

6 Reasons You Should Get Certified in Project Management

Summary: Project Management certification can help advance your career and set you apart from others in your field without the certification.



Project, program, and portfolio management practitioners of all education, skill, and industry levels are encouraged to become PMP-certified. There are eight certifications that can be obtained. They are: Certified Associate in Project Management, Project Management Professional, Program Management Professional, Portfolio Management Professional, PMI Agile Certified Practitioner, PMI Professional in Business Analysis, PMI Risk Management Professional, and PMI Scheduling Professional.

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Becoming certified in project management is expensive and complicated, but it can really pay off for some people. Here are six reasons you should get certified in project management:

1. Makes your resume look better - In order to be a project manager, many companies are requiring those in the position to have a PMP certificate.
2. Clients expect it - Clients that are big companies want and even demand that their projects be managed by PMP professionals. Having the certification will give you leverage and the opportunity to be the one to work with these prestigious clients.
3. Higher salary - A PMP certification allows you to ask for and be worthy of more money. A survey in 2010 found that PMP-certified project managers earn an average of \$10,000 more than non-PMP-certified project managers.
4. Networking opportunities - As a PMP, you are entitled to attend special meetings and



conferences with others that are PMP-certified. This also includes earning Professional Development Units that are needed to renew your certification every three years. The benefits of networking are endless. Those with similar qualifications will be able to provide you with leads for new opportunities.

5. Develop skills for managing projects - Attaining the certification requires studying, giving you an edge on understanding the theory and practice of project management.
6. In-line with the industry - There is a push when you become PMP-certified to keep current on trends in the industry standards. Staying up-to-date will help you be a leader in the industry.

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