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About PMI

Q: What is PMI?

A: The Project Management Institute, or PMI, is a global professional organization for project managers. Currently, it supports over 220,010 members and over 180,000 Project Management Professionals (PMP s) in 175 countries. Over 44,000 PMP certifications expire annually worldwide. (Source: wikipedia)

PMI members are individuals practicing and studying project management in many different industry areas, including aerospace, automotive, business management, construction, engineering, financial services, information technology, government, pharmaceuticals, and telecommunications. Over time, PMI has become, and continues to be, the leading professional association in project management. PMI is the publishers of the standard PMBOK, "Project Management Body of Knowledge", and offers two levels of certification:

- A **Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)** has demonstrated a common base of knowledge and terms in the field of project management. It requires either 1500 hours of work on a project team or 23 contact hours of formal education in project management.
- A **Project Management Professional (PMP®)** has met specific education and experience requirements, has agreed to adhere to a code of professional conduct, and has passed an examination designed to objectively assess and measure project management knowledge. In addition, a PMP must satisfy continuing certification requirements or lose the certification.

For introduction to PMI please visit the link:

http://www.pmi.org/info/AP_IntroOverview.asp?nav=0201

Q: What is PMI Chapter?

A: Chapter membership puts you in contact with a local "network of expertise" and ongoing opportunities for face-to-face contact with peers from a wide variety of organizations and industries. PMI's support of members on a local level continues to expand. Currently there are over 250 chartered and approximately 10 potential chapters geographically dispersed over 90 countries.

Chapters advance the mission and objectives of PMI by promoting professional standards and practices. Ongoing professional development is a key benefit to membership and is supported at the chapter level through activities, meetings, and educational programs.

For more information: http://www.pmi.org/info/GMC_ChaptersOverview.asp

Q: What is a SIG?

A: SIG is a Special Interest Group. SIGs provide a forum for project managers to share experiences with others managing similar types of projects and facing the same project management challenges and concerns. SIGs participate in a wide range of activities which include, but are not limited to, quarterly newsletters, networking directory, seminars, technical tracks at PMI Seminars & Symposium, teleconferences, interactive web sites, publications, and much more!

Link: http://www.pmi.org/info/GMC_SIGsOverview.asp

Q: What is the link for PMI bookstore?

A: PMI Bookstore provides e-books to all PMI members that is available 24 hours.

Link: <http://www.pmibookstore.org/>

About PM Hub

Q: What is PMHUB?

A: PMHUB is a free (not for profit) virtual community of professional project managers, who recognise the Project Management Institute's PMBOK project management standard. Whilst a number of the members have already earned their PMP® (Project Management Professional) certification, the majority of the community is comprised of those who aspire to become PMP & CAPM-certified.

Q: What is PMHub Membership?

A: PMHub membership is for PMPs, PMP Aspirants and people who are in Project Management. There is lot of information available. Members can have discussions on the Project Management issues, they can start study groups or download available information shared by other members and moderator.

Q: How do I access information on PMHub?

The three ways to access PMHUB facilities are:

1) PMHUB Yahoo groups - this is basically only for e-mailers. Only very basic facilities are available and is now limited only to PMP exam discussions only. All topic not related to PM exam will be rejected.

2) PMHUB Forums, <http://forums.pmhub.net>: Further expansions include:- many other forums beside PMP exam: Lesson Learned from PMP exams, Careers/vacancies, Forum for newbies, CAPM Forum,- SIGs, Forum for Vendors etc- Book and articles review The Forum has powerful search facility that you can use to dig out info on 20,000 PMHUB Q&A database

3) PMHUB homepage:- columnists writing on PM and PMP subjects- List of PMHub PMPs as of 2006- Lessons on PMBOK and PM subjects (check Video Lessons and PDUs)- Lesson Learned from PMPs as of 2006- PM articles by contributors- FILES for download

Reference: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

PMHUB Link: <http://pmhub.net/index.php?id=about>

Q: What is the PMHUB membership Fee?

A: The membership is free. but, to keep the web community active, one can contribute voluntarily.

Q: Is PMHUB.net a subsidiary of the PMI?

A: No. PMHub.net is independent. PMI suggests that the PMHub is a useful source for their courses.

Q: How can I help the PM Hub community?

A: There are several ways:

- By sharing the knowledge.
- Donation through PayPal can be done through clicking the PayPal logo in www.pmhub.net and in PM Forums: <http://forums.pmhub.net>
- IF you buy items from Amazon by clicking the word [AMAZON SHOP](#) here, you will donate **4%** of your payment to **PMHUB**. Link: http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/redirect?link_code=ur2&tag=pmcert-20&camp=1789&creative=9325&path=tg/browse/-/21
- Visit the “PMP BOOKS” section and buy books from this link: <http://www.pmhub.net/index.php?id=book>
- TSI makes a donation to PMHub for every “PMHub Mastering the PMBOK Guide” and every “PMHub PMP Exam Prep” purchase. Link: <http://pmhub.net/index.php?id=news.display&newsid=NW43780e5c35029>

Q. Does the PMHub provide PMP training?

A: Yes. For details <http://pmhub.net/index.php?id=news.display&newsid=NW43780e5c35029>

About PMP

Q: What is PMP Exam?

A: PMP is a globally recognized certification exam and is well respected in the industry. The exam is extremely popular with 220,010 members and over 180,000 Project Management Professionals (PMPs) in 175 countries. Over 44,000 PMP certifications expire annually. (Source: wikipedia on PMI)

Q: What is PMBOK?

A: The PMBOK is a collection of processes and knowledge areas generally accepted as best practice within the project management discipline.

It is an internationally recognized standard (IEEE Std 1490-2003) that provides the fundamentals of project management that are applicable to a wide range of projects, including construction, software, engineering, automotive, etc.

It recognizes 5 basic process groups and 9 knowledge areas typical of almost all projects.

The PMBOK Guide is widely accepted to be the standard in project management.

Q: What are you tested on?

A: The Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification Examination measures the application of knowledge, skills, tools, and techniques that are utilized in the practice of project management. The examination is reviewed and revised annually to satisfy the examination test specifications and to ensure that each question has a referenced source.

The Examination questions for 2005 PMP exam has the following distribution:

Project Initiation	11%
Project Planning	23%
Project Execution	27%
Project Monitoring and Control	21%
Project Closure	9%
Professional and Social Responsibility	9%

Examination questions are distributed as follows:

http://pmi.org/prod/groups/public/documents/info/pdc_cntdwnpmp_july05.pdf

A detailed breakdown of examination content within these categories is available at the PMI website.

Q: Will candidates need to pass all six areas or just get 106 questions correct overall? Is the break out of the domain questions remaining the same?

A: The examination is comprised of 200 multiple-choice questions, of which 25 are considered pretest questions. Pretest questions are randomly placed throughout the exam and do not effect the candidate's score. They are used in examinations as an effective and legitimate way to increase the number of future examination questions.

The allotted time to complete the examination is four hours. The four-hour examination is preceded by a 15-minute computer tutorial, which is not part of the allotted four hours. In order to pass the exam, candidates must answer 106 questions correctly in total out of the 175 scorable questions. A candidate does not have to pass all of the six Performance Domains. Link: http://www.pmi.org/info/PDC_PMP.asp

Q: How will the PMP certification help me?

A: Getting PMP certification is not a guarantee for a successful job search. But it can help you get those elusive interview calls. The certification will help you do your job better. It gives you recognition among your peers and provides you with a solid background in generally accepted project management knowledge and skills. Provides an edge when applying for various project management and related positions or seeking advancement within an organization.

Q: What is the value of the PMP certification?

A: Enrolling in PMI's Project Management Professional Certification Program offers individuals a wide range of important benefits. The PMP designation following your name demonstrates to current and potential employers that you possess a solid foundation of experience and education in project management that can have a positive impact on bottom-line results.

The PMP designation symbolizes knowledge and accomplishment and is highly regarded by colleagues and employers. As a certified PMP, you will proudly join a successful group of professionals who are enriching and advancing their careers and the project management profession. To achieve PMP certification, each candidate must satisfy all educational and experiential requirements established by PMI and must demonstrate an acceptable and valid level of understanding and knowledge about project management that is tested by the Project Management Professional Certification Examination. In addition, those who have been granted the PMP credential (certificants) must demonstrate ongoing professional commitment to the field of project management by satisfying Professional Development Program requirements.

Q: What is the procedure to get PMP certified?

A: To be eligible for a PMP Credential, you must meet specific educational and project management experience requirements and agree to adhere to a code of professional

conduct. The final step to becoming a PMP is passing a rigorous multiple-choice examination designed to objectively assess and measure your ability to apply project management knowledge in the following six domains: initiating the project, planning the project, executing the project, monitoring and controlling the project, closing the project, and professional and social responsibility. This computer-based examination is administered globally with translation aids in 10 languages.

Credential	Fees	Member	Non-Member
PMP	Exam Fee	\$405.00	\$555.00
	Re-Exam	\$275.00	\$375.00
CAPM	Exam Fee	\$225.00	\$300.00
	Re-Exam	\$150.00	\$200.00
Credential	Requirements	Bachelor's	Non-Bachelor's
PMP	PM Experience Hours	4500	7500
	PM Experience Months	36	60
	PM Education Hours	35	35
CAPM	PM Experience Hours	1500	2500
	PM Experience Months	24	24
	PM Education Hours	23	23

If you meet these criteria, then you can file the application present at https://www.pmi.org/prod/groups/public/documents/info/pdc_cert_exammp_apply.asp . You also have to submit the application fees when you submit the application. After you have submitted the application, PMI will review your application. If everything goes smoothly, in a few days you will receive an acceptance letter/e-mail from PMI. After this you can schedule the exam by visiting www.2test.com or by calling the [Prometric Center](#).

Q. What is the best way for me to get those 35 hours training required to register for the PMP examination?

A: First contact you local PMI Chapter. They can direct you to a cost effective training institution or to their own PMP Courses tailored to PMs like you. Online training is possible through PMHub.net and from some other sites. It would be good to ensure that the PMI (R.E.P) recognizes it.

Q. Do I need more than the PMBOK to pass the exam?

A. Yes. Although some people with lots of experience use only the PMBOK, most users of this group find invaluable the aid of a couple of additional books. In addition to that, most PMP prep books come with exercises and some with CDs for test simulation. It's up to you but strongly recommended that you use more than the PMBOK for preparation.

Q. What are the PMI recommended reading for PMP exam?

A: Quoted from PMI web site:

<http://www.pmibookstore.org/productdetail.asp?productid=4491>The following publications are resources that PMP certification candidates can use to gain information on project management theory, principles, techniques, and procedures. This list of resources includes both PMI® and commercial publications. Although these are recommended readings, simply studying these books does not suggest that exam candidates can pass the PMP Examination. These resources are meant to complement a candidate's overall plan of study.

1. PMBOK Guide-Third Edition? For Previous version Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) – 2000 Edition, A (ISBN 1880410230)
2. Project Management Professional Role Delineation Study (ISBN 188041029X)
3. PMP Exam Practice Test and Study Guide (4th edition) (ISBN 1890367281)
4. PMP Exam Prep (4th edition) by Rita Mulcahy (RMC Publications) (ISBN 0971164738)
5. Project Management: A Systems Approach to Planning, Scheduling, 8th Edition (ISBN 0471225770)
6. PMP Certification Handbook
7. Code of Professional Conduct

Q: Can someone provide me the links of free sample questions available in the web?

A: Here are some useful tips:

- Check the PMHUB.Net site.
- Check the web site of your local PMP branch.
- <http://www.boson.com/>.has a free demo that has 3 tests of 12 questions each

- <http://www.ci.la.ca.us/pm/> is an online test at the City of Los Angeles PM office website
- <http://www.pmboulevard.com/> has a free tutorial and quiz for each knowledge area.
- <http://www.pmi-heartland.org/htmldocs/pmi/vocab.html>
- There is another online practice test at <http://www.pm-prepare.com/>
- There is a free sample test at <http://www.pmstudy.com/>

Q: Where can I get the free PMI PMP exam sample problems?

A: http://www.pmi.org/info/PDC_SampleQuestionsandAnswers.pdf

Q: How do I keep my PMP certification alive?

A: These are the CCR (Continuing Certification Requirements) requirements to keep the PMI certifications alive. For details click, http://pmi.org/info/PDC_PMPCCR.asp

Q: What if I fail the PMP examination?

A: For up to one year afterwards, you can fill out and submit the Re-examination form to schedule another exam. There is no grace period before you can apply for re-examination. The re-examination fee is \$75 US (members) or \$150 (non-members) for the written exam in St. John's and \$275 US (members) or \$375 (non-members) for the out-of-province on-line exam.

Q: What is an audit for PMP application?

A: During the application evaluation review period and if an application is selected for audit, PMI will contact manager(s) indicated on the application to validate the documented experience. The PMI takes in the applications and randomly selects some for audit to confirm the information on the application is actually true.

For more information check this link: http://www.pmi.org/info/PDC_PMPHandbook.pdf

About CAPM

Q: What do the letters CAPM stand for?

A: CAPM stands for Certified Associate in Project Management. The Project Management Institute offers this credential primarily for project team members, entry-level project managers, and students wishing to improve their chances in the job market

Q: What is the difference between PMI - PMP and CAPM certifications?

A: PMI offers two levels of certification to project managers, depending on their level of experience and training. The Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM) is designed for project team members and entry-level project managers, as well as qualified undergraduate and graduate students who want a credential to communicate their value in project team performance. Project Management Professional (PMP) certification is for experienced project managers who already have some level of project management training and are looking for advanced project management skills

Q: What are the PMI recommended reading materials for CAPM?

A: http://www.pmi.org/prod/groups/public/documents/info/pdc_pmpexamdetails.asp