



APM Registered Project Professional

The Association for Project Management (APM) new Registered Project Professional (RPP) standard is a designation of professionalism. The standard is aimed at senior project managers and other senior project professionals. A project professional reaching the standard will demonstrate the capabilities of a responsible leader and have the ability to use appropriate tools, processes and techniques in the management of a complex project.

The standard

The standard embodies the APM's five dimensions of professionalism.

- i) depth of experience across twenty-nine of the competences within the APM Competence Framework;
- ii) breadth of knowledge across all the Body of Knowledge areas;
- iii) achievement through qualifications and a portfolio of evidence,
- iv) commitment through continuing professional development (CPD), and
- v) accountability through APM membership and code of professional conduct.



Benefits to the individual

- Increased project management competence as a candidate works towards achieving the standard
- Evidence to employer of being a professional in project management
- Exposure to the wider project management community through the continuing professional development (CPD) activities required to attain and maintain the standard
- Kudos of holding the designation

Benefits to the organisation

- Provides assurance in the recruitment or deployment of individuals holding the standard
- Improves areas of project management competence as individuals strive to achieve the project professional standard
- Demonstrates the organisation's project management professionalism to clients
- Can be deployed in career path or grading structures
- Provides motivation to many within the project community to aspire to the standard

Provek's support

Provek has been intimately involved in the development of the APM Registered Project Professional standard. Andrew Delo, managing director, is a member of the APM Working Group which developed the assessment criteria for the standard. Neil Mooney, training and development director, is a qualified Assessor of the standard and is one of the first candidates to be awarded the standard.

As a result, Provek provides expert assessment and support services to those wishing to achieve the standard. Specifically, this includes:

- Proven competence assessment tools to determine the readiness of individuals to apply for the standard
- Guidance on, and review of, a candidates' detailed application
- Coaching and support ahead of the candidates' professional discussion





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Application process

It is assessed in two stages, separated by several weeks: a desk top assessment and a professional discussion.

Following a successful desk top assessment the candidate will arrange to have a professional discussion with two Assessors. Those who pass the professional discussion will be awarded the standard. Their names will be entered in a register of project professionals maintained by the APM.

Launch timescales

Piloting of the standard has been undertaken and a number of candidates have be awarded the APM Registered Project Professional standard, and some have also attained Assessor level. Full launch of the Registered Project Professional will be on 1st March 2011.

Chartership status?



An application for Chartered Status by the APM is currently being considered by the Privy Council. If and when the APM is granted chartered status, those already awarded the Registered Project Professional standard will be given the designation of Chartered Project Professional and allowed to use the post nominal letters of ChPP.

