

Project Manager Professional

What is a PMP?

PMP designs the certified project management by the Project Management Institute, this certification is the most popular around the world because it is coveted by more than 1,000,000 project managers, and statistics shows that their salary is 20 percent higher than the average, non-certified project managers. This certification is recognized universally.

They have the ability to turn strategic vision into concrete goals and ensure that they are reached in due delay and cost.

The professionals holding the certification are experts in concepts, challenges and vocabulary related to project management, and to apply these skills in the every industry, prepared for a wide range of scenarios and outcomes.

How to get certified?

Firstly, lets talk about the prerequisites, to get the PMP certification delivered from PMI. If you have a high school diploma, you will need no less than 7,500 hours of leading projects (approx. 5 years), and 35 of management education, if you have a four-year degree or more, you will need only 4,500 hours of leading project (approx. 3 years), and also 35 hours of management education.

After that, all the candidates need to pass an exam to get certified, that lasts 4 hours and contains 200 questions. The exam is reputed for being extremely difficult. That's why it is highly recommended to spend at least 60 hours preparing the exam (besides the 35h of mandatory courses).

The main focuses of the exam questions are:

- Initiating (13%)
- Planning (24%)
- Executing (31%)
- Monitoring and Controlling (25%)
- Closing (7%)

The exam covers no less than 10 principles of project management that are, Project Integration Management, Project Scope Management, Project Schedule Management, Project Cost Management, Project Quality Management, Project Resource Management, Project Communications Management, Project Risk Management, Project Procurement Management, Project Stakeholder Management

The exam is based on the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK) and on the professional ethic code of PMI.

The exam ensures the theoretical and practical knowledge of the holder, as the exam requires the candidate to answer use cases questions by applying the PMI precepts.

Note that the PMP exam's structure changes often ad the PMBOK guide is currently evolving to represent as much as possible the actual challenges for project managers.

What do they do?

Projects are run in every company of the world, from the start-ups to the biggest companies, and project managers are needed for each project to ensure the success of this one. Hence, the project managers are very requested, and even more the PMP certified ones, as their certification is a guarantee in terms of quality.

As they can plug their expertise in every field, it means that no project manager has the same job around the world, they may be similar in appearance but very different if we look deeper.

They can be part of an organisation, or work as a freelance and deliver expertise for temporary projects, they can have no or full remote missions.

Maintaining the PMP certification

Every three years, PMP certified professionals, need to pass an exam to keep holding the certificate, this exam contains 60 questions of professional development.