

# PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

## About PMI

With more than 240,000 members in over 160 countries, PMI is the leading membership association for the project management profession. PMI is actively engaged in advocacy for the profession, setting professional standards, conducting research and providing access to a wealth of information and resources. PMI also promotes career and professional development and offers certification, networking and community involvement opportunities.

For more than 36 years, PMI has advanced the careers of practitioners who have made project management indispensable in achieving business results.

## Brief History

PMI was founded in 1969 by five forward-thinking individuals who understood the value of networking, sharing process information and discussing common project problems. After their first official meeting in October of that year at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, the group officially incorporated the association in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, USA.

Since then, the Institute has grown to become the global advocate for the project management profession with more than 240,000 members in over 160 countries. And with nearly 242,000 credential holders worldwide, PMI's Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification is the most widely recognized in the profession.

## Global Reach

Regional growth statistics as of August 2007 reveal:

- 70 percent of the members live in North America, with 65 percent of the membership in the United States
- The Asia Pacific region has nearly 35,000 members
- Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA) members number almost 27,000
- There are about 10,000 members in Latin America and Caribbean countries.
- [Chapters and specific interest groups](#) (SIGs) are constantly growing as well. Currently, there are 30 SIGs representing a range of industries and 250 chapters internationally.

## Certification and the Job Market

PMI administers a globally recognized professional credential program that promotes professional development and maintains an ISO 9001 certification in Quality Management Systems.

Earlier this year, PMI's leadership as the global certification body for project management was further advanced when the Project Management Professional (PMP®) credential process received ISO 17024 accreditation. This distinction benefits PMI members and PMP holders in several ways:

- It elevates the status of PMP holders on projects, within organizations and within the global project management community



- It allows organizations that employ PMP holders to reference the ISO 17024 certification as a qualifier for competence and capability of their employees
- It assures those professionals considering PMP certification that PMI's certification system is recognized in the global business community

### **Maintaining Your Credential**

PMI's certification maintenance through the Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) program sets its credentials apart. And in a competitive job market, the right credential can mean the difference between getting the job or not.

The Institute requires individuals to maintain their credential's active status. Individuals who do not maintain this status allow their credentials to expire and are no longer allowed to refer to themselves as Program Management Professionals (PgMP<sup>SM</sup>), PMP or Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM<sup>®</sup>) holders. While nothing is required to maintain an academic degree, continuing education is a requirement for maintaining most PMI credentials. Participation in continuing education activities indicates to your peers, employers and employees that you are committed to professional development.

### **Obtaining a Credential**

The preparation process for each of PMI's credentials differs but always includes intensive study and examination. We provide the following certifications:

1. Program Management Professional (PgMP)
2. Project Management Professional (PMP)
3. Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)