



APM PMQ - Project Management Qualification

Overview

The Association for Project Management (APM) is the only chartered membership organisation for the project profession in the world. Their range of project management qualifications are designed to support you throughout every stage of your career. The APM Project Management Qualification (PMQ) is the second step in the progressive suite of qualifications.

Studying the APM PMQ can be a significant career investment, equipping you with essential skills, boosting your professional reputation, and enhancing your career prospects. Whether you're looking to enter the field of project management or advance to higher-level roles, the APM PMQ offers the knowledge and recognition needed to succeed.

The APM PMQ is for professionals who are looking to validate their knowledge or take a lead on bigger projects. It is designed to support you as you continue your project management career.

Prior knowledge & Pre-requisites

The APM Project Management Qualification is designed for professionals who already have some knowledge, understanding or experience of project management and are looking to move deeper into a project management career. It is also the ideal next step for anyone holding the APM Project Fundamentals Qualification.

While there are no specific pre-requisites for experience or other qualifications, it is expected that you will most likely:

- Be working in a project environment.
- Have two to three years experience as a project professional or be actively undertaking a project management apprenticeship or degree.
- Be looking to progress your career and improve your employability.

If you don't already have any of these experiences then you might want to consider completing the APM Project Fundamentals Qualification before studying for the APM Project Management Qualification.

What's included?

The following course material is included for this event.

- 1 x Official APM PMQ online exam
- Official APM PMQ Learner Study Pack
- APM PMQ Pre-course study guide
- APM PMQ Online resources
- 5 days training with an accredited and trainer
- Evening knowledge consolidation work

Course Documents and Exam Information

The examination is taken online after the training is completed. Details of the exam are:

- 2.5 hours long (in two parts, with an optional break of up to 30 minutes in between).
- Mixed question types:
 - Multiple response (20 questions × 1 mark)
 - Select from list (5 questions × 2 marks each)
 - Short response (5 questions × 2 marks each)
 - Long response (10 questions × 5 marks each)

The pass mark for the APM Project Management Qualification will vary between exam versions to take account of slight differences in question difficulty between different exam versions.

You will be advised of your results within eight weeks of completing your exam. You will be sent an email which confirms your result.

The PMQ is aligned to the APM Competence Framework and is a SCQF Level 7 (equivalent to RQF Level 4).





APM PMQ - Course Content

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- **Life cycles** - the distinct life cycle stages used to structure and organise a project.
- **Governance arrangements** - a framework of authority and accountability for the delivery of a project, which align with organisational practice.
- **Sustainability** - balancing the environmental, social, economic and administrative considerations that will impact a project.
- **Business case** - the justification for the initiation, investment and/or continuation of a project in terms of benefits, costs and risks.
- **Procurement** - securing the provision of resources, choosing strategies for obtaining best value from supply chains.
- **Reviews** - a way of gathering information to provide an assessment on the status of a project and the ongoing viability of the work.
- **Assurance** - the ability to provide confidence to the governance board that a project is on track to deliver objectives.
- **Transition management** - Understand integration of the outputs of a project into business-as-usual.
- **Benefits management** - Understand monitoring of benefits realisation throughout a project.
- **Stakeholder engagement and communication management** - the ability to work with people internally and externally to achieve intended outcomes.
- **Conflict resolution** - the ability to identify and address differences between individuals and/or interest groups.
- **Leadership** - ways to empower and inspire others to deliver successful projects.
- **Team management** - the ability to work with team members to create and sustain teams.
- **Diversity and inclusion** - the ability to build and maintain an inclusive environment that embraces a diverse culture.
- **Ethics, compliance and professionalism** - the ability to work consistently in a moral, legal and socially responsible manner.
- **Requirements management** - the ability to capture and monitor the requirements of a project.
- **Solutions development** - the ability to determine the optimal solution to satisfy agreed requirements.
- **Quality management** - the ability to ensure that outputs are delivered in accordance with requirements.
- **Integrated planning** - the ability to incorporate multiple plans and processes into an integrated project management plan.
- **Schedule management**—the ability to undertake time-based planning with an emphasis on activities and resource.
- **Resource management** - the ability to identify and schedule the required internal and external resources.
- **Budgeting and cost control** - the ability to estimate costs, develop and agree budgets and monitor actual costs against forecast costs.
- **Risk and issue management** - the ability to identify and monitor risks (threats and opportunities); plan responses to those risks and respond to issues.
- **Change control** - the ability to manage variations and change requests in a controlled way.



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