

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Eligibility Criteria for the PMP Exam?

A full explanation of prerequisites is presented via the "Prerequisites" tab on our web site, www.pmnow.ca

Is the PMP Exam changing in 2011?

Yes, the PMP exam changed on August 31, 2011. Thirty percent of the questions changed and the Professional and Social Responsibility content area (Domain 6) is now tested in every domain rather than a separate domain on the examination. As such the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct has been integrated into the day-to-day role of the project manager emphasizing its importance in each phase of the project lifecycle.

How far back can I go for the Project Management experience on my PMP application?

All project management experience must have been accrued within the last eight consecutive years prior to your application submission.

What is the format of PMP Exam Questions?

All questions on the PMP Exam are multiple-choice -- each question has exactly 4 answer choices.

How many Questions are there in the PMP Exam?

PMP Exam comprises of 200 questions. Of the 200 questions, 25 are considered "pretest" questions and don't count against your score.

What is the Passing Score for the PMP Exam?

PMI does not mention the exact passing score. However, in 2005, PMI published a document "Frequently Asked Questions regarding the new PMP Examination", in which they clearly mentioned the passing score as 106 out of 175, roughly 61%.

What are the fees for the PMP Exam?

The examination fees vary depending upon whether or not you are a PMI member.

For PMI Members

- *Computer-based exam:* USD 405

For Non PMI Members

- *Computer-based exam:* USD 555

Is there any negative marking in the PMP Exam?

No. There's no negative marking on the PMP exam. If you don't answer a question correctly, you don't get any marks for it. You score only for the right answers.

How much time is allotted for the PMP Exam?

The allotted time to complete the computer-based examination is four hours. The examination is preceded by a tutorial and followed by a survey, both of which are optional and both of which can take up to 15 minutes to complete. The time used to complete the tutorial and survey is not included in the examination time of four hours.

Can I bookmark a question on the PMP Exam and revisit it again?

Yes. You can mark a question for 'review' and revisit it at anytime during the exam.

Are the answers to questions marked for review on the PMP Exam counted?

Yes. As long as you've answered the question, it is counted at the end of the exam, irrespective of whether it's marked for review or not.

Do I need to use a calculator during the PMP Exam?

Yes. The PMP Exam software has a calculator application built into it. Also, the test centres often provide calculators. You are not allowed to use your own calculator.

Is there any official break during the PMP Exam?

No. The PMP Exam is for 4 continuous hours, without any official break. However, you are free to take breaks as needed.

What is the Domain-wise distribution of PMP Exam Questions?

Initiating	13%
Planning	24%
Executing	30%
Monitoring & Controlling	25%
Closing	8%

Which edition of PMBOK Guide is the PMP Exam based on?

From June 30, 2009: *PMBOK* Guide 4th Edition

How can I get a copy of the PMBOK Guide?

A copy of the *PMBOK* Guide 4th edition is provided free with our course at PMNow Inc. (www.pmnow.ca)

How much time does it take to prepare for the PMP Exam?

There's no right answer for this. Preparation time varies by individual. However, most people take about 3 months for preparation.

What is the difficulty level of the PMP Exam?

PMP exam is generally considered difficult.

How do I prepare for the PMP Exam?

Take a PMNow Inc. PMP Exam Prep class and then study. See www.pmnow.ca

What is the easiest way to get 35 Contact Hours for the PMP Exam?

Take a PMNow Inc. PMP Exam Prep class. See www.pmnow.ca

What is the difference between Contact Hours and PDUs?

Contact Hours are hours earned before becoming certified. Contact Hours can only be earned as traditional course time that focuses on project management.

PDUs can only be earned after receiving PMP certification.

Do Contact Hours have an Expiry Date?

No, contact hours do not expire.

Which is the best book for PMP Exam preparation?

In addition to the PMBOK Guide 4th edition,

PMNow Inc. provides, PMP Exam Prep, Seventh Edition: by: Rita Mulcahy

Also, see our "Recommended Reading" for other titles. Visit www.pmnow.ca

Where can I find the best free sample questions for the PMP exam?

<http://www.pmstudy.com/>

http://www.headfirstlabs.com/PMP/pmp_exam/v1/quiz.html

<http://www.examcentral.net>

Which are the toughest topics on the PMP exam?

Among the Knowledge Areas, the toughest are Integration, Risk and Procurement Management.

Among the Process Groups, Initiating and Monitoring & Controlling are the toughest.

Which formulas should I know for the PMP Exam?

Know them all.

What is the Application Process for the PMP Exam?

At a high level, the PMP application process involves the following steps:

1. Complete our PMP Exam Prep class (see www.pmnnow.ca)
2. Submit an online application for the exam to PMI.
3. PMI will review your application and if it is determined to be complete, PMI will send you an email to submit the exam fee. Your application approval is valid for one-year from the date you receive the approval email.
4. After you pay for the exam, PMI will send you an email indicating one of the following next steps:
 - Examination scheduling instructions to help you schedule your examination
 - Application has randomly been selected for PMI's audit process
5. If you receive exam scheduling instructions, you can go ahead and schedule your exam with Prometric.
6. If your application is selected for an audit, PMI will provide you the follow-up instructions to comply with the audit.

Note: If your application is selected for an audit, your one-year eligibility clock stops, and would restart only when you successfully clear the audit.

Is it possible to apply for the PMP exam without being a PMI member?

Yes, but the exam will cost you more.

How much time does PMI take to process PMP Exam Application?

Assuming an online application – usually 5 days

How are PMP Exams Administered?

Computer-based testing (CBT) is the standard method.

How often are PMP exams conducted?

PMP exams are continuously available and conducted every day at Prometric test centres.

How do I pay the fee for the PMP Exam?

You can pay the exam fee using PMI's Online Certification System.

What is the Audit Process for PMP Exam Application?

If selected for audit, PMI will inform you and send you detailed instructions on how to comply.

During the audit, you will be asked to submit the following documents:

1. Copies of your diploma/degree certificates
2. Signatures from your manager(s)/supervisor(s) on projects that you mentioned in the experience verification section of your original application.
3. Your 35 Contact Hours certificate from the PMI Registered Education Provider (REP).

You need to send the requested documents through regular postal mail or courier service. Faxed or emailed documents are not accepted during audit.

How can I avoid PMP Application Audit?

You can't -- about 10% of applications are randomly selected for audit.

How do I schedule my PMP Exam?

You can schedule the PMP Exam directly using the Prometric website or you can call them to schedule your exam. See <http://www.prometric.com/PMI/default.htm>

How many times can I reschedule my PMP exam with Prometric?

You can reschedule as many times as you like as long as you provide notice at least 48 hours before your appointment.

Is there a fee to reschedule the PMP Exam?

No, as long as you meet the criteria listed above.

What if I don't take the PMP Exam within the 1 year eligibility period?

You would have to re-apply and go through the entire application process again. Moreover, if you have paid the exam fee and don't take the exam within 1 year, your exam fee would be forfeited.

Where do I take the PMP Exam?

All computer-based tests are administered by Prometric. You can select the most convenient testing center and schedule the exam on the Prometric website: <http://www.prometric.com/PMI/default.htm>

What do I need to bring to the test center for taking the PMP Exam?

You are advised to bring the following items to the test center for taking the PMP Exam:

- Two forms of identification (see below)
- A copy of the exam confirmation email from Prometric (not required but good to have)
- Water
- Light Snacks
- A sweater or a jacket (in case it's cold)
- Simple Ear-plugs (test center usually provides their own ear-plugs)

Candidates must present one form of un-expired, government-issued identification that contains the candidate's name, photograph and signature. The following forms of identification are acceptable only if they meet these requirements: Passport, driver's license, national identity card, military ID, other forms of un-expired, government-issued, identification that has both signature and photo. If any of the above forms of identification contain the candidate's name or photograph, but not his/her signature, the candidate can use another form of un-expired identification that provides a signature to supplement the photo-bearing, government-issued ID.

When do I know the Result of my PMP Exam?

Usually, you will know the result several seconds after completion of the exam. In other words, you'll get the result on your screen immediately after you complete the exam (September / October 2011 exception: because of the new exam, results will not be immediately available).

Prometric test center will give you an "official" sealed copy (computer print-out) of your mark sheet before you leave the test center.

What does the PMP Exam Score Report contain?

The PMP Exam Score Report contains:

- Test result - Pass or Fail.
- Domain-wise performance information:
 - Proficient
 - Moderately Proficient
 - Below Proficient

Note: The Score Report does not show your actual score or even percentage scored.

How long does PMI take to mail the PMP Certificate to successful candidates?

You get the certificate in about 2-3 weeks after passing the exam.

How can I verify a person's PMP credential?

PMI publishes an online registry of all certified PMPs. You can verify a person's PMP credentials if you know his/her last name.

If I fail the PMP Exam, how soon can I retake it?

You can retake the exam any time.