

## Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)<sup>®</sup> 2023 Exam Update

### 1. Why is the CAPM exam changing?

As the project management profession continues to evolve, we conduct extensive research to ensure our professional certifications, like the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)<sup>®</sup> certification, remain relevant so that earning one demonstrates a professional's ability to meet the demands of projects and organizations across the globe.

After extensive market research and analysis, it was determined that because today's project team members work in a variety of project environments and utilize different project approaches, the CAPM exam needed to be updated to include important trends in the profession not addressed in the current exam.

The new CAPM exam will better support project professionals in their career journeys by testing the skills that entry and associate-level professionals need to understand project management fundamentals, as well as predictive, agile, and business analysis principles. The new [CAPM Exam Content Outline](#) has more information about the exam content domains.

### 2. How often is the CAPM exam updated?

Every 5 years, PMI conducts market research to assure that the CAPM exam content is updated to reflect current practices in the field. Historically, these updates align to the update cycles of the PMBOK<sup>®</sup> guide which is an ANSI standard reflected of current practices in the profession.

### 3. When will the new CAPM exam be available?

The new CAPM exam will be available on 25 July 2023. Interested candidates may begin to register and schedule their exams on this date.

### 4. Will the new CAPM exam be translated?

Yes, in addition to English, the CAPM exam will be translated into eight languages: Spanish, French, Arabic, German, Brazilian Portuguese, Italian, Japanese, and Simplified Chinese (Mainland China only).

### 5. What is the difference between the current and the new exam?

The current CAPM exam tests concepts included in the *PMBOK<sup>®</sup> Guide – Sixth Edition*, and the new exam will include concepts from the *PMBOK<sup>®</sup> Guide – Seventh Edition* and *Process Groups: A Practice Guide*.

The new CAPM exam will continue to test the common practices and fundamentals of project management but will expand to integrate content across predictive, agile, and business analysis principles. The new content also aligns with the essential knowledge that associate project managers need on the job, according to organizations.

Functionally, the new CAPM exam has been enhanced to include animations, comic strips, hot spots, and additional testing item types to modernize the testing experience and more validly test

skills and competencies related to project manager roles. We have also improved the exam day experience, with the addition of a 10-minute break during the exam, as detailed in question 12.

To see what new concepts will be tested on the new CAPM exam, please view the new [CAPM Exam Content Outline](#).

**6. Is the new exam based solely on the *PMBOK® Guide – Seventh Edition*?**

No, it is important to note that the volunteers creating the new exam questions did so based on the Exam Content Outline. For each question, volunteers must consult the CAPM reference titles, which include the *PMBOK® Guide – Seventh Edition*, *Process Groups: A Practice Guide* and five other titles to identify two that reinforce the concept being tested in the question. This rigorous process ensures that the question tests the candidate on the appropriate knowledge.

**7. In addition to the *PMBOK® Guide – Seventh Edition* and *Process Groups: A Practice Guide*, what other references is the new exam based on?**

All exam questions are based on the [CAPM Exam Content Outline](#), written and extensively reviewed by subject matter experts, and can be found in a minimum of two references: *PMBOK® Guide – Seventh Edition*, *Process Groups: A Practice Guide*, *The PMI Guide to Business Analysis* (2017), *Business Analysis for Practitioners: A Practice Guide* (2015), *Agile Practice Guide* (2017), *The Project Management Answer Book* (2nd Addition), *Effective Project Management: Traditional, Agile, Extreme, Hybrid* (8th Edition). Reading each book on the reference list is not a requirement, but candidates may find it helpful to read them.

**8. Are the eligibility criteria changing with the new exam?**

The education and experience eligibility requirements for the CAPM examination will not change.

**9. Will the CAPM scoring method be changed?**

No, the scoring method for the CAPM examination will not be changed.

**10. Will there be a price change with the new exam?**

No, the price for the CAPM exam will remain the same.

**11. Will PMI offer a CAPM exam prep course to go with the new exam?**

Yes, the new CAPM Official Exam Prep eLearning course will be available in Q4 2023. In the meantime, you can utilize the following resources to prepare for the exam:

- [PMBOK® Guide – Seventh Edition](#) (Free to Members)
- [Business Analysis for Practitioners: A Practice Guide](#) (Free to Members)

You can also take exam prep courses through your local Chapter or Authorized Training Partners.

**12. Will there be any changes to the day of exam experience?**

Candidates will continue to have the ability to sit for the exam at a Pearson VUE testing center or to take the exam via our online proctored solution. The exam will remain 3 hours in duration with 150 total questions. As part of the new exam, we have now added a 10-minute break at the halfway mark of the exam (after 75 questions are completed).

**13. With the addition of agile and business analysis to the exam, is an older CAPM certification less valuable?**

Current CAPM certifications are still a valuable demonstration of your project management knowledge. If a current CAPM certification holder is interested in learning the agile and business analysis content, we recommend pursuing the Agile Hybrid Project Pro™ micro-credential or PMI Professional in Business Analysis (PMI-PBA)® certification for business analysis.

**14. Will PMI Authorized Training Partners (ATPs) be informed about the new CAPM exam and will they be teaching courses based on the current exam or the new exam version?**

Our ATPs are aware of the new exam and those that offer CAPM exam courses can update their curriculum, accordingly, aligned to the new [Exam Content Outline](#). ATPs will also have the option to utilize the instructor-led CAPM® Official Exam Prep course in June 2023.

**15. Can chapters provide new CAPM exam training?**

Chapters may offer CAPM training aligned to the new exam, using the new [Exam Content Outline](#) as a guide. If a chapter wants to offer the CAPM® Official Exam Prep instructor-led course to its members, they need to partner with an Authorized Training Partner or become part of the Authorized Training Partner (ATP) program.

**16. Will there be a change in the Professional Development Units (PDUs) required to maintain the CAPM certification?**

No, the PDUs required to maintain the certification will remain at 15.

**17. Can candidates still take the current CAPM exam?**

Yes, candidates may still apply, schedule, and take the current exam until 24 July 2023. When the new exam launches on 25 July 2023, the current exam will be retired and no longer available.

**18. How can candidates sign up for the current CAPM exam?**

To take the current CAPM exam, complete your application and schedule your exam prior to 25 July 2023. When the new exam launches on 25 July 2023, the current exam will be retired and no longer available.