

# Project Managers: Are You Certifiable?

## About AIPM Certification

If you have worked as a Project Manager for some time and have developed expertise and valuable experience you might consider formalising this experience with an up-to-date Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM) 'RegPM' certification.

You can achieve certification without formal training. You can also get formal training and not necessarily attain certification. The AIPM has three levels of certification:

- QPP: Project Team Member or Project Specialist
- RPM: Project Manager
- MPD: Project Director or Program Manager

An absolute must for certification is that you are working or have recently worked in the field of project management.

## Why Certify?

There are four key reasons why project managers should seek certification and keep their certification current.

### **Certification attracts a higher salary**

The Australian Institute of Project Management recently conducted a comprehensive survey of members regarding their salaries. This survey reported that certified project managers attained on average salaries that were several thousand dollars higher than those not certified.

Like any accreditation, certification is an indicator that you are a valuable employee or contractor and worth paying good money for.

### **Growing consistency**

A 2004 study by PriceWaterhouse Coopers found that fewer and fewer companies are taking on project managers who do not have certification. Certification is becoming the norm when selecting project managers for employment or to oversight strategic projects.

There will come a time when even skilled people won't get recognised as capable project managers without some kind of certification.

### **Benchmarked skills**

Certification within project management is a way for employers and contract managers to verify that an individual project manager knows how to utilise best practices, proven methodologies and processes to successfully complete a given project within allocated timeframes and budgets. Certification is a benchmark that a certain standard of skill and knowledge can be expected of individual project managers.

### **More employable - less need for training**

Because AIPM certification is linked to qualifications and is an indicator of the ability to apply knowledge in real world situations, certified project managers are more appealing to employers.

Certified PMs will require less training – particularly in the initial stage of employment – before being able to undertake complex project management tasks.

### **How can you get certified?**

Transformed offers a fast-track certification pathway that will get you recognised for your skills, knowledge and experience.

Contact Transformed today to discuss your RegPM certification.  
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