



# Exam Content Outline

Green Project Manager – Basic (GPM-b)™



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## GPM-B™ | CERTIFIED GREEN PROJECT MANAGEMENT – BASIC CERTIFICATION

### EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINE AND SPECIFICATIONS

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# INTRODUCTION

Project Management Institute (PMI)'s joint venture with Green Project Management (GPM) is a collaboration to drive sustainability in project management. This joint venture will help to evolve the profession and enable project professionals to deliver more sustainable and regenerative projects and outcomes.

PMI is now offering the GPM-b certification for project professionals to demonstrate their ability to apply sustainable project management principles while effectively balancing business objectives with environmental and social responsibility.

A sustainable project goes beyond delivering on time and budget; it creates lasting value. It's about leading responsibly by aligning practices with environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and long-term economic success. As a project manager, this means driving results while building trust, strengthening stakeholder relationships, and contributing to a better future.

The GPM-b certification is based on The GPM P5 Standard for Sustainability in Project Management and Sustainable Project Management: The GPM Practice Guide 3.0.

The P5 Standard offers practical guidance on what sustainability aspects to measure and how best to integrate them into project activities. Complementing this, the Practice Guide provides a clear, iterative methodology specifically tailored to managing sustainability-driven, regenerative, and environmentally conscious projects.

Rather than merely aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), our approach targets and addresses the root causes behind global sustainability issues—focusing on meaningful, systemic change that addresses the very reasons the SDGs were established in the first place.

This version of the exam is designed for individuals with project knowledge and/or experience. It features a shorter format with a focused emphasis on sustainability principles. This was previously referred to as RPL (recognition of prior learning).

# EXAM CONTENT OUTLINE

The following table identifies the proportion of questions from each domain that will appear in the examination. These percentages are used to determine the number of questions related to each domain and task that should appear on the multiple-choice format examination.

The GPM-b certification will be reflective of this and will incorporate approaches for successful sustainable project management.

Domain	Sustainable Methods	Delivery Methods
Percentage	<b>70%</b>	<b>30%</b>

# DOMAINS AND TASKS

On the following pages you will find the domains and tasks.

- **Domain:** Defined as the high-level knowledge area that is essential in running and managing a sustainable project.
- **Tasks:** The underlying responsibilities of Project professionals focused on sustainability.

Domain I	Sustainable Methods – 70%
Task 1	Identify the sustainability initiatives and fundamentals
Task 2	Explain the PRiSM method fundamentals
Task 3	Identify sustainability, sustainable projects, and sustainable project management practices
Task 4	Determine the PRiSM supporting processes
Task 5	Explain the sustainability ethics, principles, and values
Task 6	Understand the governance practices, processes, and frameworks
Task 7	Explain the standard's different processes, categories, subcategories, and elements
Task 8	Identify the product impact lenses' practices
Task 9	Determine the process impact lenses' practices
Task 10	Explain the social impacts
Task 11	Recognize the environmental impacts
Task 12	Determine the prosperity impacts
Domain II	Delivery Methods – 30%
Task 1	Explain the PRiSM fundamentals delivery methods
Task 2	Recognize the management activities of a PRiSM project life cycle phase
Task 3	Determine the PRiSM supporting processes delivery methods
Task 4	Explain the delivery methods of sustainability ethics, principles, and values
Task 5	Understand the governance practices, processes, and frameworks' delivery methods
Task 6	Identify sustainability, sustainable projects, and sustainable project management practices' delivery methods
Task 7	Explain the social impacts' delivery methods

# GPM-B REGISTRATION

To be eligible for the GPM-b certification, you must meet certain educational and project knowledge and/or experience requirements. The exam requires a qualifying Project Management degree or certification due to the reduced number of questions testing on project management.

Project Knowledge and/or Experience	Sustainability Education
Qualifying degree or certification (see list below) <b>OR</b> a CAPM, PMP, PgMP, or PfMP in good standing	12 hours of formal education related to Sustainability in Project Management

Sustainability education must be completed at the time you submit the application.

Sustainability education options:

- **Sustainable Project Management for Certified Practitioners** Exam Prep Course from PMI
- Or 12 hours of education related to Sustainability in Project Management through an approved ATP (authorized training partner)

Project knowledge and/or experience:

Candidates must have at least one of these or certifications or degrees:

Certifications

- PMI CAPM, PMP, PgMP, PfMP
- APM PMQ, ChPP, RegPM, MPLSC
- AIPM CPPM, CPSPM, or RegPM
- PRINCE2, MSP, or MoP

Degrees:

- Master’s degree in Project or Program Management\*

\* from an accredited college or university

**Before you purchase**, check to make sure you meet the certification eligibility requirements.

**Once you start an online application**, you cannot cancel it. You can save it unfinished, come back to it later, and edit any information you have already entered. The application will remain open for 90 days during which time PMI will send you an email reminder to complete the application.

Please ensure that the application includes your valid, unique email address as this will be the primary mode of communication from PMI throughout the certification process.

**NOTE:** Electronic communications from PMI may inadvertently be blocked or forwarded to bulk mail folders by some spam filters. Please add [customercare@pmi.org](mailto:customercare@pmi.org) to the personal address book in your email program to help ensure that you don't miss important updates from PMI.

**Before you submit the application**, you will be required to read and agree to the PMI Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct and the Certification Application/Renewal Agreement, which can be found in the PMI Certification handbook and on PMI.org.

You can also use the online certification system to:

- View your submitted certification application
- View your examination eligibility status
- Access and launch learning courses
- Download your exam report with pass/fail status
- Apply and submit payment to take or retake any PMI examination and/or evaluation
- Submit payment for certification renewal
- Download receipts
- Access your certification record and update your contact information
- View your listing on the Certification Registry

PMI will email you reminders during the process. You have the responsibility to schedule and sit for your examination within the six-month eligibility period.

# GPM-B CERTIFICATION FEES

The fees for obtaining the GPM-b Certification are subject to regional and membership pricing rules. Membership is NOT required to obtain the GPM-b. Initial examination fees must be paid before applications have been approved and before you can schedule your examination.

If you need to retake the exam, and your eligibility period is still current, you may do so for a substantial discount subject to regional and membership pricing rules. Additionally, once an examination date is confirmed and scheduled, you may be subject to cancellation or no-show fees.

PMI accepts the following payment methods: credit card and wire transfer. We currently support USD, Euros, BRL, and INR currencies.

If PMI membership is obtained after you submit payment for the certification, PMI will not refund the difference. Review all the [benefits of PMI membership](#).

## **Maintenance and Renewal**

Your GPM-b certification is valid for five years, with no maintenance or renewal.

To keep your GPM-b certification active after five years, simply take the exam again. No need to repeat the course.

# GPM-B EXAMINATION INFORMATION

The GPM-b is available to be taken proctored online. Online proctored exams will require system tests and an extensive check-in process. Please allow for time prior to your exam to ensure you complete these processes. Currently the exam is not available to take in person at an exam center.

- For online proctored testing, review and complete necessary system checks by visiting:  
<https://www.pearsonvue.com/us/en/pmi/onvue.html>

PMI will e-mail you exam scheduling instructions with your eligibility code, which you will need when scheduling your exam appointment. You can schedule your exam appointment online or by telephone. Full details can be found in the certification handbook and within the examination scheduling instructions.

The GPM-b is a knowledge-based certification, which assesses the understanding of a body of knowledge. The exam tests for the ability to recall and recognize facts, terminology, principles, and frameworks.

The GPM-b certification examination is comprised of 75 multiple-choice questions.

Total Examination Questions
75

The allotted time to complete the examination is ninety minutes.

Allotted Examination Time
90 minutes

It may take some candidates less than the allotted ninety minutes to complete the examination.

For online proctored exams, please remember that once you enter the webcam view, you are expected to remain in view and all personal items must be placed out of arm's reach.

The examination is preceded by a tutorial and followed by a survey, both of which are optional and both of which can take up to 15 minutes to complete. The time used to complete the tutorial and survey is not counted.

# RETAKING THE EXAM

If you do not pass the exam on your first attempt, we encourage you to continue studying and then retake the exam. You may take the examination (for a fee) up to three times within the six-month eligibility period. After three attempts, you must wait 1 year from the date of your last examination before you can reapply for the certification. This policy is designed to uphold exam security and reduce the overexposure of examination questions to individual candidates.

However, you are welcome to apply for other PMI certifications. If your six-month eligibility period expires without you passing the examination, you must reapply for the certification.

# REFERENCE MATERIALS

Exam candidates should note the Green Project Manager (GPM-b) examination is written according to the GPM P5 Standard for Sustainability in Project Management.

The references listed below do not guarantee passing the exam.

*The GPM P5 Standard for Sustainability in Project Management:* <https://www.pmi.org/standards/gpm-p5-standard-for-sustainability-in-project-management-v3-1>

*Sustainable Project Management for Certified Practitioners Exam Prep Course:*  
<https://www.pmi.org/dcpdp/sku/EL199>

*PMBOK Guide 7<sup>th</sup> Edition:* <https://www.pmi.org/pmbok-guide-standards/foundational/pmbok>

*Sustainable Project Management: The GPM Practice Guide:* <https://www.amazon.com/Sustainable-Project-Management-Practice-Guide/dp/B0DJ4P1535/>

*GPM Sustainability Competence Standard:*  
<https://www.pmi.org/standards/gpm-sustainability-competence-standard>