



what is the ppm diploma?

Who is the Diploma for?

The PPM Diploma has been designed and developed for Project and Programme Managers who wish to extend their skills and knowledge to embrace a number of project and programme management techniques, achieving a complete professional qualification that is their first step towards Chartered Manager status.

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The PPM Diploma consists of seven core units plus an integrative assessment, supported by two additional units for Project Management and two additional units for Programme Management. It is based on extensive research into existing bodies of knowledge on programme and project management and other qualifications, to produce a benchmark qualification for any individual serious about developing their ability as a Programme and Project Manager.

The PPM Diploma concentrates on the development of a clear understanding of the range of disciplines and techniques which underpin successful Programme and Project Management, and of their practical application, ideally in a candidate's workplace. It also provides a foundation for Continuing Professional and Personal Development and the opportunity for successful candidates to go on and become Chartered Managers.

Benefits of the Diploma

- 1 All candidates enrolled on the Diploma become student members of the Chartered Management Institute. That gives them full access to the Institute's Resource Centre at Corby which is considered to be one of the finest Resource Centres for Management in Europe.
- 2 The Assessment process is built around an individual's own programme or project. If they are not working on a programme or project at the time of the assessment then a centrally available case study or indeed any other case study provided by the training organisation can be used.
- 3 The acceptance of explicit assessed prior learning which grants full exemption to any unit.
- 4 The Diploma is aimed at improving the capability of candidates by ensuring its applicability to their workplace. They are assessed against the explicit learning outcomes defined in the syllabus which do not require the slavish learning of particular tools or approaches but do require the intelligent application of appropriate tools and approaches coupled with a broader understanding of other techniques.
- 5 All candidates who succeed in gaining the Diploma will have achieved the academic requirements necessary to progress towards becoming a Chartered Manager. The Chartered Manager's Programme launched by the Chartered Management Institute in September 2003 is set to become the hallmark qualification of all professional managers.

Standard of Qualification

The Diploma in Programme and Project Management is considered to be a Level 4 Qualification within the CMI portfolio. This equates to a qualification requiring the same level of academic understanding as a Degree. This Diploma is not part of the national Skills Framework, but it has been designed so that if it is decided to apply for recognition at this level, it already meets all requirements.

There are plans to launch Level 5 Diplomas. There would be one Level 5 qualification for Programme Management and a separate one for Project Management. These qualifications will be launched once the Level 4 has been established and there is sufficient demand for Level 5 qualifications.



For more info and reservations, visit

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Syllabus

Candidates for The Diploma in Programme and Project Management have to complete all SEVEN core units and the Integrative Assessment and EITHER the two additional units for Programme Management OR the two additional units for Project Management. The units cover the topics listed.

Core Units

- DPM01 - Business Context
- DPM02 - Principles of Programme and Project Management
- DPM03 - Risk Management
- DPM04 - Quality Management
- DPM05 - Change and Configuration Management
- DPM06 - Managing People
- DPM07 - Managing Contracts
- DPM12 - Integrative Assessment

Additional Units for Programme Management

- DPM08 - Programme Initiation
- DPM09 - Programme Monitoring and Control

Additional Units for Projects Management

- DPM10 - Project Initiation
- DPM11 - Project Monitoring and Control

Exemptions

Is it Possible for Candidates to Obtain an Exemption to Individual Units?

Exemptions are not available for part of a unit.

Exemptions can be gained as follows:-

- Any candidate with a PRINCE2 or MSP Practitioner Certificate can get an exemption from DPM02 - Principles of Programme and Project Management.
- Candidates with an M_o_R Practitioner Certificate can get an exemption from DPM03 - Risk Management.
- Candidates with an ISEB Diploma in Project Management can get an exemption from units DPM10 - Project Planning and DPM11 - Project Monitoring and Control.