

CompTIA Project+

What is it?

CompTIA Project+ gives business professionals – inside and outside of IT – the basic concepts to successfully manage small- to medium-sized projects.

Why is it different?

- Project+ is ideal for professionals who need to manage smaller, less complex projects as part of their other job duties but do not need the project management rigor required for larger, more complex projects.
- Project+ is more versatile than other certifications because it covers essential project management concepts beyond the scope of just one methodology or framework.

About the exam

The CompTIA Project+ examination is designed for business professionals who coordinate or manage small-to-medium-sized projects. The successful candidate will have the knowledge and skills required to:

- Manage the project life cycle.
- Ensure appropriate communication.
- Manage resources and stakeholders.
- Maintain project documentation.



Exam

PK0-004

Release Date

February 2017

List Price

\$294

Languages

English

(Japanese available in Q3 2017)

CE Required?

No



Accreditation

ANSI/ISO 17024 Standard is followed in the exam development process, but the exam is not accredited.

Testing Vendor

PearsonVUE and ProctorU

How does Project+ Compare to Alternatives?

			
Certification	Project+	PMI CAPM	Axelos PRINCE2 Foundation
Exam Length	1 exam, 90 questions, 90 min	1 exam, 150 questions, 3 hrs	1 exam, 75 questions, 60 min
Experience Level	Entry	Entry, Intermediate	Entry
Exam Focus	Small- to medium-sized projects	Medium- to large-projects following PMI methodology	Medium- to large-projects following PRINCE2 framework
Pre-requisites	No pre-requisite, but at least 12 months of cumulative project management experience or equivalent education is recommended	Application plus 1,500 hours of experience across three years OR high school diploma and 23 hours of project management education	No pre-requisite
Price	\$294	\$300	\$224

PMI PMP and PRINCE2 Practitioner are methodology/framework-specific certifications intended for more advanced project management professionals overseeing larger projects. PMI CAPM and PRINCE2 Foundation are entry points to those project management methodologies/frameworks.

Project+ covers a high-level introduction to Agile as part of one of the objectives. If an individual would like to focus on Scrum, he/she would take Scrum Alliance's Certified Scrum Master certification.

Top Project+ Job Roles

- Project Coordinator/ Manager
- Project Team Member
- Business Analyst
- Manager, Director, Team Leader

Organizations that recommend or teach Project+:

- Accenture
- Advantage Health
- Canon
- Dell
- Ernst & Young
- General Dynamics
- Fuji Xerox
- HP
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy

Technical Areas Covered in the Certification

Project Basics 36%

- Summarize the properties of a project.
- Classify project roles and responsibilities.
- Compare and contrast standard project phases.
- Identify the basics of project cost control.
- Identify common project team organizational structures.
- Execute and develop project schedules.
- Identify the basic aspects of the Agile methodology.
- Explain the importance of human resource, physical resource, and personnel management.

Project Constraints 17%

- Predict the impact of various constraint variables and influences throughout the project.
- Explain the importance of risk strategies and activities.

Communication and Change Management 26%

- Use the appropriate communication method.
- Compare and contrast factors influencing communication methods.
- Explain common communication triggers and determine the target audience and rationale.
- Use change control processes within the context of a project.
- Recognize types of organizational change.

Project Tools and Documentation 21%

- Compare and contrast various project management tools.
- Analyze project-centric documentation.
- Identify common partner and vendor-centric documents and their purpose.

Research and Statistics

Project Management Is in Demand

Project management ranks fourth among the specialized skills found in IT job postings. It is also the **third-hottest in-demand tech skill**, with 39 percent of respondents with hiring plans saying they will be seeking people with this skill in the next 12 months.¹

Job Outlook

Companies increasingly require employees to understand project management skills, and **15.7 million new project management roles will be added globally** across seven project-intensive industries by 2020.²

Certified Salary

The mean salary for Project+ certified professionals in the United States and Canada is **\$92,593**.³

1. <http://www.computerworld.com/article/3012033/it-skills-training/10-hottest-tech-skills-for-2016.html>

2. <http://www.pmi.org/-/media/pmi/documents/public/pdf/business-solutions/project-management-skills-gap-report.pdf>

3. <https://www.globalknowledge.com/us-en/content/salary-report/it-skills-and-salary-report/>