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Chartered Project Professional (ChPP)

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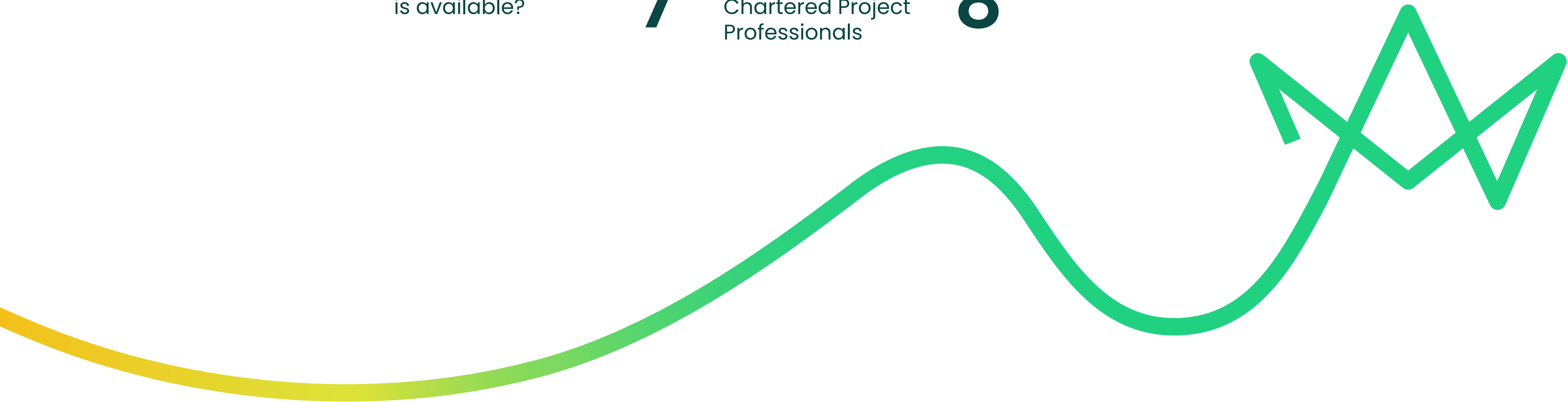
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Introduction

We're APM: Association for Project Management. We're the only chartered membership organisation representing the project profession in the world. We set the standards for the profession and raise its profile. We're a registered charity, delivering learning opportunities and developing qualifications, conducting research and providing resources.

In our changing world, project professionals are at the forefront of delivering change and the environment for project delivery is becoming ever more complex. The project profession needs to be better understood, to have consistent standards and to set the highest bar.



Ed Watson ChPP

What is the Chartered Project Professional (ChPP) standard?

Chartered status shows you've achieved the highest standard of expertise and have proven your exceptional project capabilities, through a defined level of technical knowledge, professional practice and ethical behaviour. This forms the basis of the assessment that you must pass to become a Chartered Project Professional (ChPP). The standard has been designed to be equally accessible to individuals both with or without project management qualifications (APM or others) but with significant relevant experience of projects, programmes or portfolios. It's drawn from the *APM Competence Framework* and it recognises the diverse paths individuals take into the profession, offering three routes to ChPP.

Who is chartered for?

Project professionals that:

- Are professionally active with a proven track record of delivering projects, programmes, portfolios or a key control or enabling function that exhibit characteristics of complexity.
- Have the required breadth of project experience to meet the requirements of seven mandatory and five elective competences.
- Have an advanced technical knowledge and can confidently evaluate and analyse theory of current practices and methods.
- Are committed to continuing professional development and an ethical way of working.



Our Chartered Project Professionals span a range of sectors, ages and career stages, from organisations big and small.

You don't need to be an APM member to apply

There is no minimum years' experience requirement



Benefits of employing Chartered Project Professionals for organisations



- **Improved project outcomes:** Chartered Project Professionals bring enhanced skills and knowledge, leading to improved project planning, execution and successful outcomes.
- **Enhanced reputation:** Employing Chartered Project Professionals boosts your organisation's reputation, instilling confidence in stakeholders and clients.
- **Greater project management capability:** Organisations benefit from having qualified professionals capable of handling complex projects efficiently.
- **Higher standards of professionalism:** Having a team of Chartered Project Professionals promotes a culture of professionalism, accountability and excellence within your organisation.
- **Enhanced client trust:** Clients often trust organisations with Chartered Project Professionals, knowing they are backed by credible expertise and industry recognition.
- **Competitive advantage:** Organisations with a strong team of Chartered Project Professionals have a competitive edge in bidding for projects and securing new business.

Benefits of being a Chartered Project Professional for individuals:



- **External validation:** Becoming a Chartered Project Professional gives you the recognition, credibility and reinforces your expertise. This validation of your skills enhances your reputation and opens doors to new opportunities for success.
- **Networking opportunities:** Joining a community of fellow Chartered Project Professionals provides valuable networking opportunities allowing you to connect and collaborate with like-minded professionals in the field.
- **Increased earning potential:** 58% of Chartered Project Professionals earn over £70,000. With industry recognition, enhanced expertise, and proven skills, professionals may command higher salaries and rewarding career opportunities.
- **Being trusted matters:** As a Chartered Project Professional, you earn the trust and confidence of both clients and peers, solidifying your credibility and recognition within project management.
- **Enhanced career opportunities:** Achieving chartership elevates your professional standing, making you more attractive to employers and opening doors to higher-level roles and responsibilities.
- **Competitive advantage:** Chartership sets you apart in a competitive job market, making you stand out to potential employers and clients.

How to achieve chartered status

Choosing your route

The application process is designed to be as inclusive as possible with different routes according to your qualifications, previous assessments and experience. The same requirements for technical knowledge and professional practice applies to everyone but they are tested in different ways. There are three routes and the online application process will help you through according to whether you have a recognised assessment and what it covers.



Vikram Marwaha ChPP



Route 1:

for those who have a recognised assessment for technical knowledge.

Route 2:

for those who have a recognised assessment for technical knowledge and professional practice.

Route 3:

an experiential route for those who don't have a recognised assessment but do meet the eligibility criteria.

Stage 1 Application



Stage 2 Interview



Route 1

For people who hold recognised assessment for technical knowledge

- 1 Written assessment to evidence professional practice
- 2 Declare up to date CPD and submit two proposers
- 3 Submit written application
- 4 Written application is assessed if successful you move to stage two

Route 2

For people who hold recognised assessment for technical knowledge and professional practice

- 1 Upload up to date CPD log from the last 12 months and submit two proposers
- 2 Submit application
- 3 Application is reviewed and moves to stage two

Route 3

For people who don't hold recognised assessment but meet eligibility criteria

- 1 Written assessment to evidence professional practice
- 2 Declare up to date CPD and submit two proposers
- 3 Submit written application
- 4 Written application is assessed if successful you move to stage two

- 1 Up to one hour virtual interview to:
 - Validate professional practice in written submission and assess ethics, compliance and professionalism
- 2 Panel meets to confirm results and award chartered status if successful

- 1 Up to 30 minute virtual interview to:
 - Assess CPD, ethics, compliance, professionalism and currency of mandatory competences
- 2 Panel meets to confirm results and award chartered status if successful

- 1 Up to two hour virtual interview to:
 - Validate professional practice in written submission, question technical knowledge to assess breadth and depth and assess ethics, compliance and professionalism
- 2 Panel meets to confirm results and award chartered status if successful

What is an APM Recognised Assessment (ChPP)?

A recognised assessment is awarded to an organisation who can show that a particular development programme or qualification meets either the technical knowledge or the technical knowledge and professional practice criteria needed to achieve the standard.

This means that if you have successfully passed the assessment you'll be eligible to apply for the Chartered Project Professional (ChPP) standard via Route 1 (for assessments meeting the requirements for technical knowledge) or Route 2 (for assessments meeting the requirements for technical knowledge and professional practice).

What support is available?

We offer a range of resources to assist you with your ChPP application:

ChPP Self-Assessment Tool

The tool helps you to assess and support your readiness to apply for chartered status. The tool assists in identifying what evidence is most appropriate to use in your application, it also outlines possible areas of development if you are working towards achieving chartered status in the future. The tool can be accessed on apm.org.uk/chartered-standard

Support Clinics

We run a range of monthly support clinics to help you through your application.

- Understanding the chartered application process.
- Preparing your chartered application: your application.
- Preparing your chartered application: your interview.

These support clinics are available to all and are free to attend, for more information please visit apm.org.uk/chartered-standard/support-services There are other support services available from third parties, please note these haven't been endorsed by APM.

Resource: Competence Framework

The chartered standard is aligned to the *APM Competence Framework 3rd edition*. Do ensure you familiarise yourself with our framework, this is accessible to all on our website: apm.org.uk/competence-framework

APM Learning (APM member benefit)

Paying individual members can access a dedicated APM Learning module designed to guide you through the application process and help you to prepare your submission for Chartered Project Professional.

APM Mentoring Programme (APM member benefit)

Find a mentor on the APM Mentoring Programme to support and guide you on your journey to become a Chartered Project Professional. Housed on the APM Community, this secure online space allows you to connect with a mentor of your choice and work together to achieve your goals.



Hear from our Chartered Project Professionals



Becoming a Chartered Project Professional (ChPP) has been a huge milestone for me, both in my own professional development and as a member of the profession contributing more broadly to society. The chartered standard is a fantastic framework for project professionals to benchmark their skills and round out their development, particularly in early and middle career stages. I have achieved recognition of my project delivery experience and been able to draw on the *APM Body of Knowledge* and support of other industry professionals to understand what 'good' looks like and how I can improve my own practice. These are tangible benefits but most important is the confidence ChPP has given me in my delivery capabilities to progress my career and seek additional responsibilities – I do not view the chartered standard as an end point, but more of a beginning in broadening my professional horizons and continuous development.

Alex Rabey-Bennett ChPP, MAPM
Senior Project Manger



Achieving Chartered Project Professional status has had a huge impact on my confidence and self-belief. I have always suffered from 'imposter syndrome', doubting whether my project experience is as complex or challenging as that of my peers. Achieving this standard has given me the confidence to see myself progressing my project management career further. It's becoming more requested for senior roles within the public sector, so it's great to feel prepared for my next step. It is a huge professional achievement and to me, it makes me feel like my experience is validated. But more than that, it's a commitment I've made to myself and the profession to make sure I always do the right thing and continue to develop myself. It's the ongoing commitment that makes me really feel part of the wider project community not just within my organisation.

Helen Donaghy ChPP
Portfolio Delivery Lead



48%

of Chartered Project Professionals feel like being chartered has a positive impact on salary*

89%

of Chartered Project Professionals are satisfied with their job*

58%

of Chartered Project Professionals earn over £70,000*

90%

of Chartered Project Professionals earn over £50,000*

*APM Market and Salary Trends Survey 2023



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