



# **Military Outreach Veterans Transition PMI 101: Certification**

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# Why Certification?

- The process for earning the PMP is rigorous.
- It takes a lot of preparation and practical experience.
- Between 60 - 75 % of applicants pass the exam.



Certification represents achieving minimum levels of proficiency

Employers are seeking Certified applicants.

Benefit personally and professionally from the training and study required to earn a credential.

External customers value project managers being certified.

Project managers who hold the PMP certification earn more than non-certified project managers.

Their experience makes many veterans ready for the civilian project management world.

## References:

- 2015 PMI Salary Survey Ninth Edition
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- PM Point of View #26: Military Transition - Joining the Ranks of Project Management  
<https://www.pmiwdc.org/pm-pov/2016/03/military-transition>
- Meredith Levinson, Jan 2010, “Why Project Management Certifications Matter”; CIO

- (top 10 the Balance or top 15-Global Knowledge) the PMI, PMP certification was listed as the #4 and #5 highest paying certification respectively (\$104k – \$116k)

# What Certification is best for me? & Requirements

## PMI Certifications at a glance

The CAPM demonstrates your understanding of the fundamental knowledge, terminology and processes of effective project management. CAPM is the precursor to the PMP certification and also is administered by the PMI. Designed for professionals who want to achieve their PMP certification in steps rather, or for those with only rudimentary project management experience, the CAPM is a stepping-stone to the more rigorous PMP.

The PMP is the gold standard of project management certification. Recognized and demanded by organizations worldwide, the PMP validates your competence to perform in the role of a project manager, leading and directing projects and teams.

Portfolio management certification recognizes the advanced experience and skill of portfolio managers. The PfMP demonstrates your proven ability in the coordinated management of one or more portfolios to achieve organizational objectives.

The PgMP is designed for those who manage multiple, complex projects to achieve strategic and organizational results.

### PMI Fact File

**TOTAL MEMBERS**  
480,164  
...in **207** countries and territories




PMI has **279** chartered and **13** potential chapters

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**CREDENTIALS/CERTIFICATIONS**  
Total Active Holders of:

<b>CAPM®</b> Certified Associate in Project Management	30,994
<b>PMP®</b> Project Management Professional	712,948
<b>PfMP®</b> Portfolio Management Professional	314
<b>PgMP®</b> Program Management Professional	1,572
<b>PMI-RMP®</b> PMI Risk Management Professional	3,554
<b>PMI-SP®</b> PMI Scheduling Professional	1,494
<b>PMI-PBA®</b> PMI Professional in Business Analysis	688
<b>PMI-ACP®</b> PMI Agile Certified Practitioner	11,136

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### CAPM®

- Secondary degree (high school diploma, associate's degree or the global equivalent)
- 1,500 hours of project experience

OR

- 23 hours of project management education completed by the time you sit for the exam

### PMP®

- Secondary degree (high school diploma, associate's degree or the global equivalent)
- 7,500 hours leading and directing projects
- 35 hours of project management education

OR

- Four-year degree
- 4,500 hours leading and directing projects
- 35 hours of project management education

# How do I complete the Certification process?

<http://www.pmi.org/certifications/process>

## 1. Complete Application

- Fill out an application documenting your education and project management experience, which PMI says can take as much as eight hours.
- **Tip:** To complete the application quickly, gather all of the information and documentation you need before opening it. Otherwise, it will likely take you multiple sessions to complete.

## 2. Application Review

- Review period will take 5–10 days, depending on the certification. Once it's complete, PMI will email you to move on to the next step.

## 3. Payment

- \$405 for Project Management Institute (PMI) members, non-members is \$555.

## 4. Complete computer-based test

- Pass a four-hour, 200 question exam
- **Tip:** create an exam study plan.
  - Review the certification handbook and the exam content outline — they'll explain the exam format and topics that will be covered.
  - Read current books and articles in your domain topic areas.
  - Study! Consider enrolling in an exam prep course and forming a study group with your colleagues or friends.

The screenshot shows the PMI website's 'Certification Process' page. The top navigation bar includes links for HOME, ABOUT, JOIN, CONTACT, LOG IN, and REGISTER. A search bar is also present. Below the navigation bar, the 'Certifications' menu item is highlighted. The main content area features the title 'Certification Process' and a list of links: Certification Process, Certification Types, Maintain Certification, Certification Registry, and Certification FAQs. The 'Certification Process' link is selected, leading to a section with two main steps: '1. Fulfill Eligibility Criteria' and '2. Complete Application'. The 'Ready to Apply?' section includes a call to action to 'APPLY NOW'. The 'Test Accommodations' section provides a link to learn more about PMI's test accommodations.

The 5 Steps to Achieve PMP® Certification

Fábio Mourão - August 4, 2016

<https://www.projectmanagement.com/articles/339080/The-5-Steps-to-Achieve-PMP-sup----sup--Certification>

# Maintain Certification:

- Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR)
- After completing PMI Certification you'll need to participate in professional development activities, and earn and report professional development units (PDUs.) There are lots of ways to earn PDUs.
- 3-year cycles
- 60 PDUs needed per cycle

## The PMI Talent Triangle



The ideal skill set — the Talent Triangle — is a combination of technical, leadership, and strategic and business management expertise.

# Benefits: PMI Metrolina Chapter

- Become more active in the PM profession
- Events:
  - Monthly meetings
  - Community meetings
  - Special events
- Networking with other professionals
- Job opportunities
- Mentee/Mentor
- Training & skills building
- Volunteering

[http://pmi-metrolina.com/content.php?page=Contact\\_Us](http://pmi-metrolina.com/content.php?page=Contact_Us)

The screenshot shows the website for the PMI Metrolina Chapter. At the top right, there are links for Home Page, Members Area, and Contact Us. A search bar is located below these links. A navigation menu includes About, Programs & Events, Communities, Resources, and Connect. The main content area features a welcome message and a table of resources.

Benefits of Being A Member	Meeting Information	Professional Development	Administration & Other
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# List of the Top 10

1. Project management professional PMP; Project Management Institute (PMI)
2. Certified associate in project management CAPM
3. CompTIA Project+
4. Master Project Manager MPM
5. Certified Project Manager CPM
6. Project Management in IT Security PMITS
7. Associate in Project Management APM
8. Professional in Project Management PPM
9. Certified Project Director
10. Project management certificate
  - Schools such as Villanova, University of New Haven, Stanford University and others (check your local college or university's course offerings) have excellent project management programs and certificates; some for-credit, other not-for-credit.
  - UNC Charlotte, Wake Forest University, Western Carolina University, Central Piedmont Community College, Catawba Valley Community College, Coastal Carolina Community College

Sharon Florentine, Jul 8, 2015; “Top 10 project management certifications”; CIO

<http://www.cio.com/article/2945413/certifications/top-10-project-management-certifications.html#slide1>

Article contains information on governing body, requirements, costs, areas of expertise, URL, geography,

What is the Basic Difference Between PMP & PRINCE2?

(Projects IN Controlled Environments (PRINCE2) Certification)

- The PRINCE2 and PMP certifications involve two different project management frameworks. Both offer a body of knowledge and a proven approach to managing projects effectively.
- The PMP certification is preferred in the USA, Canada, Middle East and Australia. PRINCE2, however, is recognized in UK, Europe, and Australia.

Avantika Monnappa, “PRINCE2® Vs PMP® – The Battle of Certifications”;

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