



**Emerald Coast Florida Chapter**

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# January 2011 PMP Study Group Overview

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**Chapter Website:** <http://www.pmiemeraldcoastfl.org>

**PMI Mobile Branch Website:**

<http://www.pmiemeraldcoastfl.org/Branches/Mobile/MobileBranch.html>

# PMI Membership / Benefits

## Costs and Benefits:

**PMI membership:** \$129 to join / \$119 renewal (student \$40 join / \$30 renewal)

As a PMI member, you get host of benefits designed to support your career growth and success, including:

- Discounts on PMI credential exams and renewal (PMP exam costs \$405 w/ membership, vs \$555 regular)
- A digital edition of *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge(PMBOK® Guide* that you can download to your computer (\$35+ value)
- Discounts on educational events, networking events, professional development courses.
- Exclusive, members-only pricing / resources / information for various resources on PMI.org
- Knowledge sharing /networking opportunities through PMI chapters and communities of practice

**Chapter membership:** \$25 per year (PMI Emerald Coast chapter, includes all 3 Branches)

- Free Monthly General Membership meetings (meal/beverage costs are separate).
- Free PMP Study Group participation

Source: Project Management Institute [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org)



# Project Management Professional (PMP)

The PMP® credential recognizes demonstrated knowledge and skill in leading and directing project teams and in delivering project results within the constraints of schedule, budget and resources.



**Who should apply?** Those who lead and direct cross-functional teams to deliver projects within the constraints of schedule, budget, and scope.

**What do PMP candidates do?** Candidates are responsible for all aspects of individual projects for the life of the project.

*Read the credential handbook for complete details on all the information presented here.*

**Exam costs:** \$405 with PMI membership, \$555 without membership

## **Pre-requisites to apply for exam:**

### **Education / Work Experience**

- Four-year degree (bachelor's degree/global equivalent) plus **3 years** project management experience with **4,500 hours** spent leading and directing project tasks
- Secondary diploma (high school diploma/global equivalent) plus **5 years** of project management experience with at least **7,500 hours** spent leading and directing project tasks

### **Formal Project Management Training**

- **35 hours** project management education from PMI R.E.P (Registered Education Provider ) list  
<http://www.pmi.org/Professional-Development/REP-Find-a-Registered-Education-Provider.aspx>

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# Overview of PMP Project Management

## 5 Process Groups:

Initiating domain  
Planning domain  
Executing domain  
Monitoring and Controlling domain  
Closing domain

## 9 Knowledge Areas

Integration Management  
Scope Management  
Time Management  
Cost Management  
Quality Management  
Human Resource Management  
Communications Management  
Risk Management  
Procurement Management

**Professional and Social Responsibility** is also big focus for PMPs

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# PMP Exam Changes in 2011



**Source:** [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org)

Overview of changes to exam: <http://www.pmi.org/en/Certification/Project-Management-Professional-PMP/Updates-to-PMP-Certification-Exam/PMP-Role-Delineation-Study.aspx>

Link to PMP change summaries: <http://www.pmi.org/Certification/Project-Management-Professional-PMP/Updates-to-PMP-Certification-Exam.aspx>

**Timeframe for PMP Exam Change:** August 31, 2011

**Reason for Change:** The PMP exam content and process is evaluated and examined via RDS (Role Delineation Study) conducted every 5 to 7 years, to ensure credential reflects current practice / evolves to meet current professional needs, in compliance with PMP accreditation under ISO 17024 standard.



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# PMP Exam Changes in 2011 (continued)



## PMP Exam Content Changes

- Approximately **30%** of the PMP exam content will change.
- Certain examination areas will be tested in a different way. Specifically, the **Professional and Social Responsibility** content area (Domain 6) will now be tested in every domain, rather than as a separate domain. The RDS revealed that professional and social responsibility is integrated into all of the work of project management. Therefore, **PMI's Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct** should be viewed as integrated into the day-to-day role of a project manager and important in each phase of the project lifecycle.

## PMP Eligibility Requirements

- The education and experience eligibility requirements for the existing PMP examination remain appropriate **and will not be changed.**

# Steps to Prepare for the PMP Exam



- (1) Register and complete boot camp or training course(s) ASAP to get your **35 formal training contact hours** – this is a pre-requisite before you can start PMP application. You will get a certificate as proof of completion. List of R.E.P. providers at: <http://www.pmi.org/Professional-Development/REP-Find-a-Registered-Education-Provider.aspx>
- (2) Complete the **PMP application**, once you have completed the 35 formal training hours.
- (3) Order **PMP study books**: PMBoK Guide v4 and Rita Mulcahy's PMP Exam Prep, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition
- (4) Prepare to spend **40 – 60 hours of self-study**, with PMBoK Guide and Rita's PMP Exam Prep (with or without a study group). Ideally this study time will be spent across **4 – 8 weeks**.
- (5) Enroll in study group to prepare for PMP exam, if preferred.
- (6) **Register for PMP exam** at least one month before you plan to take the exam (test spots may fill up fast in some test sites). Ideally schedule the test to occur **within 30 days** after you complete the boot camp / training course(s) and/ or PMP Study Group. You will save \$150 on PMP certification exam fee if you have PMI membership (cost is \$405 w/ membership, \$555 without membership).

Exam is **4 hours** long, and includes **200 questions**. Exam administered at **Prometrics** facility in Mobile.

# What to Expect from a Study Group



- A PMP Study group provides the benefit of reviewing PMBoK content and PMP Exam preparation material, with other project management professionals, for the purpose of increasing understanding and knowledge of project management knowledge and best practices. Group will use a common PMP Exam Prep book from which to study, and will work through the proposed Group outline at each group meeting. Though Study Group not necessary for exam, it is recommended for the above purposes.
- A PMP Study group **does not replace** the need for each individual to complete self-study of full PMBoK Guide content and PMP Exam prep materials. This individual effort requires 40 – 60 hours.
- PMP Study group will have 1-2 facilitators to lead the group.
- Study Group duration averages 4 – 8 weeks.

# What Facilitators of Study Group will provide



- Facilitators will create a study group charter that outlines purpose and Rules of Engagement, in effect providing a project plan for the study group session.
- Facilitators will provide the outline / agenda / flow / materials / schedule of the group up front, including any of the following items or additional items per the facilitator's discretion:
  - Practice exams: May instruct individuals to take practice exam twice
    - First time prior to 1<sup>st</sup> study group session
    - Final time prior to Last study group session
  - Assign Study Group chapters to individuals to each present at the study group on a rotating basis, so one person doesn't have to do all the heavy lifting.
  - Follow the PMBOK guide sequentially



# Study Group Logistics

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- **Cost:**
  - **FREE** with current PMI Emerald Coast FL Chapter membership
  - **\$25.00** if no current membership (*payable through Eventsbot*)
- **Registration:** <http://www.eventsbot.com/events/eb082628857>
- **Duration:** 8 weeks (*plus 1 week skipped for Mardi Gras*)
- **Schedule:** Tuesdays 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
  - Start: February 8, 2011
  - Skip: March 8, 2011 (Mardi Gras)
  - End: April 5, 2011
- **Logistics:** Conference call + Netmeeting (*provided to Eventsbot registrants*)





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# Study Group Leaders and Materials



- **Leaders:** **Wayne Hooton** [wayne.hooton@aol.com](mailto:wayne.hooton@aol.com) and **Mark Nichols** [nicholsm@us.ibm.com](mailto:nicholsm@us.ibm.com)
  
- **Materials:** 2 Books required
  - **A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge, 4<sup>th</sup> edition** from Project Management Institute
    - **Must be 4<sup>th</sup> Edition to align with current PMP exam**
    - *Free softcopy from [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org) with purchase of PMI membership, or amazon.com price range \$30 used to \$36.95 new*
  
  - **PMP Exam Prep, Sixth Edition: Rita's Course in a Book for Passing the PMP Exam (PMP study guide)** from Rita Mulcahy
    - **Must be Sixth Edition for PMBoK v4**
    - *amazon.com price range from \$60 used to \$77 new, or book store)*

# Tips on Studying for Exam – PMBoK and Rita's Guide



## Useful tips for studying for PMP Exam:

- The PMP Exam will contain situational / terminology / comprehension questions. A combination of the PMBoK Guide and Rita's PMP Study Guide will get you well prepared for all of these.

**PMBoK Guide** – Review the guide to learn each of the following items well:

- 5 processes
- 9 knowledge areas
- Glossary / Definition of Terms
- PMI Code of Conduct

### Additional study resources:

**Formulas:** <http://www.itworld2.com/pmpformulas.aspx>

**500 sample questions / information / documents:**

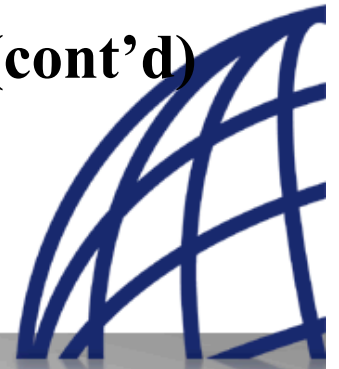
<http://pmhub.net/pmdigest/component/content/article/1-articles/52-free-pmp-tests-pmp-capm-exam-simulation>

# Tips on Studying for Exam – PMBoK and Rita's Guide (cont'd)

## Useful tips for studying for PMP Exam:

### Rita's Guide:

- Read Rita's book completely at least one time, skipping over exam questions and exercises at first. Reread book again, or at least difficult sections, to make sure you understand all content - again skipping over exam questions and exercises.
- Next, complete all of Rita's exam questions and exercises in Rita's book. This is good to do only after reading the entire book, as some chapters' questions require that you already understand the content in other chapters. Grade yourself on each set of questions to calculate the % correct. Review the answers to the questions to see why each of your answers was right or wrong – do not overanalyze the answers, just learn the right answer and move on! Re-review any sections where your exam question scores were under 75%, then complete section exam questions again later and rescore.
- Work Rita's Chapter 3 game at least 3 times – you will really learn all of the processes / inter-relationships / required order!





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