



How to Become a PMP?

You have decided to **become a PMP**.

This is the first question that comes in your mind as soon as you decide to become a PMP. Not only you; in fact every PMP aspirant thinks the same way as you do.

We have been **helping PMP aspirants to get this prestigious certification**, by following steps to better understanding of the process.



Am I
eligible?

STEP – I: Check Your Eligibility

This is the first step. Here you will check your eligibility to apply for the PMP exam.

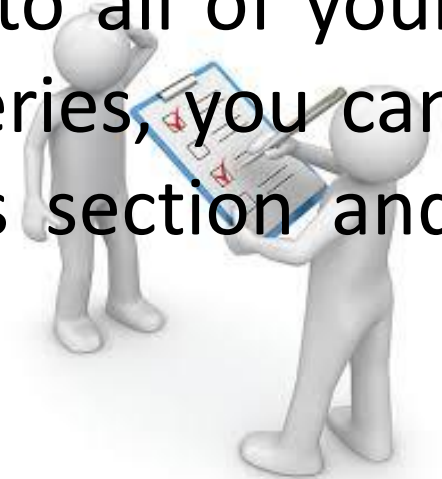
You need to fulfill three conditions to become eligible to apply for the PMP exam. These conditions are as follows:

1. You should be either a degree or a high school diploma holder. The degree or diploma can be in any discipline.
2. If you are a degree holder you should have at least three years, and if you are a diploma holder you should have about five years of experience in leading and directing projects. This experience must have been earned within the last eight consecutive years.
3. You must have attend a 35 contact hour training program for formal project management training.

If you satisfy these conditions, you can proceed to the next step.

STEP – II: Collect All Information

Here you have to collect all information about the PMP exam. Go to the PMI website (www.pmi.org) and explore it. Download the PMP handbook and read it from cover to cover. We are sure you will get answers to all of your queries. If you still have some queries, you can post them through the comments section and we will reply to you.



STEP – III: Join the PMI Membership

Once you are equipped with all the information, you should join the **PMI membership**. We strongly recommend you to do so. There are many benefits of PMI membership and you can realize them once you join.

The main benefit is a reduction in exam fees. In fact, the cost of the membership fee is less than the discount that you will get while applying for the PMP exam. Moreover, you can download the free **digital copy of the PMBOK Guide** free of charge; therefore, it is a win-win situation for you.

The other benefit is unlimited access to various PMP exam reference books. You can read these books available for free, which will help you in preparing for the PMP exam.

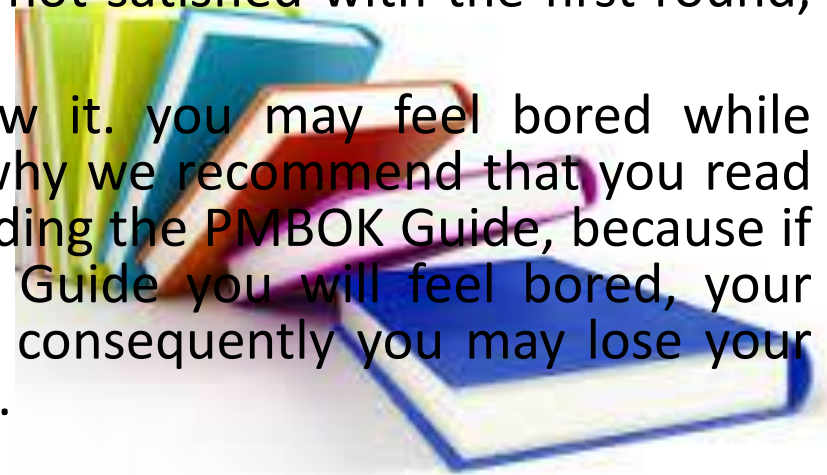
STEP – IV: Collect Study Materials

After joining the PMI membership, you should start collecting materials for the PMP exam preparation. The material may include PMP exam reference books, manuals, slides, notes, etc.

Since you are already a member of the PMI, you can also download the **PMBOK Guide**.

Now it's time to start your pre-training study. You should start reading a PMP exam reference book; Read it from cover to cover and try to understand the concepts. If you are not satisfied with the first round, you can go for the second round.

Open the PMBOK Guide and follow it. you may feel bored while reading it. This is the main reason why we recommend that you read any other reference book before reading the PMBOK Guide, because if you directly start with the PMBOK Guide you will feel bored, your confidence level may go down, and consequently you may lose your interest in reading the PMBOK Guide.



STEP – V: Get PM Training



If you go for a **35 contact hours program** before having a general idea about the PMBOK Guide and project management concepts, it is possible that you will hear many terms for the first time that may make you scratch your head. People who have already studied the subject may be participating in arguments, asking advanced questions, and solving mathematical problems immediately, and you will still be reading the question and feeling embarrassed, bored or confused.

People made the same mistake. The moment people became aware of the 35 contact hours training program eligibility requirement, people joined a training program without even referring to any reference book or the PMBOK Guide. people suffered a lot. During training, at times people was not even able to take part in the discussions.

Nobody was there to advise, and people don't want you to be in the same situation. Therefore, refer to at least one reference book and get an idea about what you are going to be taught before you join the training.



STEP – V: Get PM Training

Live classroom training programs are costly, with fixed schedules and are available in only big cities. On the other hand, **online training programs are cheap, have flexible schedules and are available in all locations.** Therefore, unless you have any specific reason to join a classroom training program, We would recommend you join a good quality online 35 contact hours training program.

One such good quality 35 contact hours is www.aryanengineering.com which was developed by **experienced PMP certified mentor** and is available at very cheap rate. This training program is 100% online, and used by ***thousands of professionals worldwide.***

STEP – VI: Schedule the Exam



This is the most important step. After **completing the training you must schedule the exam.** You will never start studying seriously unless you schedule the exam. Once you schedule the exam, your hidden potential will be unlocked and you will start studying more aggressively, passionately, and punctually. We suggest you give yourself ***at least two months*** for exam preparation.





STEP – VII: Start Exam Preparation

This is where you have to begin your exam preparation seriously. Start reading reference books, notes and manuals. **Now, read the PMBOK Guide and try to understand the process flow and Input, tools ,technique and outputs logic.**

The next step is to practice some sample questions. You can find a few sample questions at the end of each chapter in your reference books. You can also purchase a good PMP Exam Simulator to practice more questions.

You can also try our [PMP Question Bank](#).

Practice these questions and then attempt the mock tests. Mock tests are exactly the same as the real test and consist of 200 questions. By reviewing the results of these tests.

In the PMP exam you are going to see many mathematical questions. Although they seem to be tough initially, if you practice those questions and understand the concepts, they will be a piece of cake for you.



STEP – VIII: Attempt the Exam

Reach the **Prometric center** at least 30 minutes before your scheduled exam time to complete all formalities. It takes around 5 to 10 minutes to complete all exam procedures. Afterwards, you will be allowed to enter the test room, and your test will start.

As your test starts, you will be made aware of the display on the computer screen and navigation; e.g. how to select an answer, how to mark a question for review, etc. It will take 15 minutes to complete this awareness session. You can also finish this session in less than 15 minutes; however, once you end the session, your exam will start immediately and you will not be able to use the time that you saved.

Therefore We suggest you become comfortable with the navigation quickly and utilize the remaining time to note down some formulas or any confusing concepts on the paper provided by the Prometric center.



STEP – VIII: Attempt the Exam

The PMP exam consists of **200 questions** and you have to answer these questions in four hours; i.e. **1.2 minutes per question**. From my experience, I can say that if you are well prepared for the exam, this time is more than enough for 200 questions. Many aspirants who have passed the PMP certification exam and became a PMP on average took **three and a half to three hours to complete the exam**.

Take your time to complete the exam and review the answers in the remaining time, and then submit it. After submission there will be a short survey, and after the survey you will be able to see your result. If you pass the exam, the PMI will congratulate you; otherwise they will offer their condolences.

If you pass the exam, within one week you will receive the congratulatory mail and your name will be updated in the PMI certification registry, and then you can see your name there. You will receive your certificate within eight weeks.

GO FOR IT !



GOOD LUCK !

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR PMP EXAM PREPARATION.

The PMP exam is not very tough. If you plan well and study in the right way you can pass the exam in the first attempt. You can get help from your colleagues and professionals who have passed the PMP exam.

Good luck on your PMP exam preparation.

If you have something to share, you can share with us.