

PMAC Certificate in Agile Project Management

The Project Management Association of Canada offers an entry-level certification in agile project management called the “PMAC Certificate in Agile Project Management.” Those who are awarded this certificate have the right to use the postnomial “Cert.APM” for as long as their certification remains current.

Benefits

This unique specialty project management certification is aimed at primarily IT project managers who are looking for additional credentials beyond basic project management credentials such as the PMP® designation from PMI. Having specialty certifications such as PMAC’s Cert.APM offers project managers a number of benefits:

- Differentiation - Basic project management certification has spread throughout the world, with over 336,000 project managers (as of June 2009) having PMI’s PMP designation alone. Having one’s PMP used to be a differentiator in the marketplace; now, they are so common that project managers need something more to stand out.
- Development - A project management specialty certification from PMAC is evidence that a project manager is actively engaged in skills growth and career development — a sign of a true professional.
- Advanced Skills - Having PMAC’s Certificate in Agile Project Management shows that a candidate has taken specialty training and has passed a rigorous examination on agile project management theory and techniques.

How to Apply

To apply to write the certification exam, a number of requirements must first be met:

1. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 24 hours of formal training from a PMAC-accredited agile project management course within the 12 months prior to the application. Applicants must include evidence of course completion (a certificate or letter from the training provider is adequate evidence) when applying to write the exam.
2. Applicants must have a recognized project management credential. A copy of the credential must be included with the exam application. Acceptance of credentials is at the discretion of the Director of Certification, but accepted credentials include:
 - IPMA Level D certification
 - PMI’s Project Management Professional (PMP)
 - An academic degree in project management
 - A post-graduate certificate in project management from a recognized university
3. Applicants must pay an exam fee of \$100 to the PMAC. Individual payments may be made via cheque mailed to the association or via PayPal.
4. Applicants must write a cover letter (including the evidence of completing #1 and #2 above) indicating the date and location of the exam they would like to take.

Upon completion of the items listed above, successful candidates will receive email acknowledgement from the PMAC Director of Certification. Candidates should print out and bring this email with them to the exam centre on the day of the exam.


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About the Exam

The exam will consist of 40 multiple-choice questions, which applicants will have up to two hours to complete. The exam questions will be organized as follows:

- Agile Theory, Benefits and Risks (10 questions)
 - Agile Philosophy (1)
 - Agile Benefits (2)
 - Lifecycles: Waterfall, Iterative, Incremental, and Agile (3)
 - Iteration Length & Timeboxing (2)
 - Common Agile Methods (1)
 - Retrospectives and Continuous Improvement (1)
- Agile Requirements Management (10 questions)
 - User Stories (3)
 - Prioritization (3)
 - Backlogs (3)
 - Backlog Maintenance (1)
- Agile Estimating & Scheduling (10 questions)
 - Story Points vs. Ideal Days (2)
 - The Planning Game (1)
 - Building a Release Schedule/Plan (3)
 - Work Breakdown Structures & Estimating in Hours (2)
 - Building an Iteration Schedule/Plan (2)
- Agile Tracking & Control (10 questions)
 - Sprint Burndown Charts (5)
 - Velocity (3)
 - Project/Product Burndown Charts (2)

Exam papers will be collected by the Exam Proctor for marking by a PMAC-appointed Exam Marker who is independent of the training provider. Candidates will receive a letter from the Director of Certification notifying them of whether they have passed or failed the exam. Successful candidates who have passed will also receive a formal certificate.

The Certification

Successful candidates will earn the certificate shown below and will remain certified for as long as they keep their PMAC membership active. (A no-cost 6-month membership is included automatically with the exam application fee.)



List of Accredited Courses & Application Forms

For a list of accredited agile training courses, course dates, exam application forms, and payment details, please visit the PMAC web site at:

<http://www.PMAC-AMPC.ca/certification>

PMAC Advanced Certificate in Agile Project Management

This unique specialty project management certification is aimed at primarily IT project managers who are looking for additional credentials beyond basic project management credentials such as the PMP designation from PMI and basic agile certifications such as PMAC's Cert.APM and the Certified ScrumMaster (CSM) designation. To be eligible, candidates must have the PMAC Certificate in Agile Project Management or a Certified Scrum Master (CSM) certificate, additional advanced agile training from an accredited provider, a minimum of one year of experience managing agile projects, a minimum of three years of overall project management experience, a completed project profile detailing how common agile challenges were overcome on the project, and candidates must pass an additional two-hour exam.