

## Why Changes In The PMP Exam?

After the lapse of 5-7 years, PMI conducts a Role Delineation Study to verify the roles and



responsibilities of the current project managers. The conclusions of the study are used for updating the PMP exam. Thus, PMI ensures that the role of project managers is truly reflected in the PMP exam prep. Since the project manager roles are changing, it is imperative that the exam will also incorporate the changes.

## How To Manage The Changes

### No Changes

There is no change in the under mentioned aspects of the PMP certification course:

- There will be no change in PMBOK Guide, which will remain to be 4th edition. This will reduce the apprehension amongst the trainees to a great extent, since the 5th edition is scheduled to be released not before end 2012. This implies that the PMP exam will remain basically based on the 4th edition till beginning 2013. Thus, any one planning to appear in the PMP exam after 31 August 2011 may continue to study PMBOK Guide 4th edition, till it is revised in 2012.
- The layout of the exam will not change, and will remain computer based, with 4 hours to solve two hundred multiple choice questions.

- The Score Report will not change. Therefore, the passing criteria will continue to be the same.
- The eligibility criteria for appearing in the exam will not change.

### Changes

The Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct domain, which is now a separate section, and tested independently, will in future be integrated with the other process groups, namely Initiating, Planning, Execution, Monitoring and Controlling, and Closing. For example, exam questions will inquire the ethical issues during the process of procurement, combine social liability with management of team, and may ascertain the professional ethics in a status report. As intimated by PMI, 30% of the PMP exam will be changed. There is not much worry, since the basic book will not change. A student will be required to read the same study material, as before. However, the student should be a little more careful while reading the question, and think if the question pertains to the aspects of social responsibility, or the process and knowledge area concerned. If pertaining to the social domain, then the student must think what actions would normally be taken in a truthful project environment, and answer accordingly.