the world's largest project management member association, representing more than 600,000 practitioners in more than 185 countries. As a global thought leader and knowledge resource, PMI advances the profession through its global standards and credentials, collaborative chapters, virtual communities, and academic research. When organizations invest in project management, supported by PMI, executives have confidence that their important initiatives will deliver expected results, greater business value, and competitive advantage. Learn more at www.PMI.org.

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