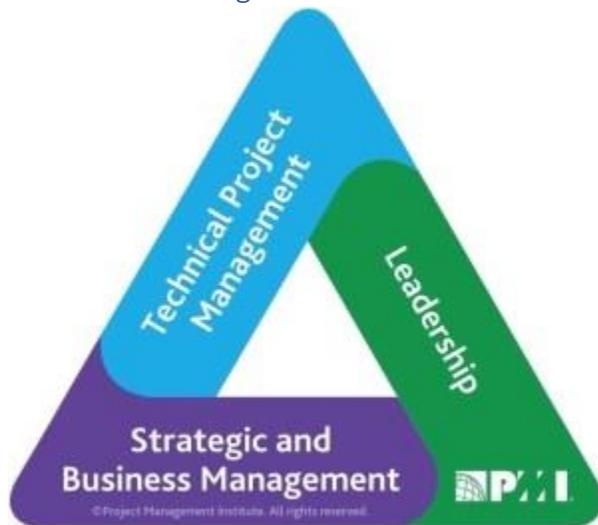# PMI®- ACP EXAM PREP COURSE- PDUs

Renewing Your PMI Certification: Continuing Certification Requirements

Once you've passed any of the PMI® certifications, you need to keep your skills up to date through the Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) program to maintain your credential and an active certification status. Each PMI® certification cycle lasts for a defined period. PMI allows its members to self-certify that they have earned Professional Development Units (PDUs) that arise from your continuing education or by giving back to the profession.

For example, PMP recertification

- You need to earn 60 PDUs every 3 years, to maintain your PMP certification. For one hour of learning or giving back, you can claim 1 PDU.
- These 60 PDUs are split into 35 for Education and 25 for Giving back, which includes working, volunteering, and creating content.
- Of your 35 education PDUs, you will need to earn a minimum of 8 PDUs in each of the three Talent Triangle competency areas (and therefore, a maximum of 19 in any one).

PMI Talent Triangle

The PMI® CCR Program was designed to help an individual in a project manager's growth and development in their profession. With the evolution of the business environment, the PMI decided that the program also needed adaptation to provide the development of new employer-desired needs, including leadership and business intelligence.

The PMI calls the ideal skill set the PMI Talent Triangle™—a combination of technical, leadership, strategic, and business management expertise. It includes:

Technical Project Management

Knowledge, skills, and behaviors related to specific domains of Project, Program and Portfolio Management. More than half (66%) of organizations say that technical project skills are the most difficult to find. However, 96% indicate that these skills are the most teachable.

Leadership

Knowledge, skills, and behaviors specific to leadership-oriented skills that help an organization achieve its business goals. Three-quarters (75%) of organizations rank leadership skills as the most important for successfully navigating complex projects. 71% of organizations rank leadership skills as the most important for long-term success of project managers.

Strategic and Business Management

Knowledge of and expertise in the industry or organization that enhances performance and better delivers business outcomes. Organizations that align their talent to organizational strategy produce a 72% higher average project success rate, as compared to 58% for those without it.

PMI Minimum Required Education PDUs for Retention of its Certifications		
Competency Areas	Requirements for holders of…	
	PMP, PgMP, PfMP, PMI-PBA	PMI-ACP, PMI-SP, PMI-RMP
Technical Project Management	8	4
Leadership	8	4
Strategic & Business Management	8	4
Remaining PDUs across any of the Competency Areas	11	6
TOTAL Minimum Education PDUs	35	18

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The course provides 21 PDUs broken down as follows:

- **Technical Project Management – 8**
- **Leadership – 8**
- **Strategic & Business Management – 5**

How Many PDUs Do I Need to Maintain My Certification?

PMI® publishes a very clear description of the PDU requirements, on its website. Whichever of its many qualifications you hold, this page will tell you what you need to know about PMI's Continuing Certification Requirements.