# Project Management Professional (PMP)®

## Description

The PMP® is the project management credential of choice for numerous industries and companies. By attaining the PMP® credential, your name will be included in the largest and most prestigious group of certified professionals in the project management community. The PMP® designation following your name tells employers that you possess the project management knowledge, experience, and skills to bring projects to successful completion.

## Eligibility Requirements

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<td>Secondary degree (high school diploma, associate’s degree, or global equivalent)</td>
<td>Minimum five years/60 months unique non-overlapping professional project management experience during which at least 7,500 hours were spent leading and directing the project*</td>
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<td>Four-year degree (bachelor’s or global equivalent)</td>
<td>Minimum three years/36 months unique non-overlapping professional project management experience during which at least 4,500 hours** were spent leading and directing the project*</td>
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*Leading and directing the project as identified with the tasks, knowledge, and skills specific in the Project Management Professional Examination Content Outline. You should have experience in all five process groups across all your project management experience submitted on the application. However, on a single project, you do not need to have experience in all five process groups.  
**If you graduated from a GAC-accredited program, only 3,000 work experience hours need to be presented.

## Exam Details

The examination is comprised of 200 multiple-choice questions. Of the 200 questions, 175 are scored and 25 are pretest (unscored). Pretest questions are randomly placed throughout the exam to gather statistical information to determine if they should be used in future examinations. The time allotted to complete the computer-based (CBT) examination is four hours. CBT is the standard method of exam administration.

The following represents the percentage of questions in each domain that are included in the examination:

- **Initiation**: 13%
- **Planning**: 24%
- **Executing**: 31%
- **Monitoring and Controlling**: 25%
- **Closing**: 7%

*This information is subject to change, visit [www.PMI.org](http://www.PMI.org) for the most up to date information.  
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**PMP Credential Process**

- Make sure you meet the credential eligibility requirements and can record the necessary information on the application. Online applications remain open for 90 days.
- Once submitted, online applications are processed in 5 calendar days.
- If your application is randomly selected for an audit, you will have 90 days to submit your audit material. PMI processes audit materials in 5-7 days.
- Once your application has been processed and determined to be complete, you need to submit payment of the certification fee.
- When credential payment is received (and you have successfully completed the application audit, if your application was selected) you will be sent the start and end dates for your eligibility period and exam scheduling instructions. The exam eligibility period is one year.
- You have three opportunities to take and pass the PMP exam within your exam eligibility period. If you do not succeed on the third attempt, you will have to wait one year from the date of the last examination to reapply for the credential.
- Your three-year certification cycle begins the day you pass the exam and are granted the PMP credential.

**Exam Report**

Upon completion of the CBT exam, you will receive your test results. In addition to a pass/fail status, diagnostic information is provided on your performance for each domain.

The passing score for the PMP Examination is determined by psychometric analysis. SMEs from around the globe help establish a passing point and the examination point of difficulty.

**Continuing Certification Requirements Program**

To maintain an active certification status, you must participate in the Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) program.

PMPs are required to attain no less than 60 professional development units (PDUs) during each certification/CCR cycle, and report PDUs with the online CCR System. PDU categories fall under two divisions - **Education** and **Giving Back to the Profession**. There is no limit on the PDUs earned within a 3-year cycle in Educational PDU categories. However, a maximum of 25 PDUs has been imposed within a 3-year cycle (for PMP®) in Giving Back to the Profession PDU categories. Additionally, PMPs are required to complete the online Application for Renewal process, which includes reaffirming the PMI Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct and the PMI Certification Application/Renewal Agreement.

The credential renewal fee is $60 for PMI members and $150 for nonmembers.

**Testing Locations**

All PMI computer-based exams are offered at all Prometric Testing Centers worldwide. CBT test centers are listed on the Prometric website at [http://www.prometric.com/pmi](http://www.prometric.com/pmi).

**PMI Individual Membership**

Individual membership is open to anyone interested in project management.

A PMI individual membership is $129 to join, $129 to renew.