



My PgMP Certification Summary/FAQ

What is it?

PgMP is a new credential from PMI for people demonstrating project and program management leadership skills. Achievement of this credential acknowledges your ability to demonstrate competence in *program** management. It was launched on October 1, 2007.

**Program – A group of related projects managed in a coordinated way to obtain benefits and control not available from managing them individually.*

How do I get certified?

There are three “Competence Evaluations” that must take place:

1. Application Review – A panel of program managers will review your professional work experience. Some applications may be audited. Your application should be processed within 20 days of completion.
2. Multiple-Choice Exam – Includes both situational and scenario-based questions. You have up to 1 year to take the exam.
3. Multi-Rater Assessment (MRA) – Similar to a 360 degree review process, a team of raters, that you select, will assess your ability and competence to perform tasks that are pertinent to program management. You have three weeks to complete the review.

What are the eligibility requirements?

Over the last 15 consecutive years, you must have:

With Bachelor’s degree (or higher):

4 years (6,000 hours) of project management work experience

AND

4 years (6,000 hours)** of program management work experience

***1,500 hour credit for Bachelor or higher degree earned a university accredited by the PMI Global Accreditation Center for Project Management*

Without Bachelor’s degree:

4 years (6,000 hours) of project management work experience

AND

4 years (10,500 hours) of program management work experience

Note: *Even if you already hold the PMP credential, you still need to re-enter you PM work experience on the application.*

With regard to the application:

Project Management Hours Identified for:

5 Process Groups – Initiating/Planning/Executing/Controlling/Closing



Program Management Hours Identified for:

6 Domains – Defining/Initiating/Planning/Executing/Controlling/Closing the Program

Note: You are not required to show experience in each of the domains for each of the programs. However, you must include at least some experience in each domain in order to be eligible.

How much does it cost?

Depends on whether or not you live close (within 186.5 miles) to a Prometric testing center, where you would do computer-based testing. Otherwise, you would take a paper-based test.

Type of Test	PMI Members	PMI Non-Members
Computer-Based	\$1,500	\$1,800
Paper-Based	\$1,200	\$1,500

Are there any refunds?

Yes, under certain conditions:

During Competence Evaluation 1 - \$700 if you fail to meet the audit requirements or do not pass the application review.

During Competence Evaluation 2 - \$700 if you have not taken the test and submit a written request no later than one month before your eligibility expiration date.

What about the multiple-choice exam? Can you give any more details?

- There are 170 questions. Twenty, randomly placed, questions are considered “retest” questions which do not affect your score, but used to increase the number of future PgMP questions.
- You have four hours to pass the exam.
- The percentage of questions in each of the 6 domains is as follows:

Domain	Percentage
Defining the program	14%
Initiating the program	12%
Planning the program	20%
Executing the program	25%
Controlling the program	21%
Closing the program	8%



What if I fail the multiple-choice exam? Can I re-take it?

Yes. You may take the exam up to three times during the one-year eligibility period. Re-examination fee schedule is:

Type of Test	PMI Members	PMI Non-Members
Computer-Based	\$500	\$600
Paper-Based	\$400	\$500

What about the Multi-Rater Assessment (MRA)? Can you give any more details?

On your application, you must identify 12 reference contacts. They should consist of at least:

- 1 Supervisor
- 4 Peers
- 4 Direct Reports
- 3 Professional references (of your choice)

When you have passed the multiple-choice test, PMI will email you a link to a web-based evaluation survey, so you can perform a self-evaluation. Similarly, links will be emailed to your twelve references/raters.

The survey contains 70 statements which are asked to rank using a scale of 0 (no basis to judge candidate’s behavior) to 5 (task performed with outstanding strength).

Make sure you KNOW the raters and are sure they WILL respond. All raters must respond within three weeks! PMI will send email reminders after two weeks.

What if I fail the MRA? Can I re-take it?

Yes, BUT you must wait one year before participating again. Re-examination fee is \$500.

If you fail a second time, you must wait one more year, which means you will need to repeat the first two competence evaluations.

How long does the certification last?

Similar to the PMP credential, the PgMP credential cycle lasts three calendar years.

How do I maintain my credentials?

Continuing Certification Requirements (aka PDUs). As with the PMP, you must report a total of 60 PDUs during each three-year cycle. If you have both the PMP and the PgMP credentials, PMI will align the expiration dates so that you only need to report 60 PDUs for the combined credentials (i.e. you do NOT have to report 120 PDUs).

PgMPs must re-affirm PMI’s Code of Professional conduct and remit a renewal fee in the third calendar year of each CCR cycle (\$60 for members, \$150 for non-members).



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Detailed Description:

The (PgMP) Examination Specification is based on the results of PMI's 2004 global role delineation study on program managers. It provides trainers and/or those preparing for the examination an outline of the knowledge and skills of program managers from which to study for the (PgMP) multiple-choice examination. As an educator, it will help you design program management training materials by breaking down the six domains of program manager which are the focal points of the (PgMP) examination and the Multi-rater Assessment.

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