

# PMP CERTIFICATION EXAMS OVERVIEW

Project Management Professional *PMP* is certification administered by Project Management Institute *PMI*, USA. The PMP designation following your name tells your current and potential employers that you have a solid foundation of Project Management Knowledge.

The PMI's salary survey has found that, in the United States and other countries, PMP certified Project Managers are being offered at least 10% more than those without this certification.

## Pre-Requisite Qualification:

Here is the pre-requisite qualification and experience to appear for the PMI-PMP examination:

- A four-year degree *bachelor's degree or the global equivalent*
- A minimum of 4500 hours of project management experience in last three years.

## OR

- A secondary degree *high school diploma, associate's degree, or the global equivalent*.
- A minimum of 7500 hours of project management experience in last five years.

## AND

- 35 hours of project management education from a registered education provider *REP*.

## Required supporting documents

- Education Background certificates
- Experience verification Forms that can be a proof of the management experience.
- Certificate of completion of 35 hours training towards Project Management Education meeting above criteria.

*Candidates can satisfy the requirement related to 35 Contact Hours of Education - Professional Development Units PDUs, by successfully attending a training, course or workshop sessions through PMI's Global Registered Education Provider. 1 Hour of training is equivalent to 1 PDU.*

For more details, read PMP handbook on the PMI official website

[PMBOK® Guide 4th Edition](#)

## PMP Certification Expenses

Here is the structure of the expenses you might incur to obtain this prestigious certification.

- Fees to earn 35 PDUs vary from country to country and for various Education Providers. It may vary from 300 to 5000.
- Computer-based Testing *CBT* Fees:
  - If you are a member of PMI then this fees will be \$405.00
  - If you are not a member of PMI then it will cost you \$555.00
- Re-Examination Fees:
  - If you are a member of PMI then this fees will be \$275.00

- If you are not a member of PMI then it will cost you \$375.00

*If you are not able to qualify the examination in the first attempt then you can give further attempts by paying re-examination fees, as mentioned above.*

## PMP Exams Structure

PMI has released a new version of Project Management Body of Knowledge *PMBOK®* and now certification exams will be conducted based on the new version.

**This PMP question bank is based on new version of PMBOK, 5th Edition. All the required changes have been incorporated in this tutorial which was earlier based on PMBOK Fourth Edition.**

To become a PMP, you would require passing a rigorous multiple-choice examination. This exam is designed to objectively assess and measure your ability to apply project management knowledge in the following five domains:

Project Management Area	Percentage of Questions
Initiating the Project	13
Planning the project	24
Executing the project	30
Monitoring and Controlling the Project	25
Closing the project	8

This computer-based examination is administered globally with translation aids in 13 languages. You will have 4 hours' time to answer 200 questions related to the above five domains.

Out of 200 questions, there will be 25 pretest questions and they would not affect your score. These questions will be placed randomly in question paper and you would not be able to differentiate these questions from other live questions.

### Passing Score:

As such PMI does not disclose total passing score for any candidate but to pass the exams, according to an assessment by experienced trainers, you must correctly answer at least 61% of 175 live questions. There are no negative marks for wrong answers, so don't leave any question unanswered.

One more important note is that 60% questions will be based on real-life scenarios. Books and tutorials definitely help but real project management experience is a must to pass this examination.

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