

PMP Certification Process

How to achieve the most recognized project management designation

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Why Obtain PMP Certification

- Certification process drives formal learning in a broad set of business areas
- ‘The’ recognized project management certification
 - Well recognized in North America and globally
- Re-certification drives continual learning and involvement in PM
- Makes you a member of a professional community
- Excellent career development goal
- PMP requirement becoming prevalent in job postings

PMP Process Summary

- Step 1
 - Determine if you qualify
- Step 2
 - Become a PMI member (not mandatory but recommended)
- Step 3
 - Submit the application & obtain approval to write the exam
- Step 4
 - Write the exam
- Step 5
 - Become a PMP – develop PDU plan

Eligibility at a Glance & Budget

*Validate at PMI.org
as the requirements may change*

Budget (my example)

- \$160 CDN to become PMI member
- \$405 US to register for exam
- \$50 CDN PMBOK Guide
- \$56 US Study book – Rita
- \$200 CDN travel/hotel

• **Total \$871** (Presumes CDN \$ on par with US \$)

PMP®	
Full Name	Project Management Professional
Project Role	Leads and directs project teams.
Eligibility Requirements	High school diploma/global equivalent 5 years project management experience 35 hours project management education OR Bachelor's degree/global equivalent 3 years project management experience 35 hours project management education
Steps to Obtaining Credential	application process + multiple-choice exam
Exam Information	4 hours; 200 questions
Fees	US\$405 PMI member (US\$555 non-member)
Credential Maintenance Cycles and Requirements	3 years; 60 PDUs

Source: PMI.org

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Step 1- Determine if You Qualify

- Visit www.pmi.org
 - Download PMP Handbook (application)
 - <http://www.pmi.org/CareerDevelopment/Pages/PMICredentialOverview.aspx>
- PMP Application
 - Must map out each of your projects over the 3 to 5 years to the 5 process groups
 - Initiating
 - Planning
 - Executing
 - Monitoring & Controlling
 - Closing
- Assess your experience, training and education to confirm that you will qualify
 - Must be as a project lead (project manager) not simply contributing to the project
- If in doubt contact PMI
 - Will respond in three business days - customercare@pmi.org

Step 2 – Become a PMI Member

(Not Mandatory – Highly Recommended)

- Once you are confident that you qualify
- Register with local PMI (pmi.org)
 - Detailed information on local PMI activities
 - Discounts on PMP application
 - Discounts on training
 - Discounts on books
- Note that the discount on your PMP application is almost the same cost as membership fees
- \$160 CDN

Step 3 – Submit Application

- Fill out and submit application
 - Get the application spreadsheet
 - <http://www.donkim.info/PMPCertPrep/>
- A certain number of applications get audited
 - Have your references / credentials ready to validate before you submit the application
- Once approved you have one year to write the exam and are allowed to take it up to 3 times within the one year period.
- \$405 US (for members) or \$555 US (non-members)

Step 4 – Write the Exam

It's a real exam!!!

- Study – Develop a plan
 - Register with Prometric and set the exam date
 - Choose location close to you - www.prometric.com/PMI/
 - Purchase the PMBOK Guide
 - \$50
 - Purchase a study guide – I used Rita Mulcahy study guide
 - PMP Exam Prep: Rapid Learning to Pass PMI's PMP Exam-On Your First Try! By Rita Mulcahy
 - Download free sample questions
 - Practice writing test for 4 hours before doing it
 - Estimate three months
 - 3 hours a week
 - Last week full time
- Write the exam
 - 4 hours / 200 multiple choice

Exam to be Updated

- Exam to be updated on Aug 31, 2011
 - 30% will change significantly
 - Based on RDS study – see pmi.org or pdutips.com
- Decide if you are writing before Aug 31, 2011 or after
- Validate which version of the exam your study materials are developed for
- PMBOK Guide not changing

Step 5 – Become a PMP

- Congratulations !!!
- Develop your PDU plan
 - pdutips.com

Average Salaries of Popular Certifications*	
PMI Project Management Professional (PMP)	101,695
PMI Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)	101,103
ITIL v2 – Foundations	95,415
(ISQ) ² Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)	94,018
Cisco CCIE Routing & Switching	93,500
Cisco CCVP	88,824
ITIL v3 – ITIL Master	86,600
MCSD – Microsoft Certified Solution Developer	84,522
Cisco CCNP	84,161
Red Hat Certified Engineer (RHCE)	83,692
MCITP - Microsoft Certified Information Technology Professional – Enterprise Support	82,941
Cisco CCSP	80,000
MCAD – Microsoft Certified Applications Developer	79,444
MCITP - Microsoft Certified Information Technology Professional – Database	77,000
MCDBA - Microsoft Certified Database Administrator	76,960
Red Hat Certified Technician (RHCT)	75,667
HDI Help Desk/Support Center Manager	75,556
Cisco CCDA	75,000
MCSE 2000 – Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer	71,980
CNW - Certified Internet Web Professional	71,000

This presentation is independent of PMI

Source: ZDNet: IT Salary Survey, Not All Technical Certs Are Created Equal, March 2008

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Link Summaries

- PMI
 - www.pmi.org
- PMP Handbook (Application)
 - <http://www.pmi.org/CareerDevelopment/Pages/PMICredentialOverview.aspx>
- Spreadsheet Template
 - <http://www.donkim.info/PMPCertPrep/>
- Rita Mulcahy book at Amazon
 - http://www.amazon.ca/PMP-Exam-Prep-Learning-Exam/dp/1932735186/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1254417931&sr=8-1
- Prometric Site
 - www.prometric.com/PMI/
- PDU Assistance
 - www.pdutips.com
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