



PMP® CERTIFICATION – DO YOU HAVE IT?

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There are currently 658,523 active PMP® certified individuals. In the year 2010, there were roughly about 360000 plus. So in 5 years the number almost has doubled. Surely the demand in the market too has surged with projects on the rise and technology taking off to unknown horizons. Mobile is the device now – clearly wasn't so 5 years back. Tabs just touched the table *iPad was released in 2010+ and became a novelty.

A PMP® certification was certainly niche a decade ago. Experience was given more weightage and with that the accrued skills and services. When the need for quality managers proved to be vital and critical, recognition of some sorts that underpins one's prowess professionally became the most sought out factor in filtering the fine from the grainer like sifting stones from wheat. Positions high up in the ladder are few and far in between and hence in the rat-race to reach to the top, there is a scurry amongst qualified to find a seat in the front. And by virtue of? Apparently, meeting the requirement for the Job – vide education, and experience *as applicable+. In the context of Project Manager, many aspirants couldn't just sneak through or gate-crash but cut teeth in the grinding many project before positing a claim for the position. A justification for the coronation ought to be proved by data points. And it was conventional wisdom that weighs experience prima facie in plucking the ripe fruit in filling a slot, and never the low hanging ones.

As the number of PMPs soared in numbers, the de facto certification in Project Management seems, experience proved vital a component to be COMPLEMENTED. To be fair, PMP is no walk in the park. To appear for a PMP exam, it mandates both education and experience as prerequisite on top of which 35 Professional Development Units (PDU) is imposed. The PDUs cover the 10 knowledge areas especially scope, cost, time and other core management of risk, human resources, communication, stakeholders.

It's a complete nine-yard drill packed with 'all you need to know about project management' with scintillating depth. Thus passing the exam proves the possession of collective wisdom. Thus PMP exam equates education, experience and expertise. More so, the Project Managers with hands-on experience gain to understand the science behind the learning making them more 'informed and learned'. Well, if the odds are so heavy and certification makes you the elite amongst the eligible, does the rise in certified professionals raises your eyebrows?

Admirably the numbers lends credibility to the claim. With more certification as supply, the demand too is growing steady as forecasts reveal. The perk associated with the certification is the key differentiator amongst the crowd to make your profile stand out. Besides, HR uses sophisticated software in filtering to weed out potential candidates without certification based on key words, namely PMP. So non-PMP holders are denied an opportunity to be short-listed and decided at face value as 'knowledge deficit' (contentious one right?). And it's been proved more than once the PMP holders are 'pick of the lot' as PMI raises the bar in clearing the certification which by now is the benchmark. The question posed to the professionals is:

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