

Project Management Professional (PMP) is a globally acknowledged US certification for project management, administered by Project Management Institute (PMI) USA. PMP is equally recognized in all types of industries, and all over the world, and being applied by more than 750,000 globally certified project managers. PMP is considered as a standard in project management.

PMP offers a considerable lead when the factor of salary and diversity is considered. According to the survey results conducted by PMI, those with a PMP certification can expect a salary greater than 20% than those without a PMP certification.

PMP is considered to be a difficult certification to qualify, which may be true. However, any task, including qualifying PMP, can become easier if proper techniques are applied. Here are tips gathered during conducting numerous training, and obtaining feedback from a large number of individuals who have passed the exam with ease, in less than three hours, leaving one hour spare for revision.

1. Must study PMBOK 5th edition. Though difficult to understand, it will become easier when studied during the second time. This book may be downloaded free from [here](#) .
2. PMBOK 5th edition is a standard for project management, and like all standards, is basically designed to explain that particular discipline. It is difficult to read, which can become easier if its reading is combined with study of PMP Exam Prep, 8th Edition Study Guide by Rita Mulcahy, which can be downloaded free from [this link](#) . This book is much simpler to read, and encompasses all the contents mentioned in PMBOK 5th edition.
3. Reading PMBOK 5th edition and PMP Exam Prep, 8th Edition Study Guide by Rita Mulcahy alone is not enough, unless exam questions are practised. These questions are included in the Study Guide by Rita Mulcahy, but some questions in this Guide are very lengthy and may not be expected in the PMP exam, for which average time to attempt one question is one minute and fifteen seconds (200 questions/4 hours). Thus, after excluding the lengthy questions, and other questions not expected in the PMP exam, you may practice 300 most relevant questions, which can be downloaded [here](#)

4. Since the PMP certification exam is expensive, and every one would like to minimize the risk of failure, practice of more questions is necessary, for which 1500 exam questions may be downloaded [here](#) , and instructions to install it can be found [here](#) . This is a software application by Rita Mulcahy, which has been informed by students who passed the exam, to be very relevant and helpful.

5. Before the start of actual PMP exam, there is a tutorial for 15 minutes, which will explain the exam format etc. During this period, it is permitted to write notes, formula etc from memory, and refer to these notes/formula during the exam. Recommended material to be written during these 15 minutes may be seen at [this link](#).

6. [PMP Exam Application](#)

- Project experience needs to be described, and their samples may be seen [here](#).
- PMP exam eligibility criteria may be seen [here](#).
- PMP certification process may be seen [here](#).

7. PMP Application Audit. A very few, randomly selected applications are selected for audit. Learn what to do if your application is selected for audit, [here](#) .

8. PMBOK is being revised, and new PMBOK 6th edition is expected to be released during year 2018. Differences in the new PMBOK may be seen [here](#).