

# Should I Pursue a Project Management Certification?

CAPM®

PMP®

PgMP®

PMI-ACP®

PMI-RMP®

PMI-SP®

**Skilled project managers are in demand around the world.** A globally recognized project management certification shows employers that you have the knowledge, experience and education to effectively contribute to project team success.

Applying, earning and maintaining a PMI certification is an important investment in your career that can increase your job stability, expand your earning potential and help you stand out to employers.

## Six Reasons for Earning a PMI Certification

Certification is an important step in career development and recognizes qualified and competent individuals.

Here are six reasons why project management practitioners become PMI certified.

1. **PMI certifications recognize your project management knowledge, skills and abilities.** PMI serves as an unbiased endorsement of your project management expertise and professional experience on a global level.
2. **PMI certifications reflect achievement.** Our certifications show that you have demonstrated excellence in the field by meeting standard requirements established by global project management practitioners.
3. **PMI certifications can lead to greater earnings.** Many certification holders experience salary increases because of their certification status.
4. **PMI certifications can lead to career opportunities and career advancement.** Our family of certifications identifies you as a practitioner who has demonstrated competency in project management processes or in knowledge and experience in specialty areas of practice based on industry standards.
5. **PMI certifications allow for greater recognition from employers.** PMI certification holders gain increased recognition from employers for taking the extra step in professional development.
6. **PMI certifications can afford you a competitive advantage within the job market,** because the certifications can differentiate you from others within your industry.

For more information and to apply for a PMI certification, visit [PMI.org/Certification](https://www.pmi.org/Certification)

# Which Certification is Right for You?

If you answer yes to more than one of the questions below for a specific certification, pursuing a PMI certification will help demonstrate your expertise and commitment to the profession.

## CAPM® Certified Associate in Project Management

*Demonstrate your skills as a project team member*

1. Have you been in project management for less than two years or are you new to project management?
2. Do you participate on a project team?

## PMP® Project Management Professional

*Lead and direct projects*

1. Are you responsible for all aspects of a project for the life of the project?
2. Do you lead and direct cross-functional teams to deliver projects within the constraints of schedule, budget and scope?
3. Do you demonstrate sufficient knowledge and experience to appropriately apply a methodology to projects that have reasonably well-defined requirements and deliverables?

## PgMP® Program Management Professional

*Manage an organizational objective through a group of projects and their shared resources*

1. Do you manage multiple, related projects directed toward a strategic business objective?
2. Do the programs you manage contain complex activities that span functions, organizations, geographic regions and cultures?
3. Are you responsible for defining and initiating projects and assigning project managers to manage the cost, schedule and performance of component projects, while working to ensure the ultimate success and acceptance of the program?
4. Do you maintain continuous alignment of the program scope with strategic business objectives and make recommendations to modify the program to enhance effectiveness toward the business result or strategic intent?
5. Do you have advanced skills in finance, cross-cultural awareness, leadership, communication, influence, negotiation and conflict resolution?

## PMI-ACP® PMI Agile Certified Practitioner

*Exhibit expertise in understanding agile principles and concepts*

1. Do you work on project teams that utilize agile practices?
2. Can you demonstrate proficiency in using agile tools and techniques?

## PMI-RMP® PMI Risk Management Professional

*Assess and identify project risks, along with making plans to mitigate threats and capitalize on opportunities*

1. Can you demonstrate increased knowledge and skill in the specialized area of project risk management?
2. Are you responsible for assessing and identifying project risks?
3. Are you responsible for preparing mitigation plans and capitalizing on opportunities?

## PMI-SP® PMI Scheduling Professional

*Develop and maintain the ongoing project schedule*

1. Can you demonstrate knowledge and skill in the specialized area of project scheduling?
2. Are you responsible for creating and maintaining the project schedule?
3. Are you responsible for communicating status and updates for project schedules?



Good things happen when you get involved with PMI.

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