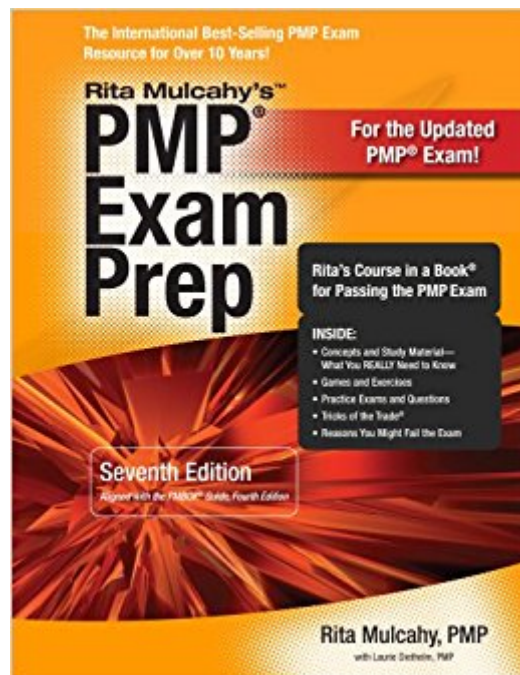


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# Rita Mulcahy's PMP Exam Prep: Rita's Course In A Book For Passing The PMP Exam



## Synopsis

This book has been FULLY updated to reflect PMI's new Exam Content Outline, for any and all PMP exams delivered on or after August 31st of 2011. Can you imagine valuing a book so much that you send the author a Thank You letter? Hundreds of thousands of project managers know and understand why PMP Exam Prep is a worldwide best-seller. Years of PMP exam preparation experience, endless hours of ongoing research, interviews with project managers who failed the exam to identify gaps in their knowledge, and a razor-sharp focus on making sure project managers don't waste a single minute of their time studying are THE reasons this book is the best-selling PMP exam preparation guide in the world. PMP Exam Prep, Seventh Edition contains hundreds of updates and improvements from previous editions--including new exercises and sample questions never before in print. Offering hundreds of sample questions, critical time-saving tips plus games and activities available nowhere else, this book will help you pass the PMP exam on your FIRST try.

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## Customer Reviews

After years of managing projects, I did NOT look forward to preparing for the PMP exam. I was convinced the process was going to be tedious and overwhelming, but I was pleasantly surprised when I opened PMP Exam Prep! From the beginning of the book through the end, I actually ENJOYED my study experience reviewing concepts from a different perspective, learning how these concepts might be asked on the exam, and picking up lots of new tips and techniques to use on my real-world projects. This book made the certification process not only fun, but extremely

valuable in my day-to-day job. I wish I had found this book earlier in my career! Barbara A. Carkenord, PMP, CBAP, International Training Expert and Founder of B2T Training --Barbara A. Carkenord, PMP, CBAP

Rita Mulcahy, PMP, was an international expert in project management Tricks of the Trade and best practices with over 15 years and \$2.5 billion of hands-on experience. During her career, she directly taught tens of thousands of project managers from around the world, and prepared them to pass the PMP exam. Rita helped write earlier versions of the PMP exam, and spent 7 years as a PMI chapter officer, speaking at PMI Global Congress, Project World, and PMI's International Project Management Symposium to standing room only crowds. Rita was the founder of RMC Project Management, a project management training, consulting and speaking firm helping companies use project management tools and techniques to complete projects faster, cheaper, better, and with fewer resources. RMC Project Management is a Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.) with the Project Management Institute.

I took the PMP on 5/4/2012 and passed in just under 3 hours utilizing this text exclusively. I marked about 20 questions for review - and the lion share of those were either "tricky" or required serious math. I have 10+ years managing projects (no help on the PMP what-so-ever, in fact my experience was a liability) in IT departments in various companies and thus came to process with considerable bias, particularly because all of my project management experience is in the IT field. Below was my study plan: Allocated 3 months for the effort - during those three months: Mon-Friday read for 45 minutes during my lunch hour. Sat & Sun read for two hours each day in 4 30 minute segments. Read cover to cover - slowly, seeking understanding and avoiding "passing words under my eyes" as we're all prone to do. Memorized the formulas and other data they indicated that should be memorized. Saved attempting the end of chapter questions until the final days of study. Then studied the answers I got wrong - this was VERY VALUABLE. Thoughts on the text itself: 1. Not a boring read and actually held my attention. I enjoyed reading it and enjoyed LEARNING the information. 3. They take the time to explain WHY answers to questions are what they are, which for the PMP is invaluable because the test is all about application of knowledge and not memorization. My best study tips for this exam: 1. Study for real. This isn't a Microsoft exam - it's a serious test of the application of knowledge. 2. The test IS NOT about the PMBok. Read it - don't memorize it. You don't need to. 3. Learn the SEQUENCE of the processes of what to do/when/why and what you should end up with when done and nothing the exam throws at you will trip you

up.4.PMP practice exams found on the WWW are useless. They vary wildly in content and teach you nothing. Worse - they may lull you into a false sense of exam familiarity. The real exam questions were nothing like samples I'd seen on the WWW. Good luck, Mark Payne

I am not a project manager, I work in sales. I thought that project management would be a great area to learn as a plan "B"! I didn't realize how challenging studying for the PMP exam would actually be. I read the PMBOK, but it was very hard for me to retain the information. I heard about Rita's book so I went on and I read all the reviews. Everyone was right, this book is amazing. After reading Rita's book (I READ IT 3 TIMES) and completing her questions at the end of the chapter, I felt better about taking the exam. What also helped me was the 200 question pocket PMP exam book of questions that is offered on her website. The questions are taken from her PMP simulation exam. The pocket PMP exam book was only \$20. It was a great review of the types of questions on the exam. I reviewed those questions over and over and figured out why I got certain answers incorrect. Do not get me wrong, it took me time to really understand how the questions are structure and how think the way PMI wants you to think to pass the exam. I studied for the exam for about 4 months before passing it. There is a technique to studying and passing the exam. Rita's questions in the pocket pmp exam book are very similar to the exam. If you can afford it, I would recommend purchasing the stimulation exam that Rita's offers. That will prepare you for the exam and the stress of taking a test under the time pressure. You do have to study. You will not pass this exam if you don't. I PASSED MY PMP EXAM ON DECEMBER 9TH 2012!

An author of a PMP book recommended this one in preparation for the PMP exam. I'm glad he did! Rita gives tips, tricks and insights that aren't offered in the PMBOK. She even says things like "this isn't covered in the PMBOK but you need to know it for the exam." I like that there are practice exams at the end of each chapter. And explanations of the answers following. It has helped me learn & understand the concepts a lot more. The only thing I don't like is that the voice is very demeaning. Note: Rita passed away so there might not be a new edition of this book that covers the PMBOK v5. Also, a word of advice: Don't take the PMP Boot Camp by your local PMI chapter. I did and it was terrible!!!! If you want to attend a boot camp, spend the extra money and sign up with a company that specializes in training.

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