

IPMA Certification

Project management and Programme management



- professionalisation of the industry
- an insight into skills
- path for personal growth
- quality assurance
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Clarity for all parties

Are you responsible for the training and exam policy within your organisation? Do you want to further professionalise project management? IPMA certification ensures that your project managers have the required expertise. This increases the likelihood that project objectives will be achieved within the time and budget limits. Project managers have acknowledged that this internationally approved certificate is proof of their management skills.

IPMA stands for International Project Management Association. The IPMA certification system allows project managers to promote themselves within various branches and at different levels.

This offers many advantages, both for your organisation and your staff. In this brochure you can read more about the IPMA certification, how the certification system is put together, and what the admission requirements are.

Project management and Programme management

Given the increasingly common occurrence of having to manage the consistency of the projects as well as the projects themselves, it is also possible to obtain the IPMA Level B certification on the basis of a programme which has already been completed. Where this brochure mentions 'project manager' or 'project management', it can also mean 'programme manager' or 'programme management'.

Features of IPMA certification

- **For every project manager**
There is always an appropriate IPMA certification, based on the knowledge and experience of a project manager.
- **Suitable for every industry**
IPMA certification fits within each industry and across all industries.
- **Skills-based**
IPMA certification tests skills and attitudes as well as knowledge in the field of project management.
- **Objective and transparent**
IPMA certification provides independent, external evaluation of a project manager and thus offers more guarantees for the success of a project.

- **Approved in 50 countries**

The IPMA certification is internationally recognised.

- **Professionalisation of the industry**

To guarantee a high level of current knowledge, IPMA certificates are only valid for a limited time. Re-certification ensures that the skills and knowledge of the project manager remain up-to-date.

The IPMA certification system

IPMA certification is independent of project management methods or training. There are several levels: for the starting project manager (IPMA Level D) to the experienced responsible portfolio holder or programme manager (IPMA Level A). Briefly, the levels consist of:

- **IPMA Level D**

The candidate has knowledge of all aspects of project management. The exam consists of a theory test.

Entry requirements

None, though it is an advantage if the candidate has some project management experience.

- **IPMA Level C**

The candidate is capable of managing projects of limited complexity and may support the project manager of a complex project in all aspects of project management. The exam consists of a theory test and an interview.

Entry requirements

In the last five years, the candidate must have gained at least three years of project management experience as the lead project manager of projects of limited complexity.

- **IPMA Level B Project management**

The candidate is able to manage complex projects independently. The exam consists of an interview.

Entry requirements

In the last eight years the applicant must have gained at least five years' experience in project management, including three years as lead project manager for complex projects.

- **IPMA Level B Programme management**

The candidate is able to lead complex programmes independently. The exam consists of an interview.

Entry requirements

In the last eight years the applicant must have gained at least five years' experience in project management and programme management. In this period the candidate must have led one or more programmes for at least three years and has also managed all phases of a programme.

- **IPMA Level A**

The candidate is capable of managing complex portfolios or programmes. The exam consists of an interview.

Entry requirements

A minimum of five years' recent experience in portfolio, programme or multi-project management. In this period, the applicant must have spent three years in lead managerial positions in the portfolio management of a company / organisation or a part of an organisation or in the management of important programmes.

Cito certificate

It is possible to take only the theory test on IPMA Level C. This results in the awarding of a Cito certificate. This option is particularly attractive for project managers with less than 36 months' project management experience, but who have already mastered the theory. You can think of them as newly qualified project managers. This Cito certificate is valid for three years and during that time candidates will be exempt from the theory test of the IPMA Level C exam.





Rates

For current rates please visit www.ipma.nl. Members of IPMA Netherlands receive discount on certification.

Contact

Want to know more about IPMA certification? Detailed information in Dutch such as calculating the cost of the different exam levels, exams, entry requirements and exam dates can be found at www.ipma.nl.

It is also possible to contact us per telephone or email:

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Advantages of IPMA certification

The benefits for your organisation

- Your projects become more manageable.
- You gain an objective understanding of the skills of your project managers.
- It allows you to offer your clients a guarantee of quality and transparency.
- The certification system is an attractive secondary working condition and can easily be embedded in the training and development of your organisation.

The benefits for your project managers

- They will have the opportunity to develop their skills in project management.
- They will receive feedback and reflection on their experience and skills.
- They can continue to professionalise their industry.
- They acquire an internationally recognised certificate of expertise.

IPMA in practice

Our clients come from a range of industries, including: ICT, Telecom, Financial Services, Transport, Energy, Construction and Public Infrastructure. What can IPMA certification mean for them?

'I chose an IPMA certification because the methodology is aimed at people's skills. Other certification methods are mainly attached to a specific project. What matters is that the people who run the project can demonstrate their competence. And that is exactly what IPMA looks at.'

Emile van Duren, Replacement Project Leader F-16

'TNO is mainly engaged in innovative projects. In order to put innovation into practice, it is important for the organisation as well as for the client that these projects are professionally executed: within budget, agreed timeline and with a result which meets with the agreed expectations. That is why IPMA certification is an important step in the professionalisation of our project managers.'

Paul Tilanus, project manager / trainer IPMA Level D examination TNO

'Since taking my IPMA Level B certification, I am occasionally approached by companies who ask about my projects, who wish to exchange knowledge or ask me to give presentations. I have definitely found my IPMA certificate to be beneficial for networking, adding to my CV and for developing my career. My IPMA certification also benefits LeasePlan Corporation.'

Wim de Gier, Senior Global Project Manager at LeasePlan Corporation

'Is investment in an IPMA certification worthwhile for a company? Absolutely. It is a fact that the learning effects of IPMA certification are a lot higher than just sending someone on a course.'

Noud van Roermund, Board Representative Air Traffic Control Netherlands

Related organisations

IPMA

The International Project Management Association (IPMA) is the umbrella organisation of the national unions for project management and as such it determines the requirements for examination and certification of project managers. IPMA's registered office is located in Switzerland and has over 50,000 members in 50 countries. In 2009, the Dutch IPMA certification process was validated once again by IPMA International. This means that the following organisations work in accordance with standards and guidelines as they are drawn up by IPMA. For more information: www.ipma.ch

IPMA Netherlands

IPMA-NL is the professional association for project management on behalf of IPMA in the Netherlands and therefore the knowledge and skills centre in this area. IPMA-NL assigns work to Cito and awards the IPMA certificates.

For more information: www.ipma-nl.nl

Cito

Cito is the expert in the field of valid and reliable measurement of (learning) performance. Besides the well-known Cito primary school assessment test (Citotoets) and the central examinations for secondary education, Cito also deals with both private businesses and government bodies. For example, we provide the certification of energy consultants and the exams for the assessment of company medical officers. In the Netherlands, Cito is the only organisation authorised to conduct exams leading to IPMA certification.

For more information: www.cito.nl



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