



Earning PDUs in the Greater Chicago Area and Online

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Purpose of discussion

What and Why of PDU's

PDU Requirements for certifications

When PDU's can be earned and a PDU's worth

Where do I start and ways to earn PDU's

Documenting PDU activities

Current PDU structure

Current PDU policies

Closing

Purpose of discussion.

To gain knowledge of the PDU's,
ways to earn them and the structure
and policies that govern.

What are PDU's.

Why are they important.

- What are PDU's
 - Professional Development Units.
 - Part of the Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) Program.
- Why are they important
 - For maintaining PMI certified credentials as part of the CCR program.
 - Keep current with the latest trends, changes and ideas.
 - Knowledge is power

What are the PDU requirements for the PMI certifications.

- There is a minimum number of PDU's that must be earned per 3-year cycle, to maintain your credentials.
- PMP (Project Management Professional): 60 PDUs
- PgMP (Program Management Professional): 60 PDUs
- PMI-SP (Scheduling Professional): 30 PDUs needed in the specialized area of project scheduling
- PMI-RMP (Risk Management Professional): 30 PDUs needed in the specialized area of project risk management
- CAPM (Certified Associate Project Manager): No PDUs

What happens to my certification if I don't get the required PDU's within time?

- Placed on suspended status if you do not fulfill the required PDU's for your credential within the allotted time.
 - Cannot claim certification status.
 - Suspension duration is 12 months.
- Do not complete the necessary PDU's within the 12 months.
 - Certification moves into an expired status.
 - To regain certification.
 - Required to reapply for the credential.
 - Submit the initial documentation.
 - Retake the examination.

When Should I Earn PDU's?

- PDU's can be earned at any time throughout the year.
- You can begin earning PDU's immediately after you have passed your certification exam.
- If you earn more than the required amount of PDUs within your three-year cycle, you can **transfer up to 20 PDUs** from the last year of your current cycle into the next cycle.
 - You obtained the PMP on March 20, 2010. The cycle ends on March 20, 2013. You have accumulated 85 PDU's. 20 PDU'S can be moved into the next cycle – March 21, 2013 to March 20, 2016

How many PDU's are activities worth

- As a guideline, each professional development activity yields one PDU for one hour spent engaged in the activity.
- For specific information pertaining to the amount of earning PDU's per activity, please review the PDU rules.
 - Varies depending on the activity

Where do I start?

- Project Management Institute [Website](#)
 - [Professional Development](#).
 - [Ways to Earn PDU's](#).
- Local PMI chapter(s)
 - [Calumet Chapter](#)
 - [Chicagoland Chapter](#)
- Other Sources
 - [PDU Insider](#)
 - [Project Management Podcast](#)

Ways to Earn PDU's

- Project Management Institute [Professional Development](#).
 - [E-Learning](#)
 - Instructor-Led e-learning Seminars
 - e-Learning On Demand Courses
 - PMI Publication Quizzes
 - [Communities](#)
- Project Management Institute [PDU Advantage](#)
- Project Management Podcast
 - [Earn 30 free PDU's](#)
- People and Projects Podcast
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Documenting earned PDU's

- Report your activity online at the PMI's [CCR](#) program.
 - Must have a current membership.
 - Must have registered and have an active login to the PMI's website
- Report your activity via PDU Activity Reporting [Form](#).

New PDU Category Structure and Policies

- Two separate division; Each division has three categories
 - Education
 - Giving back to the Profession
- Education
 - No limit to the number of PDU's that can be earned
 - Category A
 - Registered Education Providers (R.E.P) or Chapters and Communities
 - Category B
 - Continuing Education
 - Category C
 - Self-Directed Learning

New PDU Category Structure and Policies

- Giving back to the Profession
 - Limitation on number of PDU's that can be earned in a 3-year cycle
 - Category D
 - Creating New PM Knowledge
 - Category E
 - Volunteer Service
 - Category F
 - Work as a Professional in Project Management
- Structure and Policies [Link](#)

Category A

R.E.P.s or Chapters and Communities

- Earn PDUs by attending educational courses offered by PMI's Registered Education Providers (R.E.P.s)
 - schools, consultants, corporate training departments, professional associations, government agencies and PMI chapters.
- Earn PDUs by attending events (seminars, conferences, etc.) offered by PMI, PMI chapters and communities of practice.
 - List of events can be found on PMI's calendar or you chapters calendar
- You can also earn PDUs by taking a PMI® Publication Quiz
 - Read an article.
 - Correctly answering at least 70 percent of the questions.

Category B

Continuing Education

- Academic courses offered by a university or college
- Attending a relevant educational course(s) offered by training organizations not registered with PMI.
 - This may include training (or a Webinar) offered by your employer, another professional or membership association, or a non R.E.P. training organization.
- When only a portion of a course relates to your credential area of expertise, calculate PDUs by the percentage of the overall curriculum focused on the topic. Report each course separately.

Category C

Self-Directed Learning

- Individualized learning events involving personally conducted research or study.
 - Articles, books and instruction manuals
 - Watching videos, using interactive computer programs, Podcasts or other electronic source material
 - Formal discussions with colleagues, coworkers, clients or consultants.
- being coached or mentored by a colleague, coworker or consultant (If you served as a coach or mentor to someone else, report that activity under the Volunteer Category)

Category D

Creating New PM Knowledge

- Earn PDUs for creating new knowledge for the topic related to your credential area of expertise.
 - Authoring of article on an official organization, professional, or company blog.
 - Presenting in a webinar.
 - Serving as a subject matter expert for a panel discussion.
- Both the time required to prepare or create this knowledge and the time to present it can be claimed for PDUs.

Category E

Volunteer Service

- Earn PDUs by providing volunteer, non-compensated project management, project risk, project scheduling, or program management services to non-employer or non-client customer groups.
 - Serve as an elected volunteer officer for a project management organization.
 - Serve as a volunteer/appointed committee member for a PM organization.
 - Providing project management related volunteer services to PMI or another professional project management association

Category E

Volunteer Service (con't)

- Providing project management related volunteer services to PMI or another professional project management association.
 - Volunteering at a PMI global congress.
 - Serving on a PMI Members Advisory Board.
 - Working on PMI standards.
 - Participating in activities for PMI's Certification Department, or participating in PMI research activities.
- Provide volunteer project management-related services
 - a community or charitable group
 - a group of college students for educational purposes.
 - for being a coach or mentor on project management topics.

Category F

Working as a Professional in PM

- Earn PDUs for working as a project manager (project risk management professional, project scheduling professional or program manager).

New PDU Policies

- 1 hour of instruction related to project management, project risk, project scheduling, or program management equals 1 PDU. You can report PDUs in 0.25, 0.50 and 0.75 increments
 - Courses offered by PMI's R.E.P.s (Category A)
 - Continuing Education (Category B)
 - Creating New Project Management Knowledge (Category D)

New PDU Policies

- Self-Directed Learning (Category C)
 - 1 PDU is awarded for every 1 hour spent in a self-directed learning activity listed in this category.
 - PDU restrictions for the Self-Directed Learning category are as follows:
 - PMP and PgMP credential holders can earn no more than 30 PDUs in the Self-Directed Learning category per cycle
 - PMI-SP and PMI-RMP credential holders can earn no more than 15 PDUs in the Self-Directed Learning category per cycle

New PDU Policies

- Volunteer Service (Category E)
 - 1 PDU is awarded for 1 hour of volunteer (**non-compensated**) service.

New PDU Policies

- Working as a Professional in Project Management (Category F)
 - For working as a project manager (project risk management professional, project scheduling professional or program manager) for a minimum of 6 months within the 12 month period, you can earn a total of:
 - 15 PDUs per cycle if you hold the PMP and/or PgMP
 - 7.5 PDUs per cycle if you hold the PMI-SP and/or PMI-RMP
 - You may claim:
 - 5 PDUs per 12-month period if you hold the PMP and/or PgMP credential(s)
 - 2.5 PDUs per 12-month period if you hold the PMI-SP and/or PMI-RMP credential(s)

New PDU Policies

- Review the PDU Rule and Documentation requirements pertaining to the Category you're considering obtaining your PDU's in.
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 - Courses offered by PMI's R.E.P.s or Chapters and Communities
 - Continuing Education

Additional Resources

- [People and Projects Podcast](#)

Questions

Comments

Feedback