

1. Why has PMI updated the Project Management Professional (PMP)[®] certification?

We regularly update the PMP to reflect evolving industry practices, to ensure it remains relevant and to help certified professionals meet global project demands. These updates maintain compliance with ANSI/ISO 17024 and ISO 9001 and preserve the program's integrity and validity. The exam was last updated in 2021.

2. When will the new PMP certification exam be available? To whom?

The new PMP certification exam will be globally available **9 July 2026**. The exam will be available in the following 15 languages: Arabic, Bahasa Indonesian, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, Spanish (Latin America), and Turkish. (Note, it will not be translated to Hebrew for 2026)

3. What is changing as part of the PMP Exam change in 2026?

Key changes include:

- **Evolved Eligibility Requirements:** to reflect current market relevance, with global equivalencies now more clearly defined and aligned to the national framework.
- **Updated Topics and Trends:** Incorporates emerging topics such as artificial intelligence (AI) and sustainability into the exam framework.
- **Updated Job Task Analysis (JTA):** Reflects subtle shifts in how project managers work, with greater emphasis on the Business Environment domain.
- **Enhanced Exam Experience:** Introduces new question types beyond multiple choice, designed to simulate real-world project scenarios and practices.

To see a full breakdown of tasks, domains, and new exam item types, please view the new [2026 PMP Certification Exam Content Outline \(ECO\) at our new exam page.](#)

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

No, the price for the PMP certification exam will remain the same.

5. What's changing with PMP commercial training eligibility?

On March 4, 2026, PMI announced that starting in late Q4 2026, PMI is updating PMP live training eligibility requirements. If candidates earn PMP training hours through a live class, they will be eligible only if the course is delivered by a PMI Authorized Training Partner (ATP), a China Registered Education Provider (REP), or an eligible, accredited academic program, including those accredited by the PMI Global Accreditation Center. There are no changes for candidates taking a self-paced on-demand training. For more information, see the [new PMP exam change page.](#)

6. Will an instructor-led course be available to support the new PMP exam?

Yes. As part of the broader learning launch, the following instructor-led courses will be available to the public starting 14 April, 2026:

- Updated instructor-led PMI® Authorized PMP® Exam Prep course
- New instructor-led PMI® Authorized CAPM® to PMP® Exam Prep course.

7. When will ATPs receive access to the new PMP course?

Instructor materials: ATPs do not need to purchase a new PMP instructor kit if their instructor is already qualified to teach PMP and has an existing kit. Since November 2025, all PMP instructor kits have included updated PMP instructor materials (in English) needed to prepare for the new course. On 14 April, non-English instructor kits will be automatically updated with in-language materials. English instructor kits will also be updated with streamlined content.

Previous versions of PMP material will remain accessible until the exam change. Find them in the “Previous Version” section in the existing instructor kits.

Student materials: Student materials for the updated PMP course will be available for purchase starting 14 April 2026 for ATPs with a qualified instructor. Existing student kits will be automatically updated with the new PMP materials. Previous versions of the kit will remain accessible until the exam change.

8. When will ATPs receive access to the new CAPM to PMP course?

Both instructor and student materials for the CAPM to PMP course will become available for ATPs with a qualified instructor to purchase on 14 April 2026.

9. How do I qualify to teach the updated instructor-led PMP course?

To teach the instructor-led PMI® Authorized PMP® Exam Prep course, you must:

- Hold an active PMP certification in good standing
- Complete the PMI Train the Trainer (TTT) course specific to PMP
 - o Your ATP Administrator must enroll you in the Train the Trainer course via the ATP Hub.

Your ATP Administrator is responsible for purchasing and distributing the PMP Instructor Kit through the PMI Store. You are not required to take the full PMP Exam Prep course in order to teach it.

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11. Do current ATP PMP instructors need to recertify/requalify to teach the updated course?

No. Current ATP PMP instructors do not need to recertify or requalify. Starting in Q4 2025, they will have an extended period to review and prepare using the updated instructor-led course materials.

New ATP PMP instructors will need to follow the standard qualification process.

12. How can I purchase the instructor-led PMP or CAPM to PMP course?

To purchase PMP course materials, the ATP must first have a qualified instructor.

For learners:

ATP Administrators can purchase new student materials beginning 14 April 2026 via the Store in the ATP Hub (atp.pmi.org). Student materials are then assigned to learners through the PMI Partner Platform.

Existing student kits will be automatically updated with the new PMP materials. Previous versions of the kit will remain accessible until the exam change.

For instructors:

ATPs do not need to purchase new instructor kits if their instructor is already qualified to teach PMP and has an existing PMP instructor kit. Since November 2025, all PMP instructor kits have included updated PMP instructor materials (in English) needed to prepare for the new course.

For new instructors—or for instructors who do not already have a PMP Instructor Kit—the updated instructor materials will be included in parallel with the current instructor materials with any new kit purchase. Instructor materials can be purchased through the Store in the ATP Hub (atp.pmi.org) and then assigned to instructors via the PMI Partner Platform.

On 14 April, non-English instructor kits will be automatically updated with in-language materials. English instructor kits will also be updated with streamlined content.

13. How can I access the instructor-led course as an ATP instructor?

Instructor-led courses are purchased and assigned by the ATP Administrator through the PMI Store. The ATP must have a qualified instructor on record before purchasing. They must then assign materials to the instructor via the PMI Partner Platform. Once assigned, the instructor receives an email notification, and the course appears in their My Courses on PMI.org.

14. What's changing with the PMI® Authorized Instructor-Led PMP® Exam Prep course?

The new instructor-led PMP® Exam Prep course, delivered exclusively by PMI Authorized Training Partners, will be fully aligned to the new PMP exam. It is still offered in both virtual and in-person formats.

- The course is aligned to the new PMP® Exam Content Outline (ECO), and all content has been reorganized around the updated tasks and enablers.
- To enhance pacing and improve the learning experience, the course structure has been adjusted from six larger lessons to nine smaller lessons (English version) or twelve smaller lessons (all other languages). This is not an increase in content—the course is still designed to be completed in 35 hours.
- Terminology and content have been updated to align with the *PMBOK® Guide – Eighth Edition*.
- Additional section headers, transitions, and guidance have been added to support both instructors and learners.
- Learners must now complete and pass a knowledge check quiz to receive a certificate of completion.
 - A passing score is 80%. Learners have unlimited attempts on the knowledge check.
 - PMI may use course completion records, including knowledge check results, to verify training completion during certification application audits.
 - ATPs should ensure learners complete the knowledge check at the end of each course.
 - For more information on knowledge checks, please see our [New LMS FAQ for ATPs](#).

15. Why do PMP instructor-led course formats and length vary across languages?

Instructors may notice differences in structure between English and non-English PMP® course materials, including variations in the number of modules or lessons. These variations reflect ongoing evolution of course materials across languages to support an effective learning experience.

PMP course formats may vary slightly by language as PMI continues to enhance its learning offerings. The English course reflects the latest update based on feedback for efficiency and focus. It has 9 lessons, while all other languages have 12.

All language versions remain aligned to the PMP Exam Content Outline, meet required training hours, and are designed to fully prepare learners for certification success.

16. How should instructors manage differences between PMP instructor-led course kit language versions?

Instructors may teach using the instructor materials that correspond to the version of the course being delivered to learners. When both student and instructor kits are in the same language, materials are already aligned to each other.

In cases where instructors are using English instructor materials while learners are assigned a non-English course version, instructors may reference the prior version of the English materials (structured with the 12-lesson format) to align pacing and lesson flow. These materials are available within the LMS through versioned course content.

17. Can I develop my own training materials for the new PMP certification exam?

ATPs are required to use official PMI instructional materials as the core content when preparing learners for the new PMP certification exam. This ensures a high-quality, consistent instructor-led training experience worldwide.

Partners may supplement the official course with additional content to meet the needs of their specific audiences, as long as the PMI-developed course content remains the foundation of instruction.

18. When should I stop promoting the current PMP exam and course to new learners?

From 14 April, new learners should be directed to the updated course and exam. Continue supporting learners already in preparation for the current exam based on their individual timeline and planned exam date.

19. Can I continue to teach the current PMI® Authorized PMP® Exam Prep to learners after 14 April?

We recommend focusing delivery on the new PMP courses after 14 April, to ensure students have enough time to sit for the version of the exam they are studying for. However, you may continue delivering the current PMP Exam Prep course until the current exam officially retires on 8 July 2026. You will retain access to the current instructor and student kits during this period. These materials will remain available alongside the new versions until the new exam goes into effect.

After the new exam launches, only the new course is relevant as the current exam will have retired.

20. When can I expect marketing materials to promote the new PMP courses and exam?

We will be providing marketing material and guidance for ATPs to promote the new instructor-led PMP courses and exam before the course release on 14 April 2026. These will be accessible via the ATP Marketing Portal. Marketing content for the current PMP exam will remain accessible until 8 July.

21. What should I tell learners who are studying for their PMP exam?

Learners who are mid-preparation for the current exam with non-updated content

Tell them now is the time to get their PMP certification—they must take their exam by 8 July 2026 to take advantage of the current PMP program. If they've already taken learning and training that meets exam requirements, they should book their exam before 8 July 2026 or risk having to study for the new exam if they cannot schedule an exam date before 8 July 2026.

Learners who are new to PMP

From 14 April onward, direct new learners to the updated exam prep courses and learning ecosystem. The new exam goes live 9 July—learners starting preparation now should train on updated content so they are fully prepared for the exam they will actually sit.

22. How does the release of the PMBOK® Guide – Eighth Edition and retirement of the Seventh Edition affect the licensed course material used by Authorized Training Partners to teach PMP® exam prep courses?

There is no impact on PMI-provided licensed ATP course materials. These materials are based on the PMP Exam Content Outline (ECO), not the PMBOK® Guide. ATPs that choose to use the PMBOK® Guide as a supplemental resource should update any optional references to reflect the Eighth Edition.