Additional Information on the Changes to the PMP® and PgMP® Work Experience Hours Requirement

1. How is the project management experience requirement changing for the PMP® and PgMP® credentials?

   The general PMP® and PgMP® credential work experience requirement has not changed, requiring 4,500 work experience hours for all applicants. What has changed is that PMI will no longer offer 1,500 hour project management experience credits for PMP® or PgMP® applicants enrolled in GAC-accredited programs.

2. Why did PMI decide to remove this 1,500 hour project management experience credit from GAC accredited programs?

   The decision was made because of the importance project management experience is in relation to PMI credentials and to ensure global consistency in the experience level of all candidates.

3. How are students enrolled in GAC-accredited programs affected by this change?

   Students matriculated or graduating from a GAC-accredited program by 30 June 2014 continue to qualify for the 1,500 work experience credit but must apply for their credential exam no later than 30 June 2017. For example, a student enrolled in the accredited program as of 30 June 2014 qualifies for the credit, but a student who enrolls in the GAC accredited program as of 1 July 2014 would not qualify under the “grandfather clause”.

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