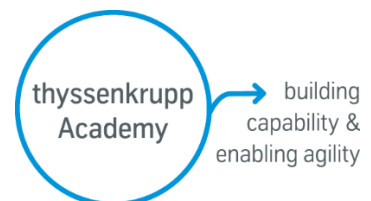


# Information on PM certifications (as of 01/2025)

Here are four main providers of recognized PM certifications:

- PMI® (Project Management Institute), PMP (Project Management Professional)
- IPMA - International Project Management Association (02/2025)
- Scrum.org (02/2025)
- Prince2 (02/2025)



# PMI® (Project Management Institute), PMP (Project Management Professional)

## 1. Target group

The PMP certification is designed for experienced project managers who want to demonstrate their project management skills and knowledge and improve their career prospects. It is ideal for professionals who manage projects in different industries and with different methodologies (classic, agile, or hybrid) (e.g. plant construction projects)

## 2. Requirements for admission to the exam (02/2025)

To be admitted to the PMP exam, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Secondary school leaving certificate (e.g. high school diploma, technical college entrance qualification) or equivalent, 60 months of project management experience and 35 hours of project management training.
- Bachelor's degree or higher, 36 months of project management experience and 35 hours of project management training

## 3. Content

The PMP exam covers three main domains:

- People: Leadership and team management.
- Process: Technical aspects of project management.
- Business Environment: Strategic and Business Aspects of Project Management

## 4. Effort

The exam consists of 180 questions that must be answered in 230 minutes. Preparation usually requires several months of intensive learning and the completion of preparatory courses. The costs in addition to a preparation course are the exam fees of USD 555 for non-PMO members and USD 405 for PMI members (01/2025).

## 5. Recertification

The PMP certification is valid for three years. To renew the certification, 60 Professional Development Units (PDUs) must be collected within this period. These can be acquired through further training, apprenticeships or voluntary activities in project management

### Sources:

- 1) [PMI Project Management Professional \(PMP\)® Certification](#)

- 2) [PMP Examination Content Outline](#)
- 3) [PMP Recertification and Collect PDUs](#)
- 4) [Training provider in Germany: IfP](#)
- 5) [Training provider in Germany: plusDV](#)

## IPMA - International Project Management Association (02/2025)

The International Project Management Association (IPMA) is a globally active umbrella organization for project management. It was founded in 1965 and is based in the Netherlands. The IPMA promotes the improvement of project management skills and the exchange between members through publications, certifications and awards. The IPMA Competence Baseline (ICB) defines the competencies in project management and is divided into three areas: perspective, people and practice<sup>[1]</sup>.

### IPMA Certification Level

The IPMA offers four levels of certification, based on different levels of experience and competencies in project management:

#### IPMA Level D

1. Target group: Beginners in project management with little or no professional experience.
2. Prerequisite for admission to the examination: No specific requirements for professional experience or education
3. Contents: Fundamentals of project management, based on ICB 4.0, including technical, personal and contextual competencies
4. Effort: Preparation through self-study or courses, written exam
5. Recertification: Every 5 years by proof of further training and practical experience

#### IPMA Level C

1. Target group: Project managers with experience in managing less complex projects.
2. Prerequisite for admission to the examination: At least 3 years of experience in project management, including 1 year in a management position
3. Contents: In-depth knowledge and application of project management methods, leadership skills and strategic thinking
4. Effort: Written exam, oral exam and project report
5. Recertification: Every 5 years by proof of further training and practical experience

#### IPMA Level B

1. Target group: Experienced project managers who manage complex projects.
2. Prerequisite for admission to the examination: At least 5 years of experience in project management, including 3 years in a leading position in complex projects

3. Content: Advanced project management techniques, strategic and operational leadership, stakeholder management
4. Effort: Written exam, oral exam and comprehensive project report
5. Recertification: Every 5 years by proof of further training and practical experience

#### **IPMA Level A**

1. Target audience: Senior project managers who manage very complex and strategically important projects, programs, or portfolios.
2. Prerequisite for admission to the examination: At least 7 years of experience in project management, including 5 years in a management position in very complex projects
3. Contents: Strategic management, governance, management of large project portfolios, change management
4. Effort: Written exam, oral exam and detailed project report
5. Recertification: Every 5 years by proof of further training and practical experience

#### **Sources:**

- 1) [What are the benefits of IPMA Certification?](#)

## Scrum.org (02/2025)

Scrum.org offers various certifications in the field of project management based on different skill levels and roles. The PM Campus recommends the PSM I and PSPO I certifications.

Here are the main certifications of Scrum.org:

### 1. Professional Scrum Master™ (PSM)

- PSM I: Basic understanding of the Scrum framework and the role of the Scrum Master.
- PSM II: Advanced knowledge and application of Scrum principles.
- PSM III: Excellent mastery of Scrum and coaching skills.

### 2. Professional Scrum Product Owner™ (PSPO)

- PSPO I: Basic understanding of the role of the Product Owner and the Scrum Framework.
- PSPO II: Advanced knowledge of product vision, backlog management, and stakeholder interaction.
- PSPO III: Deep understanding of managing product visions and collaborating with stakeholders.

### 3. Professional Scrum Developer™ (PSD)

- Focus on the application of Scrum in software development and collaboration in the Scrum team.

### 4. Scaled Professional Scrum™ (SPS)

- Certification for the application of Scrum in large and complex projects.

### 5. Professional Agile Leadership™ (PAL)

- Certification for leaders who want to promote agile principles and Scrum in their teams and organizations.

These certifications are recognized worldwide and are based on the principles of Professional Scrum. They offer a way to validate one's own knowledge and identify areas for improvement.

## Sources

[1] [Professional Scrum Master™ | Certification | Scrum.org](#)

[2] [Professional Scrum™ Certifications | Scrum.org](#)

[3] [Professional Scrum Master™ Certifications | Scrum.org](#)

## Prince2 (02/2025)

PRINCE2 (Projects IN Controlled Environments) is a widely used project management method developed for IT projects. It offers a structured approach to project management and is flexible enough to be adapted to different projects and industries. PRINCE2 helps to plan, manage and complete projects successfully.

### **PRINCE2 Foundation**

**1. Target group:**

- Project managers, team members, and anyone who needs a basic understanding of PRINCE2.

**2. Requirements for admission to the examination:**

- No formal requirements.

**3. Contents:**

- Basic principles of PRINCE2
- Topics such as business case, organization, quality, plans, risks, changes and progress
- Processes from the preparation phase to project completion

**4. Effort:**

- Usually 2-3 days of training or self-study

**5. Recertification:**

- No recertification required

### **PRINCE2 Practitioner**

**1. Target group:**

- Project managers and professionals who want to apply PRINCE2 in real-world projects.

**2. Requirements for admission to the examination:**

- Passing the PRINCE2 Foundation exam

**3. Contents:**

- Deepening the PRINCE2 methodology

- Application and adaptation of PRINCE2 to specific projects
- Scenario-based questions for practical application

**4. Effort:**

- Usually 2-3 days of training or self-study

**5. Recertification:**

- Every 3 years by retaking the Practitioner exam or by earning CPD (Continuing Professional Development) points

This information is based on the current information on the [PRINCE2 homepage\[1\]](#). The information is up-to-date and reflects the latest updates.

**Sources:**

[1] [PRINCE2 Certification | Qualifications and Exams | Axelos](#)