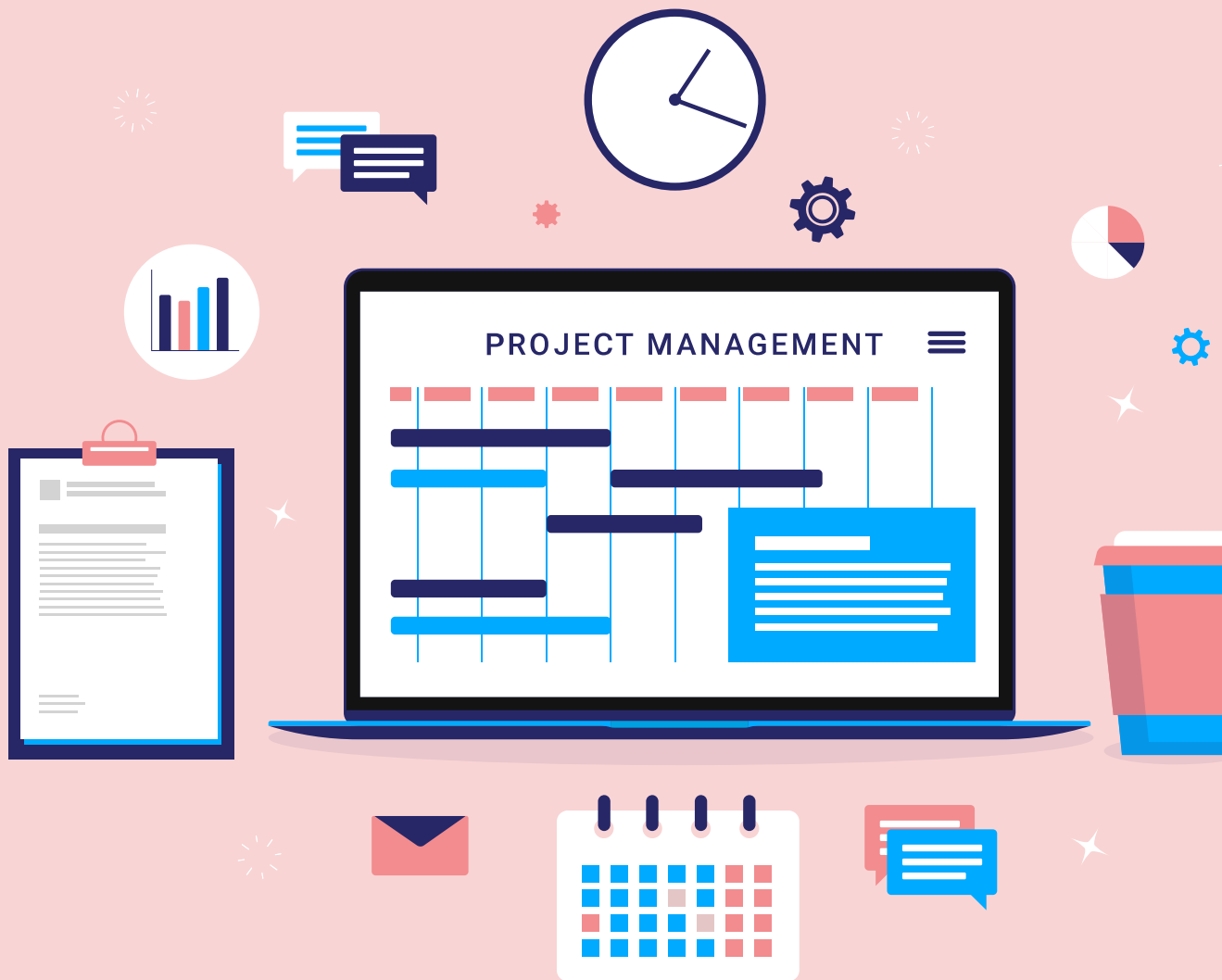


# Your Complete Guide to the PMP® Exam

- Applying for the exam
- Breaking down the exam
- Tools for success



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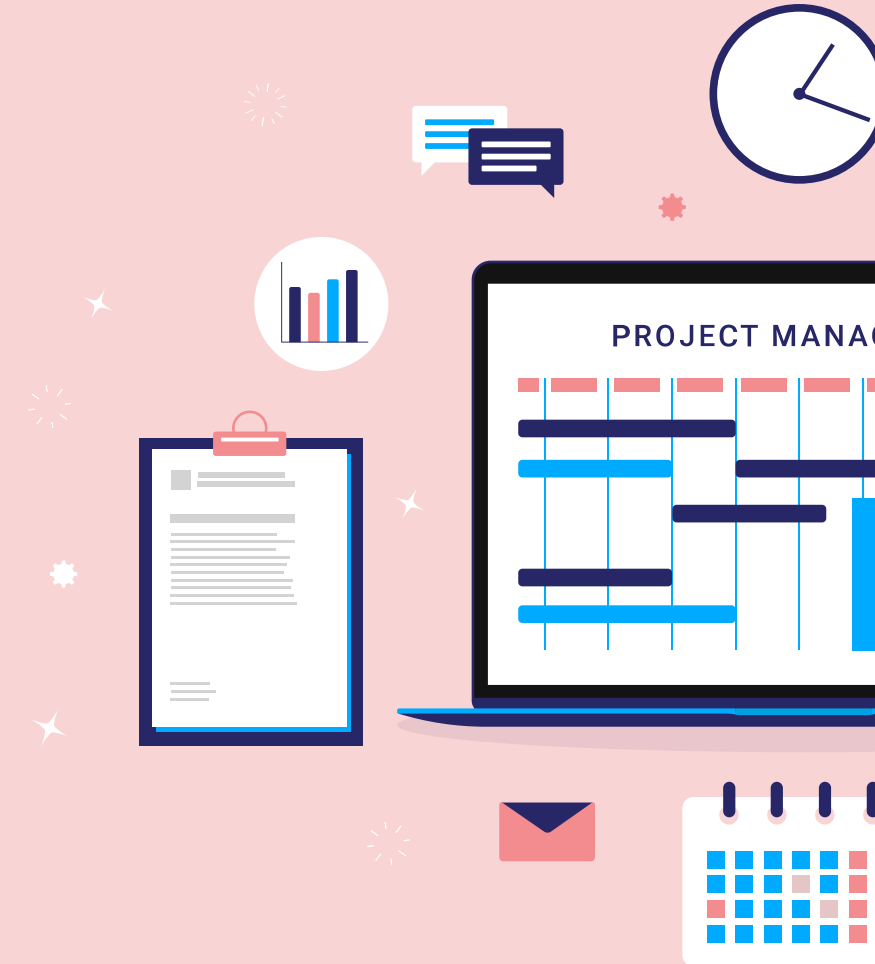
As you may already know, a new exam for the Project Management Professional (PMP)® credential came into effect in January 2021.

Project Management Professional (PMP)® is one of the most widely-respected credentials in the global project management community.

This Project Management Institute (PMI)® credential is designed by project managers, for project managers. As such, it must evolve in order to remain at the cutting edge of project management methodologies and continue to lead the way in industry standards.

This guide is designed as your step-by-step breakdown of the current PMP® exam. We look at:

- ✓ The structure of the new exam
- ✓ Applying for your PMP® exam
- ✓ Eligibility requirements for PMP® Exam
- ✓ Tools for PMP® Exam success



If you don't find all the answers you need in this guide, we would love to hear from you.

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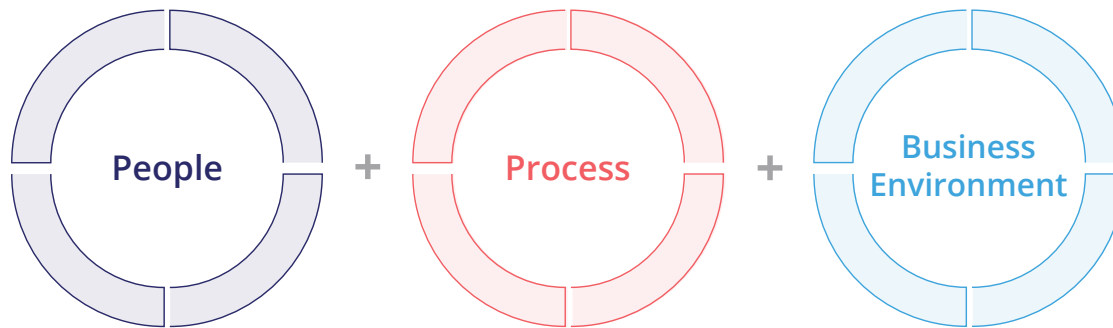
# PMP® Exam 2021: What You Need to Know

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A new PMP® exam has been in effect since January 2nd 2021.

Our PMP® exam preparation course is fully aligned with the PMI® Examinations Content Outline ECO May 2021.

The course is aligned with *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)* - Sixth Edition and the *Agile Practice Guide 2017*. While the *PMBOK® Guide* has not been changed, the PMI® has introduced a higher content of agile and hybrid questions on the exam.



The new exam is structured along three domains with the proportion of questions as follows:

✓ People 42%    ✓ Process 50%    ✓ Business Environment 8%

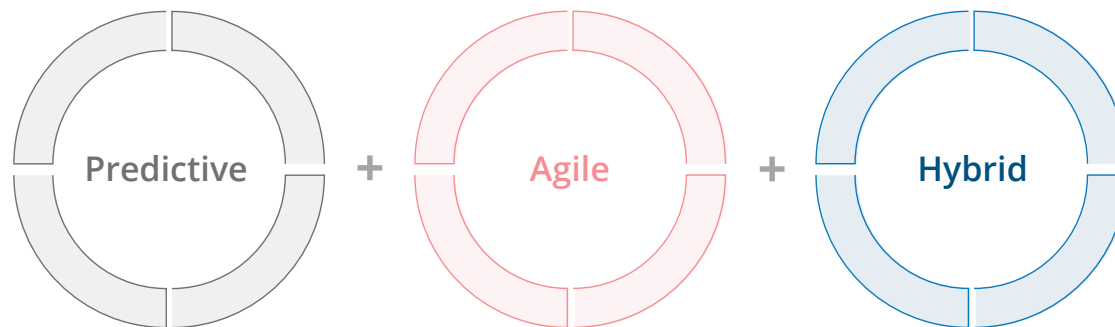
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# PMP® Exam 2021: What You Need to Know

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The sixth edition of the *PMBOK® Guide* introduced a higher level of consideration for agile practices, and this is continued in the new exam format.

Rather than concentrating on a predictive (often called “traditional” or “conventional”) approach to project management, throughout all 3 domains, attention and value will be given to predictive and agile approaches, and to a hybrid of both.



- ✓ The programme includes predictive, agile and hybrid project management approaches found across the three domains.
- ✓ 50% of the exam is expected to be based on agile and hybrid approaches and 50% based on predictive or plan based approaches.

## Route 1



## Route 2



## PMP® Exam Eligibility Requirements

The PMP® credential is designed for seasoned project managers. As such, all candidates are required to provide documented experience of actively managing and working on projects.

There are 2 routes of eligibility when applying to sit your PMP® exam. We have outlined these routes in the diagrams on this page.

If you're unsure which course is right for you, we'll be happy to work with you to find the best solution. You can get in touch with us at Freephone 1800 910 810 or online using the button below.

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## How can you get PMP® contact hours?

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One of the PMP® exam eligibility requirements is that you must have at least 35 contact hours of formal project management education unless you are an active CAPM® certification holder.

You can acquire contact hours through completion of training courses or programmes with established education providers.

**Tip:** Our PMP® Exam Preparation Course satisfies the full requirement for 35 contact hours.

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# Application Process & Exam Fees

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## What is the PMP® application process?

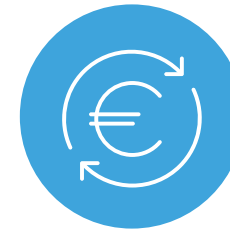
In order to be eligible to sit the PMP® exam, you will need to complete the PMI's application process.

The application confirms your eligibility and documents your project management experience.

### Don't Worry:

During our PMP® Exam Preparation Course, we will give you tips and guidance on completing your PMP® application successfully.

Once you have completed and submitted your application, it will be reviewed by the PMI®. This can take up to 5 days.



## What are the PMP® exam fees?

Your exam fees will be payable directly to the PMI® once they indicate you have qualified to move forward.

Examination fees are \$405 (USD) for PMI® members and \$555 (USD) for non-members. This is an indicative cost, correct as of September 2021. Please check [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org) for current details.

### Our Tip:

Becoming a member of the PMI® gives you a reduced exam fee plus a PDF version *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)*.



# Breaking down the PMP® exam

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## QUESTIONS

**How many questions are on the new PMP® exam?**

There are 180 questions in total. Of those questions, 175 are scored (5 are pilot or “pre-test” questions that do not affect your score).

**What kinds of questions are on the new PMP® exam?**

Questions will be a combination of the following styles: multiple-choice, multiple responses, matching, limited fill-in-the-gap.

## WEIGHTING

The new PMP® exam is divided between the three domains: people, processes, and business environment.

The weighting of questions is divided as: People – 42%, Processes – 50%, Business Environment – 8%

Approximately half of the exam will represent predictive project management approaches and the other half will represent agile or hybrid approaches.

These approaches are represented across the three domains and not isolated to a particular area or task.

## DURATION

The exam is 230 minutes in total. During this time, you will have two 10-minute breaks. The exam is divided into 3 sections:

### **Section 1: Questions 1 - 60**

Break one occurs after you complete question 60 and review your answers.

### **Section 2: Questions 61 – 120**

Break two occurs after you complete question 120 and review your answers.

### **Section 3: Questions 121 – 180**

Once you review your responses and start each break you will not be able to return to the questions from the previous section.

# Passing the PMP® Exam

## What score do you need to pass the PMP® Exam?

This is one of the most frequently asked PMP® questions online and it is one of the most difficult-to-define answers.

The traditional answer was always “61%”. As the PMI® no longer disclose the marks needed to pass the PMP® exam, we cannot now take this as being accurate.

The PMI® now follow a grading system that uses “sound psychometric analysis” to determine the passing score. (source: The PMP® Handbook)

## Exam Re-Takes

If you do not pass your PMP® exam on the first try, you can re-sit it up to two more times within your 1-year eligibility period.

Given the work you have done to get to the PMP® Exam stage, re-sitting the exam in this situation is a wise move. It is likely you will simply need more preparation time before your second attempt.

## Our Recommendation:

The only way to build confidence in your ability to pass the PMP® Exam is to practice with a quality, up to date PMP® exam simulator.

Our PMP® Exam Preparation Course includes 90 days of unlimited access to a premium PMP® exam simulator. Read more on the next page...



## Tools for Success: Exam Simulator

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A PMP® exam simulator is essential for helping you to develop the right mindset, become confident with the style of questioning in the PMP® exam, and build up the mental stamina for this 230-minute exam.

Our Exam Simulator Features:

- ✓ 5 full online PMP® simulated exams
- ✓ 2,100+ exam questions
- ✓ 90 days of unlimited online access
- ✓ The ability to stop and start the exams to fit your schedule
- ✓ Separate quiz pool

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# Tools for Success: Exam Preparation

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How can you prepare for your PMP® Exam?

As well as 35 contact hours of project management education being a requirement for PMP® exam applicants, attending a PMP® Course is a crucial part of setting yourself up for exam success.

Our [5-day PMP® Course](#) is designed as an intensive exam preparation programme.

You can get full details by [downloading a brochure](#) or visiting the course page, but here are a few programme benefits:

## Ask us Anything About our PMP® Course

You can call our team directly at Freephone 1800 910 810 or use the “Ask a Question” button below to get in touch online.

**Ask a Question**

## Our PMP® Programme Benefits

### ✓ Delivered in real time by PMP® Experts

Our PMP® courses are always delivered as live virtual training, never pre-recorded. This makes a huge difference, as you will be able to ask questions and receive advice in real-time from your tutor.

### ✓ Fully Aligned with PMP Exam ECO 2021

Our exam preparation course is completely geared towards the new PMP® exam and aligned with the PMI® Exam Content Outline (ECO) 2021.

### ✓ Includes 90-day Premium Exam Simulator Access

When you attend our PMP® exam preparation course, you will gain 90 days of unlimited access to a premium, online exam simulator.

# Our PMP® Exam Preparation Course

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## PMP® for Experienced Project Managers

Our PMP® courses are exam preparation solutions, geared towards helping you to pass your PMP® exam first time.

The focused, effective approach we take for our Project Management Professional (PMP)® Exam Preparation Course has contributed to our reputation as one of Ireland's premier providers of project management training with exceptional success.



**Download our PDF PMP® Exam Preparation Course Brochure Instantly**

For a full course outline, and steps to get started, download our PDF PMP® Course brochure by using the button below.

**Download PDF Brochure**

## Quick Facts About our PMP® Course

- ✓ **Duration:** 5 days
- ✓ **Format:** Online (live virtual)
- ✓ **Experience Needed:** Yes. You can read the eligibility requirements by [downloading our PDF brochure](#) or visiting the webpage.
- ✓ **Credential:** PMI® Project Management Professional (PMP)®

## What You'll Gain

- **Exam Simulator:** Our PMP® courses include 90 days of unlimited access to our online PMP® Exam Simulator.
- **Guidance from Experts:** Our trainers have extensive experience and are PMP® credential holders.
- **Materials Included:** We provide templates and sample questions you'll need for PMP® exam preparation.

**Visit Webpage**

**Ask About Dates**

## 3 Ways to Get Started

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### Talk to Us

You can reach us by phone on Freephone 1800 910 810, or 01 861 0700 (mon - thurs, 9.00am - 5.30pm, fri, 9.00am - 5.00pm).

We will be happy to answer any questions you have, advise on the best option for your PMP® training, or book a place for you on an upcoming course date.

**Freephone 1800 910 810**



### Get Dates & Reserve a Place

Use the button below to hold your place provisionally on an upcoming PMP® Course

You can ask about upcoming dates and reserve your place provisionally for up to two working dates.

**Ask About Dates**



### Ask Us A Question Online

If you'd prefer to contact us online, request a phonecall, or to get in touch outside of office hours, using the "Ask A Quick Question" button below is the best option.

We'll respond with the information you need.

**Ask A Quick Question**

# About Us

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## Professional Development - 30+ Years of Innovation and Excellence

We believe that the key to a thriving and rewarding career is continuous professional development.

For over 30 years, Professional Development has led the way in providing practical, innovative courses leading to relevant and respected certifications.

We specialise in delivering training for core business skills including project management, agile, scrum, lean six sigma, management, communications, sales, and training design and delivery skills.

Our courses are designed to expand your skills, & enhance your career potential

## Stay Connected

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### Our Courses

Our courses are a balanced blend of both theoretical learning and practical application. This focused learning environment optimises the impact of training.



### Our Team

Our trainers are chosen for their engaging manner and expertise in a chosen field. They bring a wealth of experience to each programme they deliver.



### Our Clients

We provide training for Ireland's leading brands, working with companies of all sizes in every industry. We also provide training for non-corporate organisations.



### Our Certifications

In many sectors, international certification is now essential. We provide many options for globally recognised certification in each subject area.



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