Prepared to Pass: You Got This!

Prepping for the PMP® exam shouldn’t trigger anxiety. Move forward with confidence: check out these five ways project management professionals commonly tackle the exam prep process.

1. Envision the Finish Line

Create a clear mission statement spelling out why earning the PMP is important to you. Review it to stay motivated throughout the prep process.

- Plan to regularly study in the weeks or months ahead of the Big Day.
- Create a study schedule that integrates work and family obligations.
- Share your goal with others so they can help you stay on track.
- Seek support from your boss. See if your organization will allow you to study during work hours.

2. Tour the Terrain

Learn more about the exam’s 200-question format on PMI.org:

- Closely review the PMP exam content outline, which details knowledge areas covered.
- Check out a few sample multiple-choice test questions.

3. Take a Course of Action

How can you find the most useful exam prep resources?

- Local PMI chapters can help you find a study group or members willing to guide you.
- Registered Education Providers offer formal and accredited study courses.
- Practice exams: Look for these online or take them as part of formal training courses.

4. Hit the Books

- A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) is a go-to reference book. But the exam isn’t based on it alone.
- Many PMI members lean on PMP exam prep books. Head to ProjectManagement.com for recommendations.

5. Join the Club

Project professionals are eager to provide advice and encouragement.

- ProjectManagement.com: Plenty of blog posts and community discussions are devoted to exam-prep challenges and advice.
- PMI’s LinkedIn Project Professional group: A great place to post a question about the prep process when you’ve hit a wall.
- Local PMI chapters can lend a hand.