

# CompTIA Project+ (PKO-004)

## CompTIA Project+ Intro

CompTIA Project+ gives business professionals the basic concepts to successfully manage small-to medium-sized projects. It is appropriate for both technical and non-technical staff.

### VALUE Prop 1 (Career Changers/Student)

Project+ is ideal for professionals who need to manage smaller, less complex projects.

### VALUE Prop 2 (Employers)

Project+ certifies the business, interpersonal and technical project management skills required to successfully manage projects and business initiatives.

### Skills and Competencies Acquired:

- Summarize the properties of project, phases, schedules, roles and responsibilities, and cost controls, as well as identifying the basic aspects of Agile methodology
- Predict the impact of various constraint variables and influences throughout the project and explain the importance of risk strategies and activities
- Understand appropriate communication methods of influence and use change control process within the context of a project
- Compare and contrast various project management tools and analyze project and partner-centric documentation

### Key Differentiators:

- Project+ is ideal for professionals who need to manage smaller, less complex projects as part of their other job duties but still need foundational project management skills.
- Project+ is more versatile than other certifications because it covers essential project management concepts beyond the scope of just one methodology or framework.

### Renewal:

The CompTIA Project+ certification is considered good for life and does not need to be renewed.



### By the Numbers:

- **15.7** million new project management roles will be added globally across seven project-intensive industries by 2020, according to PMI's Industry Growth Forecast.
- **97%** of organizations believe project management is critical to business performance and organizational success.
- Over **68K** and growing Project+ certified professionals.

**Project Management is one of the most in-demand skill sets.**

### Resources:

- Average Salary:
  - U.S. Project Manager: Glassdoor.com (<https://bit.ly/2DoE55V>)
  - UK Project Manager: ITJobsWatch.co.uk (<https://bit.ly/2quUPiM>)
- Project+ Additional Information: [CompTIA.org/certifications/project](https://www.comptia.org/certifications/project)
- Recommended Pathways: [CompTIA.org/certifications/which-certification](https://www.comptia.org/certifications/which-certification)
- Posts: <https://bit.ly/2C5Cjic>

Competitors	Talking Points / Project+ Advantages
PMI CAPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAPM is intended for entry-level project managers or those starting a project management career.</li> <li>• Follows specific PMI management methodology.</li> <li>• Leads into the more rigorous PMP exam.</li> </ul>
PMI PMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMP follows one specific methodology.</li> <li>• PMP is designed for full-time project managers managing medium to large scale projects, whereas Project+ is for business professionals (in IT and other functions) who manage small to medium sized projects.</li> <li>• Unlike Project+, PMP has extensive requirements, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4,500 hours leading and directing projects,</li> <li>• a post-secondary degree and</li> <li>• 35 hours of project management education</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Axelos PRINCE2 Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRINCE2 confirms understanding of only PRINCE2 specific framework.</li> </ul>




### Compared to Other Certifications:

1. Project+ covers a high-level introduction to Agile as part of one of the objectives. If a candidate would like to focus on Scrum, he/she would take Scrum Alliance's Certified Scrum Master certification.
2. Project+ is cost and time-efficient given its exam length.

Job Roles:	Companies that Endorse Project+:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Coordinator/Manager</li> <li>• Project Team Member</li> <li>• Business Analyst</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manager</li> <li>• Director</li> <li>• Team Leader</li> <li>• Accenture</li> <li>• Canon</li> <li>• Dell</li> <li>• EY</li> <li>• Fuji Xerox</li> <li>• General Dynamics Information Technology</li> <li>• HP</li> <li>• U.S. Army</li> <li>• U.S. Navy</li> </ul>

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## How does CompTIA Compare?

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