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Monthly Newsletter

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45 Plaistowe Mews
West Perth, WA 6005
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Tips to Claim 1 ~ 2 PDU

Tips to Help Credential Holders Claim 1-2 PDU Activities in the Continuing Certification Requirements System (CCRS)

Attending PMI local community events is an excellent way for credential holders to maintain their PMI certifications. We are providing these tips so you can make it easier for attendees at your events to claim 1-2 PDUs in the CCR System.

For 1-2 PDU activities, PMI communities are not required to register the activities in the CCR System.

Because credential holders may not find these activities in the CCR System when claiming PDUs for these events, it is important that the communities hosting the events provide attendees with the Component ID Number and Event Title during the event.

With this information in hand, the process to claim PDUs for activities that offer 1-2 PDUs is quick and easy.

Here are the steps;

Log in to the CCRS (www.pmi.org/CCRS). The *Certificant User Guide* is available at the top of the right navigation bar under the *Additional Resources* heading.

Use your registered PMI.org username and password. If you are not registered on PMI.org, you will need to create a registered user account.

Select *Report Professional Development Units* from the left navigation bar.

Step 1: In the *PDU Category* drop-down menu, select *Cat 3: Registered Education Provider Program / PMI Component Event*.

Step 2: From the *Activity type* menu, select *Report a Component 1-2 PDU Event* and Click *Next*.

From here on follow the instructions on screen to complete your PDU claim.

Note: To claim PDUs for activities (courses and events) offering three or more PDUs, review the *Certificant User Guide*.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact PMI Customer Care via CustomerCare@pmi.org.

Thank You, Celtic Club

2009 marked the end and the beginning of a new era for PMI in Western Australia. During our time at the Celtic Club, we have seen the average number of monthly chapter event attendees rise steadily. The Celtic club did a great job for the membership as we continued our growth in Western Australia. Their service was friendly, customer focused and professional, as were their response to unusual requests.

Unfortunately, PMI's Western Australia chapter membership has outgrown the Celtic Club in numbers. We are grateful to the Celtic Club management and staff for their great venue, great selection of beverages, great bar and excellent support. We wish them every success in the future.

Our final chapter event in 2009 also saw the birth of a new venue for PMI's WA chapter, City West. The venue is classy, flexible, has growth capacity to 200, is central, plenty of parking and is 5 minutes walk to the train station. City West management and staff also provide professional and friendly service.

Colin Alchin, PMP
Events Director

Lucky Draw Winner



Yes! We found him. Congratulations to Neal Crocker, whose name was pulled out of the hat as the winner of the Coles-Myers vouchers (\$300) for completing this year's membership survey. The survey was completed by 136 members. The survey provides valuable feedback to the Board which is continually seeking to maximize value to the members.

Chris Rowlands, PMP
Membership & Recruitment Director



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Can I take the PMP Exam even if my title is not Project Manager?

Are you wondering if you can take the Project Management Professional (PMP) exam or not?

You might have various concerns regarding the PMP exam such as your designation, size of the organization and benefits of PMP certification in career development. Well, then here I am to address some of your concerns and help you develop an in-depth understanding about how the PMP certification can be beneficial for you.

YES! You can take the PMP exam even if your title is not project manager. To take the exam you need to have the appropriate authority and responsibility rather than the designation: The PMP certification is a credential for those who lead and direct project teams.

A professional with a PMP certification is recognized worldwide to handle projects with diligence and constructive approach. It certifies your expertise in project understanding, time management, risk management, quality control, leadership, budgeting, communication, documentation and integration. All of these skills add value to the organization.

If your role in the current organization involves project management and you have proficiency in handling projects and team related issues then you should definitely go for the PMP certification. It provides you with a strong foundation to effectively manage projects. The idea is not to concentrate on the title but on your responsibilities.

Even if your title is not anything close to a project manager, as long as your role involves handling different processes of a project you can go ahead with the PMP certification to be a an even more successful project manager.

According to Foote Partners LLC, an IT workforce research company, projects managed by people who are not PMP certified project managers have only 25% success rate in contrast to 75% success rate of projects handled by PMP certified managers.

The PMP certification offers immense benefits for you as well as your employer. As a general rule, holders of the PMP certificate have higher salaries, receive more job promotions and better job prospects. A PMP credential gives you the most sought after appreciation and visibility within your organization. Hence, your prospects of growth in your current job and getting a new job increase manifold after being a certified PMP.

Employers who hire PMPs are much more confident about the core competencies of their employees in project management. As a PMP you will be responsible for all aspects of a project such as demonstrating knowledge, understanding and leadership to deliver the project within time constraints, resources, scope and budget. Your role will not only be to lead and direct the project but also oversee project team members.

Here is another area where you can see the importance of role over title: On your application for the PMP certification you need to select one of the following roles:

- Project Contributor
- Supervisor
- Manager
- Project Leader
- Project Manager
- Educator
- Consultant
- Administrator
- Other

So, you are not really asked for the TITLE, you are actually asked for your ROLE. If your role is not included among the options provided, then select 'Other'.

Here are some more eligibility criteria for the PMP certification:

If you have a bachelor's degree you must show a minimum of 4500 hours of project management experience or a minimum of 7500 years of experience otherwise. The experience should span across all the five process groups of initiating, planning, executing, monitoring and controlling as well as closing. However, you do not need to have experience in every process group in every project that you have worked on.

You might have joined some projects midway or left some in the middle. All of those projects can be taken into account. However, some experience in all the process groups on any of your projects is required.

You also need to complete at least 35 hours of project management education. This is officially called "35 contact hours". You will be required to put in the start date, end date, name of the course provider as well as name of the training course when filling in the application form. Pretty much any training that relates to the 9 knowledge areas of the PMBOK Guide qualifies.

So does your role meet these criteria? Then go ahead and become a certified PMP! It is a step ahead towards enhancing your career and increasing your professional growth. Put yourself in the limelight, and maximize your earning potential without any further delay!

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Correction to Feb 2010 Newsletter:

The correct link to **Mr. Stephen Warrilow's** website is
www.strategies-for-managing-change.com/how-to-manage-change.html

Discussion is an exchange of knowledge; an argument an exchange of ignorance.

~ Robert Quillen (1887 - 1948) ~

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