



PgMP certification preparation

You can achieve it!



Why preparing PgMP[®] certification?

PgMP certification is the prestigious certification in program management. It is delivered by PMI (Project management Institute) which is an international organization delivering standards and best practice in project management. There are about 1600 certified program managers in the world mainly in US, Canada, China, India, Middle East ([all figures here](#)) and this certification is **internationally recognized**.

What are the pre-requisite experience to prepare the exam? (1 year experience = 1500 hours)

- Secondary degree: 6000 hours of project management + 10 500 hours of program management
- Four year degree: 6000 hours of project management + 6000 hours of program management

What about the application and exam cost?

The cost for application and exam is \$1000/participant. More details on www.pmi.org AchievUp advises to subscribe to become a PMI member (US\$129) to reduce registration cost (US\$800) and be allowed to download the standard for program management pdf. This cost is not included in the training package of AchievUp.

Why AchievUp to prepare PgMP certification?

AchievUp wants to give best chances to **aspirants** to pass the exam thanks to an optimum preparation with coaching at reasonable cost.

This packages includes as well a free access to the intrinsic leadership program.

Moreover, AchievUp wants to **promote Program Management especially in Europe** as a way to increase chances for companies to achieve higher results.

This represents an alternative to classroom trainings (more expensive) and to e-learning trainings (lack of interactions). This idea came from my own experience to prepare PgMP certification for which **coaching was a must for me to be fully prepared**. Moreover, the application process is much harder than for PMP with a panel review, at this step a review by a certified program manager is very helpful.

The training system is built through partnership with an experienced Indian trainer who used to coach myself for PgMP exam.

The proposed PgMP Journey to pass the exam

About 200 hours effort to pass the exam

Stage #1: Acquire knowledge

Wk 1 Wk 2 Wk 3

On-line discussions on general management, program management, Insight into the SPMv3, ECO and other related standards, practice questions, share experiences, question analysis and answering techniques

Overall about 45-50 hours course with a teacher

Approx. 3 hours per day 8-10 days

Study material :

- _downloaded from PMI website :
 - SPMV3
 - PMBOKv5
 - PgMP ECO 2015
 - Code of Ethics
 - PMI lexicon
- pdf courses provided by the teacher
- Moreover, the course includes :
 - assignments in open question format
 - PgMP exam useful formats, sample work shared by previous participants
 - Templates and samples for selected artefacts
 - Notes/ data flow diagrams

Used Technology

Uses ILVC (Instructor-Led Virtual Class) technology

Uses "GotoMeeting" platform. An App version is preferred.

Sessions are recorded and stored for later use

Cloud storage: All associated files, artefacts, links, assignments, question papers are shared through dropbox

A good head-set with microphone is preferred for good audio experience

Support via e-mail / whatsapp / telephone / Skype for any clarifications

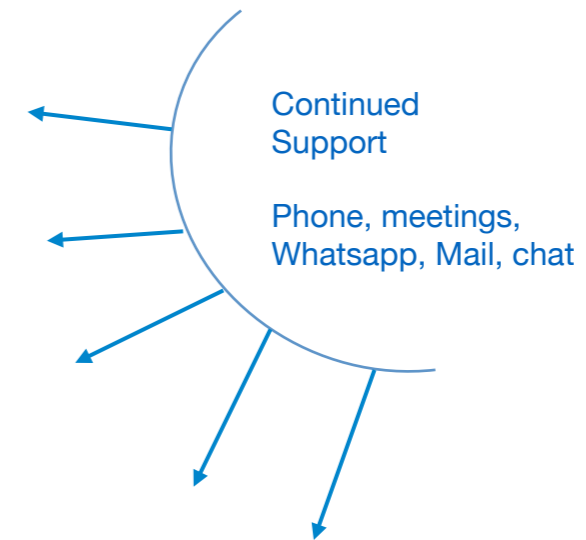
Stage #2: Consolidate knowledge

Wk 4 Wk 5 Wk 6 Wk 7

Off-line/on-line: 600 practice questions in open book mode by domain provided by the teacher

Application review for PgMP application

About 10-12 hours



Stage #3: Prepare for exam

Wk 9 Wk 10

Unresolved topics, Important topics, question analysis, on-line Q&A meetings, study group

About 1 hour support

Stage #4: Take Exam

Wk 11

Prepare and Take exam

Enhance knowledge and Refine skills

Join the global program management community, networking, be relevant and more effective at work!!

Training structure

Module - 1	PgMP credential exam overview
Introduction to PgMP credential exam	Overview of application process
	Tips for Effective and Efficient learning
	Understanding the SPMv3 - standard and ECO (Examination Content Outline)

Module - 2	Organisation Vision and Mission
Introduction to Program Management	Business value
	Organisation Strategic planning
	Portfolios, Programs, Projects and Operations
	Decision making – Portfolio/Program/Project/Operations
	Program and Project distinctions
	Program Management
	Program Manager skills and competencies
	Program Management Office
	Introduction to Exam Content Outline (ECO)
	Practice questions

Module - 3	Program Life Cycle
Program Management performance domain and Program life cycle	Program Life Cycle gate pass criteria.
	Program management performance domains
	Program Management – Change cycle
	Practice questions

Module - 4	Introduction to Program strategic alignment
Program Strategic Alignment	Organizational strategy and program alignment
	Program selection by portfolio
	Program Mandate
	Program Sponsor
	Program Definition phase dataflow and strategic alignment – dataflow
	Program Business case
	Program plan
	Program Roadmap
	Environmental Factors Impact assessments
	Strategic alignment - ECO tasks analysis and mapping
Practice questions	

Module - 5	Outputs, Capability, Outcome, Benefit and dis-benefits
Program Benefit management	Types of benefits
	Benefit delivery models
	Balanced scorecard
	Architecting the program
	Benefit management life cycle and program life cycle
	Benefit Identification phase
	Identifying Data, Metrics, Indicators, KPA, KPIs
	Benefit analysis and planning phase
	Benefit realization plan
	Benefit register
	Benefit delivery phase
	Benefits transition phase
Benefit Sustenance phase	
Practice questions	
Workshop: Benefit qualitative and quantitative analysis.	

Module - 6	What is Program governance
Program Governance	Difference between Governance and Management
	Program Governance - Responsibilities
	Typical program organisation set-up
	Program Governance - plan
	Change management
	Issue escalation
	Providing management oversight - Phase gate, health check and other decision point reviews
	Component Initiation and transition
	Program Management Information Systems, KMS
	Audit support
Program quality standards and planning	
Governance of components	
Practice questions	
ECO mapping to the Standard	

Module - 7	Program Stakeholder engagement
Program Stakeholder engagement	Wants, needs and expectations
	Stakeholder identification
	Stakeholder analysis
	Stakeholder Register
	Stakeholder engagement strategies
	Stakeholder engagement planning
	Stakeholder engagement
	Resistance triangle and pyramid
	Practice questions

Module - 8	Review of Program Life cycle
Program Integration	Program Definition phase
	Program Integration
	- Change Management
	- Issue Management

Module - 9	- Program Communication management
Program Management Supportive processes	- Program finance management
	- Program resource management
	- Program procurement management
	- Program quality management
	- Program scope management
	- Program schedule management
	- Program risk management

Module - 10	PgMP Exam application writing – Guidelines and tips
Exam analysis	Understanding ECO for exam
	Critical thinking skills and Exam question analysis
	Exam – Help points and Tips
	Exam taking – Strategy (per individual)

Support throughout the engagement- question & Answer session (online, in groups)

Special focuses in the PgMP journey

PgMP certification is one of the hardest PMI certification. Because of the level of experience to apply, and also because material to study are still limited compared to PMP certification. The proposed PgMP journey focused then on the following points :

- Support for PgMP application in order to pass the panel review
- Question/answer sessions in order to better understand the implicit knowledge and mindset of the standard.
- Building your own artefacts inspired from artefacts from previous participants.

Domain/Subdomain	% of Exam	Questions - 175
I. Strategic Program Management (11 tasks)	15%	25
II. Program Life Cycle (35 tasks)	44%	75
• Initiating (6 tasks)	6%	10
• Planning (9 tasks)	11%	19
• Executing (9 tasks)	14%	24
• Controlling (6 tasks)	10%	17
• Closing (5 tasks)	3%	5
III. Benefits Management (8 tasks)	11%	19
IV. Stakeholder Management (7 tasks)	16%	27
V. Governance (11 tasks)	14%	24
VI. PMI code of ethics and professional conduct		4

This journey is also an opportunity :

- to apply for unto 25 PDUs with PMI as part of Continuing Certification Requirement
- to train and progress with other international program managers

About trainers

The trainer is Harish a Project Manager certified PMP and PgMP, English speaker, highly experienced in preparing aspirants for PgMP.

The facilitator is French, Celine Durnez, certified PMP, PgMP and coach, will contribute at the beginning, for PMP application review and on request to facilitate the process. Can be done in Spanish as well.



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PgMP preparation course Starting

1. Jan 1st week – Completed
2. March 2nd week – In plan
3. May 2nd week - Scheduled
4. Jul 2nd week - Scheduled
5. Sep 2nd week - Scheduled
6. Nov 2nd week - Scheduled