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Top five reasons to earn a PMI certification:

- 1. Credibility.** Provide an unbiased and reliable means to validate your domain of 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 Talent Triangle®

Your PMI certification will include a way to keep your certification current and your knowledge relevant as the profession evolves through the Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) program.

The program focuses your professional development on the employer-demanded skills of the PMI Talent Triangle® — technical, leadership, and strategic and business management skills.



“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.”

– Project Management Professional (PMP)® certification holder

“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.”

– PMI-RMP, PMP, PgMP and PfMP certification holder



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 through the Reference List for the exam and determine which will be most helpful for you.
4. Seek additional educational opportunities through PMI, a PMI chapter, a PMI Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.), or other provider.
5. Form a study group with colleagues or friends.

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- Project Management Professional (PMP)®
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- Portfolio Management Professional (PfMP)®
- PMI Professional in Business Analysis (PMI-PBA)®
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PMI® Certification

Check your eligibility	PMP®	CAPM®	PgMP®	PfMP®	PMI-ACP®	PMI-PBA®	PMI-RMP®	PMI-SP®
Certification definition	The PMP certification recognizes experience, knowledge, and skill in leading and directing projects.	The CAPM certification recognizes a demonstrated understanding of the fundamental knowledge, processes, and terminology as defined in <i>A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)</i> that are needed for effective project management performance.	The PgMP recognizes demonstrated experience and skill, along with the oversight of multiple related projects that are aligned with organizational objectives.	The PfMP certification recognizes the advanced skills needed for the coordinated management of one or more portfolio(s) of projects, programs, or operations to achieve organizational objectives.	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 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 in the specialized area of developing and maintaining the project schedule.
Apply if you:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are responsible for leading a project • Lead and direct cross-functional teams to deliver projects within the constraints of time, budget, and scope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide subject matter expertise in a project team environment • Support project managers with coordination of project duties • Serve as a project team member, coordinator or liaison • Are interested in project management and want to learn project management fundamentals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage programs that contain complex activities that span functions, organizations, geographic regions, or cultures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Execute the portfolio management process for an organization • Focus on ensuring an organization invests their resources in the right work—work that enhances organizational strategy and objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have experience leading or working on agile project teams or with agile methodologies • Have training in agile practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct business analysis activities for projects and programs • Have responsibility for managing requirements for projects and programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have experience in risk management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have experience in project scheduling
Professional education (contact hours)	35 hours of project management education OR CAPM certification.	Minimum of a high school diploma, associate degree, or global equivalent At least 23 hours of project management education without professional work experience	Not applicable	Not applicable	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	<p>With bachelor's degree or global equivalent: minimum three years (4,500 hours) 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 hours) spent leading and directing projects within the last eight years</p>		<p>With bachelor's degree or global equivalent: minimum four years (6,000 hours) of project management AND four years (6,000 hours) 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 hours) of project management AND seven years (10,500 hours) program management experience within the last 15 years*</p>	<p>With bachelor's degree or global equivalent: minimum four years (6,000 hours) 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 hours) of portfolio management experience AND eight years (96 months) of professional business experience within the last 15 years</p>	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	<p>With bachelor's degree or global equivalent: minimum three years (4,500 hours) of business analysis experience</p> <p>OR</p> <p>With high school diploma or global equivalent: minimum five years (7,500 hours) of business analysis experience</p>	<p>With bachelor's degree or global equivalent: minimum 3,000 hours of work experience in project risk management within the last five years</p> <p>OR</p> <p>With high school diploma or global equivalent: minimum 4,500 hours of work experience in project risk management within the last five years</p>	<p>With bachelor's degree or global equivalent: minimum 3,500 hours of work experience in project scheduling within the last five years</p> <p>OR</p> <p>With high school diploma or global equivalent: minimum 5,000 hours of work experience in project scheduling within the last five years</p>
Exam information	4-hour, 200-question multiple-choice exam	3-hour 150 question exam	<p>Evaluation 1: Panel review</p> <p>Evaluation 2: 4-hour, 170-question multiple-choice exam</p>	<p>Evaluation 1: Panel review</p> <p>Evaluation 2: 4-hour, 170-question multiple-choice exam</p>	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\$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)	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)
Certification maintenance requirements	3-year cycle 60 PDUs per cycle	5-year cycle No PDUs per cycle Retake the exam before the end of your five-year certification cycle	3-year cycle 60 PDUs per cycle	3-year cycle 60 PDUs per cycle	3-year cycle 30 PDUs per cycle	3-year cycle 60 PDUs per cycle	3-year cycle 30 PDUs per cycle	3-year cycle 30 PDUs per cycle

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