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How to Prepare for the New PMP® Exam

The PMP® Exam changes in July. Learn how to get ready.

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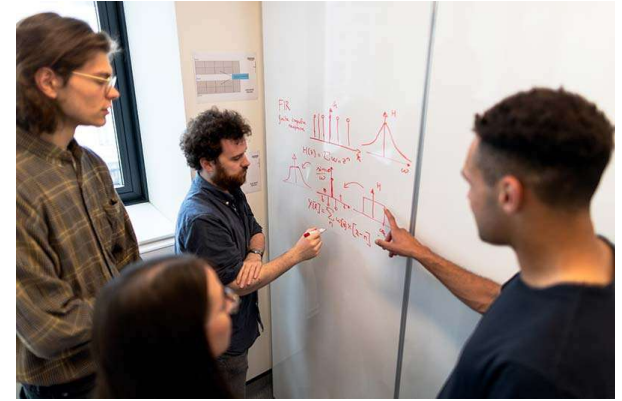
Agenda

Section	Topics
1	Introductions and Expectation Setting
2	Facts About the PMP® Exam Change
3	How to Prepare for the New Exam
4	Quiz
5	Conclusion, Q&A

Objectives

By attending this webinar, you will:

1. Understand why and how the PMP® exam is changing.
2. Begin developing your strategy to pass the exam with confidence



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- Phillip George, PMP, CSM, CPMAI, is a Project Manager and instructor who has supported and led project management and Agile consulting and training engagements with RefineM for over 13 years. Over the past four years, he has played a key role in delivering PMP and CAPM exam preparation courses, leading dozens of live training sessions and guiding multiple cohorts of students through the certification process.
- Phillip has mentored a wide range of candidates—from those new to project management to experienced professionals seeking certification—focusing on practical application, exam strategy, and building confidence with the PMP exam format. His teaching emphasizes breaking down complex concepts into clear, actionable frameworks aligned with current exam expectations.
- He holds a Master of Science in Project Management and a Master of Arts in English from Missouri State University. Phillip is also a former volunteer with the PMI Southwest Missouri Chapter, where he served as VP of Communications and VP of Finance.

RefineM's GenAI Initiatives

- Our 2-day GenAI workshop for POs and PMs
https://trainings.refinem.com/index.php/Home/genai_course_schedule
- Our AI POC group
- CoPilot training and consulting

POCs completed:

- Earned Value Management,
- Project Status Reporting
- Project Risk Management
- AI Charter
- CPMAI

POCs in progress:

- Project closure
- Supply chain management
- AI Alignment and Governance

Contact us if you would like to join our AI Group

What's New at RefineM

Upcoming Free Webinar	Date
The AI-Powered Workday: Copilot Applications for Email and Meetings	Apr 30

RefineM Products
<u>Essential Gear for Project Managers</u> <u>RefineM.com/products/</u>
<u>PDU Bundle</u> <u>RefineM.com/course/pdu-bundle</u>
<u>Agile Fundamentals Self-Paced Course</u> <u>RefineM.com/course/agile</u>
<u>PM Fundamentals Self-Paced Course</u> <u>Refinem.com/course/project-management-fundamentals</u>

Survey Question

Why do you want to get your PMP® certification?
What benefits do you expect?



Use Menti to answer

Benefits of the PMP® Certification

1. Proves you have project management experience.
2. Shows you have exposure to Waterfall, Agile and hybrid.
3. Consistently high-demand certification in IT and other fields



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Facts About the PMP® Exam Change

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When is the PMP® Exam Changing?

The PMP® Exam changes on **July 9, 2026.**

If you want to take the current version, you need to take it before **July 8, 2026.**



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Why is the PMP® Exam Changing?

PMI conducts a Role Delineation Study every 3-5 years to survey changes to the project manager role and the project management landscape.

The new exam is expected to cover topics like AI and sustainability in-depth and emphasize outcomes and value delivery over following processes.



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How is the PMP® Exam Changing?

- **Content and Focus Areas described earlier (AI, sustainability)**
- **Domains**
- **Approach**
- **Eligibility**
- **Exam Experience**



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What Will I Be Tested On?

1. PMI draws from the Exam Content Outline:
<https://www.pmi.org/-/media/pmi/documents/public/pdf/certifications/pmp-examination-content-outline.pdf>
2. This document lists the domains and tasks you are expected to know about.
Business Environment has more questions now.
3. You can supplement your study with other books but make sure you have visited the Exam Content Outline first.



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Domains and Approaches

Domain	Current Exam %	New Exam %
People	42%	33%
Process	50%	41%
Business Environment	8%	26%

Agile and Hybrid approach questions increasing from 40-50% to 50-60%

Eligibility

Degree	Required PM Experience in Last 10 Years (was 8)
High School/GED*	60 months / 5 years
Associates*	48 months / 4 years
Bachelors*	36 months / 3 years
Bachelors* from Globally Accredited institution	24 months / 2 years

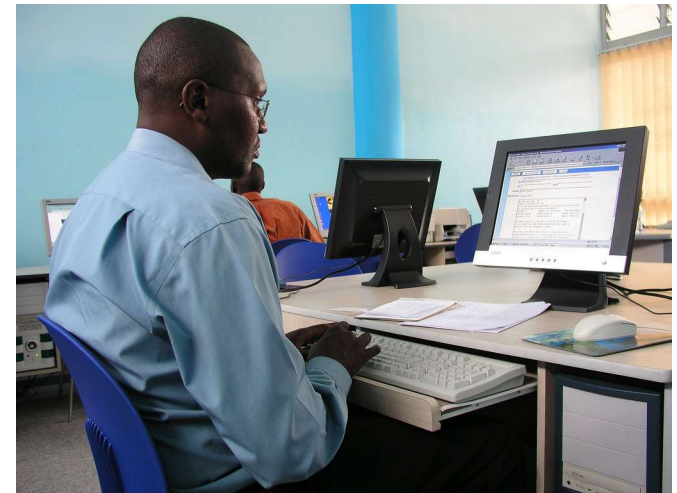
*Or global equivalent

Exam Day Experience

**Exam: 180 questions over 240 minutes
(4 hours)**

**Now includes a Case Study portion up
to the first break**

**Rest of the exam is multiple choice /
multiple answer like current exam**



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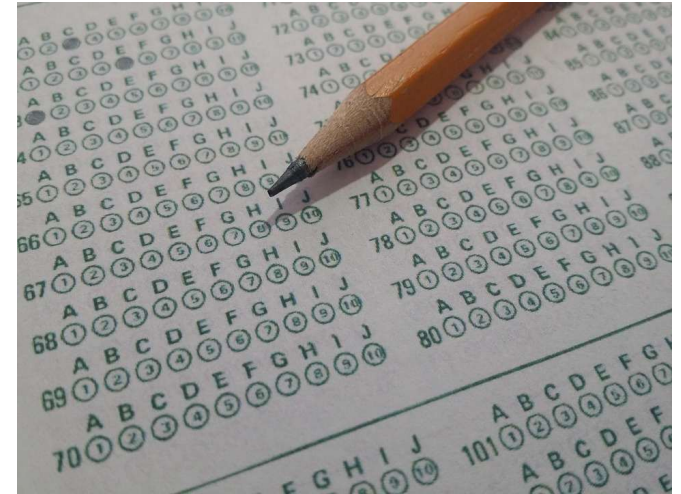
What to Expect from the Exam?

1. There are two 10-minute breaks, one after 60 questions and one after 120 questions. **The new Case Study portion takes up the portion up to the first break.**
2. After each break, you move to the next set of 60 questions. *You cannot review the previous 60 after submitting them.*
3. Questions can be of the following types:
 - ✓ Multiple choice
 - ✓ Multiple answer
 - ✓ Drag and drop
 - ✓ Hotspot – select an area of a graph or other image
 - ✓ Limited fill-in-the-blank



What is the Passing Score?

1. PMI doesn't publish the passing score, so we don't know.
2. The exam will be scored domain-wise (People, Process, Business Environment)
3. When taking practice tests, aim for 85% or greater to feel ready to take the test.





How to Prepare?

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If You Plan to Test Before July 8:

Book your prep course **ASAP**.

If you've completed your prep course and can finish the application, do it **ASAP**.

Schedule your test **ASAP**.

Aim to take the exam no later than **4 weeks** after the end of your prep course.



If You Plan to Test On July 9 or after:

Your prep course will need to come from a PMI Authorized Training Partner (ATP) if you are taking a live course.

PMI is making this change to better guarantee the quality of live training.

Start looking at study materials that are available starting April 14, including an updated PMI Study Hall.

Start making your plan to pass the exam.



How Can I Prepare to Pass on my First Try?

1. Understand what's on the Exam
2. Take lots of practice exams
3. Have a plan to manage time and stress
4. Take the test soon after your class is over



The Fundamentals of PMP® Exam Prep Are Not Changing.

You still need to aim for understanding concepts rather than memorizing.

You still need to plan how you will approach questions on exam day.

You still need to practice, practice, practice.



RefineM's PMP® Exam Prep Course

- May 2-28 is our first cohort with the new exam pattern.
- 12 sessions over 4 weeks helps you build a sustainable study plan and absorb exam content at a more comfortable pace.
- Delivered by PMP-certified instructors and experienced project managers
- Designed to help you pass in the first attempt. We provide you everything you need.
- We offer discounts for bulk/group registrations as well as need-based discounts. Contact us at trainings@refinem.com for more information.

Our May 2026 class is the first aligned to PMI's new Exam Prep pattern beginning in July 2026.

Course Training : PMP Exam Prep 4-week 05 02 2026	05 02 2026	Register
Where : Over the Web	06 06 2026	Register
Format : Four consecutive weeks [Saturdays 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, Tuesdays and Thursday 5:30-8:00 PM (CST)]	07 11 2026	Register
Fee : \$1,400 until 2 weeks before start date, \$1,650 afterwards	08 08 2026	Register
Group discounts available up to 30%.	09 05 2026	Register
	10 03 2026	Register

Visit https://trainings.refinem.com/index.php/Home/pmp_course_schedule to register

Quiz

Go to [menti.com](https://www.menti.com) to answer



Top 2 Winners get free access (100% discount) to one of RefineM's products of their choice

1. One hour of AI strategy consulting (\$200)
2. One hour of Data strategy consulting (\$200)
3. One hour 1-1 coaching to help you get PMP certified (\$150)
4. Essential Gear for Project Managers toolkit (\$89)
5. PDU Bundle - 2 months (\$98)
6. Self-Paced Online Course (\$100 each)
 - Agile Fundamentals, or
 - Project Management Fundamentals

Conclusion



PMI is changing the PMP® exam in July to reflect the changing project management landscape and the evolution of the project manager role.



If you want to get your certification before the change, you need to act urgently. If you want to wait until after the change, you have more time but need to start thinking about your plan.



Regardless of when you take the exam and which version you take, the fundamentals of preparing are the same.



Next Webinar

The AI-Powered Work Day: Enhancing Emails and Meetings with Microsoft 365 Copilot

Learn how to leverage the powers of Copilot to improve your emails and meetings in Outlook, Teams and more.

Thursday, April 30, 10:00 AM Eastern



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