

New APM Project Management Qualification

Frequently asked questions

Introduction

We have introduced a new version of our flagship APM Project Management Qualification for the future development of the project profession. It will launch this year with exams opening in September 2024. The rigor and robustness of the qualification remains the same, targeted at those who have two to three years of experience in a project environment or a project management focused degree. The new exam format that focuses on the assessment of a candidate's project management knowledge through four new question types.

Find out more about the changes in our recent news story - <https://www.apm.org.uk/news/apm-launches-new-apm-project-management-qualification-exams-opening-in-september-2024/>

Candidates and standards

I am a current Management Qualification holder; do I need to re-sit the new version to remain current?

No, candidates who hold the current Management Qualification will not need to sit it again under the new assessment.

I was a candidate on the pilot and passed, do I now hold the Management Qualification?

Yes, by passing the assessment, you've gained your Management Qualification that is equal to those who have taken the live exam.

Has the calibre or difficulty of the exam changed?

The qualification remains at level 7 on the SCQF (Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework) and the requirement for knowledge and commitment to study from the candidate is the same.

If the pass rate goes higher – does that mean it is easier?

The assessment is not easier, the level of the qualification remains the same. We expect to see a positive impact on the pass rate thanks to the new assessment examining knowledge and understanding in a more accessible way for candidates.

Who is the Management Qualification for?

The qualification is aimed at project professionals who have approx. 2-3 years of experience involved with projects or those undertaking a project management degree or apprenticeship.

Can Prince2 candidates take a shorter route towards the APM Project Management Qualification?

This pathway will no longer be available and candidates with Prince2 should look to take the full exam. There will be no variants of the Management Qualification.

Timeline and transition

If I have started my preparations towards the current Management Qualification, can I transition to the new exam?

Yes, the overall knowledge required is similar and with some study of the new materials, it would be possible to transition. The new assessment has been designed to be accessible and provide the best environment possible to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of project management.

What is the last date I can sit the exam and still re-sit it if required?

We are advising all candidates who would like the comfort of a re-sit opportunity to take their exam before 5 July 2024. The last date you can sit the exam, but risk not having the opportunity for a re-sit under the current version is 30 August 2024. Candidates will be able to re-sit under the new version, if they choose to.

What happens if I am an apprentice on a course?

The timeline is in place for all candidates, if your course leader requires further information on how to support their apprentices through the transition, they should contact a member of our team.

When will the study pack be available for candidates to purchase?

The Learner Study Pack will be available from the August 2024 for candidates to purchase. This replaces what is currently called the study guide.

Resources and alignment**What resources will be produced to support the new qualification?**

Key resources that will support the new APM Project Management Qualification will be:

- **Qualification Handbook** – The Qualification Handbook includes all the key information that you need to know about the APM Project Management Qualification, including the syllabus, exam format and logistical details.
- **Learner Study Pack** – The Learner Study Pack is created for candidates and will help guide each individual through the syllabus, using a variety of techniques to develop knowledge.

What happens when the APM Body of Knowledge 8th edition launches?

This will not impact the qualification as it is now aligned to the APM Competence Framework. Any updates to references in materials that may be required will be communicated in line with the publication.

Will it be aligned to the APM Body of Knowledge 8th edition?

We've making a deliberate step away from the link between PMQ and APM Body of Knowledge. The APM Body of Knowledge is very much a supplemental piece of knowledge that is still useful.