

PMP Eligibility Requirements

Who should apply?

The PMP recognizes demonstrated competence in leading and directing project teams. If you're an experienced project manager looking to solidify your skills, stand out to employers and maximize your earning potential, the PMP credential is the right choice for you.

PMP Eligibility Overview

To apply for the PMP, you need to have either:

- A secondary degree (high school diploma, associate's degree, or the global equivalent) with at least five years of project management experience, with 7,500 hours leading and directing projects and 35 hours of project management education.
- OR**
- A four-year degree (bachelor's degree or the global equivalent) and at least three years of project management experience, with 4,500 hours leading and directing projects and 35 hours of project management education.

This is an overview of the requirements. For complete details regarding the PMP eligibility requirements, please view the [PMP Handbook](#) for further details. .

If you do not meet the PMP eligibility requirements, you may want to look at the [Certified Associate in Project Management \(CAPM\)[®] certification](#).

How to apply and prepare for the exam

- **To apply for the PMP**, [register and log in to our online system](#) to get started. A printable [PMP application form](#) is also available.
- **Need more information?** Get more information on the PMP's role and requirements. For a more detailed look, [consult the PMP Handbook](#).
- **Ready to take the exam?** Use the [PMP exam preparation](#) for information about the exam, tips for preparing, and important updates.

Maintain Your PMP

As part of PMI's Continuing Certification Requirements program, a PMP credential holder will need to earn 60 PDUs per three-year cycle. To learn more about the program, what are PDUs, how to earn and claim them, as well as step-by-step instructions on how to renew your certification, watch the [CCR video](#). You can also reference the latest [PMP Handbook](#) found on PMI.org

If you're ready to report your activities, visit [PMI's online CCR system](#) to report PDUs and view your certification records. You can [download a printable PDU activity reporting form](#).