

# APM Project Management Qualification

Frequently asked questions – candidates

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### **Frequently asked questions to support the launch of the APM Project Management Qualification**

All resources for the new APM Project Management Qualification [can be found here.](#)

#### **Candidates and standards**

##### **Does a current Management Qualification holder 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 those who have approx. 2-3 years of experience as a project professional or those undertaking a project management degree or apprenticeship.

##### **If a candidate has started their preparations towards the current APM Project Management Qualification, can they 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.

##### **Can I still sit the exam aligned to the APM Body of Knowledge 7<sup>th</sup> edition? (predecessor to the new APM Project Management Qualification)**

The deadline for sitting the exam aligned to the APM Body of Knowledge 7<sup>th</sup> edition has now passed. Candidates who were unsuccessful in their 7<sup>th</sup> edition exam have until 4 October to re-sit their exam.

After 4 October, there will be no future exams aligned to the 7<sup>th</sup> edition.

##### **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.

### **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.

### **What resources are available to support the new qualification?**

Key resources that support the new APM Project Management Qualification are:

- **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.
- **Training Provider Pack** – This is only available to APM Accredited Training Providers and will provide a baseline set of teaching aids to support their courses.

### **Where can I buy a hard copy of the APM Learner Study Pack?**

It is available from [our Book Shop](#).

### **What happens when the APM Body of Knowledge 8<sup>th</sup> edition launches?**

This will not impact the qualification as it is now aligned to the [APM Competence Framework](#).

### **What is the Modified Angoff Method?**

The Modified Angoff method is a standard-setting technique we use in the Project Management Qualification to determine the pass mark for the exam. Subject matter experts review each exam question and estimate the percentage of minimally competent candidates who would answer it correctly for single mark questions and the number of marks a minimally competent candidate would score for multiple mark questions. These estimates are then averaged to set the passing score. The "modified" aspect often refers to additional steps like discussions among experts to reach a consensus.

### **Why are you using this method?**

Developed in the 1960s, the Angoff Method is a well-known and trusted standard setting method in the assessment community. It is used by many organisations who deliver professional assessments, such as colleges. This method of standard setting works well with different question types and allows us to make adjustments according to the demands of the assessment. Another benefit of this method is that we are not relying on just one person's opinion; we are working with a number of judges and will be harnessing their collective views and experience to help set the standard.